

Palm Sunday  
March 24, 2024  
8:30am and 11:00am



Central Lutheran Church  
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## Welcome to Worship!

**Central Lutheran Church**, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love.

**We celebrate** both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

**Our mission** is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

**PRELUDE** (8:30) *Rondo* (Concerto No. 5) F. Seitz CJ Strietelmeier, Violin  
(11:00) *Allegretto* Shinichi Suzuki Paul Rodgers, Violin

## WELCOME

### **THE PROCESSIONAL LITANY** (*please stand as you are able*)

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior of the world!

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

The people of the world shout Hosanna to the living Christ!

**Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the King of Kings!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, O God for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of Christ.**

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud and ho - nor to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our me - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Everlasting God, **in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

**ANTHEM**                      *Little Grey Donkey*    Natalie Sleeth              Children's Choir

## **FIRST READING    Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**                      *He is Coming*    Pauline Delmonte              Children's Choir

## **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

*Following the Children's Choir Anthem, we invite all of our children to join Pastor Laurie for a Children's Message in the Chapel. We will return following the Hymn of the Day.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(please stand)*

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!**

## **GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11**

The Gospel according to Mark, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

**SERMON**

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

# HYMN OF THE DAY #342 There in God's Garden *(please stand)*

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man -  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,  
this my resurrection;  
into your hands, Lord,  
I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for;  
now I can possess it.  
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
"Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it, take it freely!"  
Amen! My Master!

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (*please be seated*) ELW p. 234-236

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

### **OFFERING**

*You may place your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion.*

### **ANTHEM**

*The Palms* Jean-Baptiste Fauré

Cantors

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*please stand*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

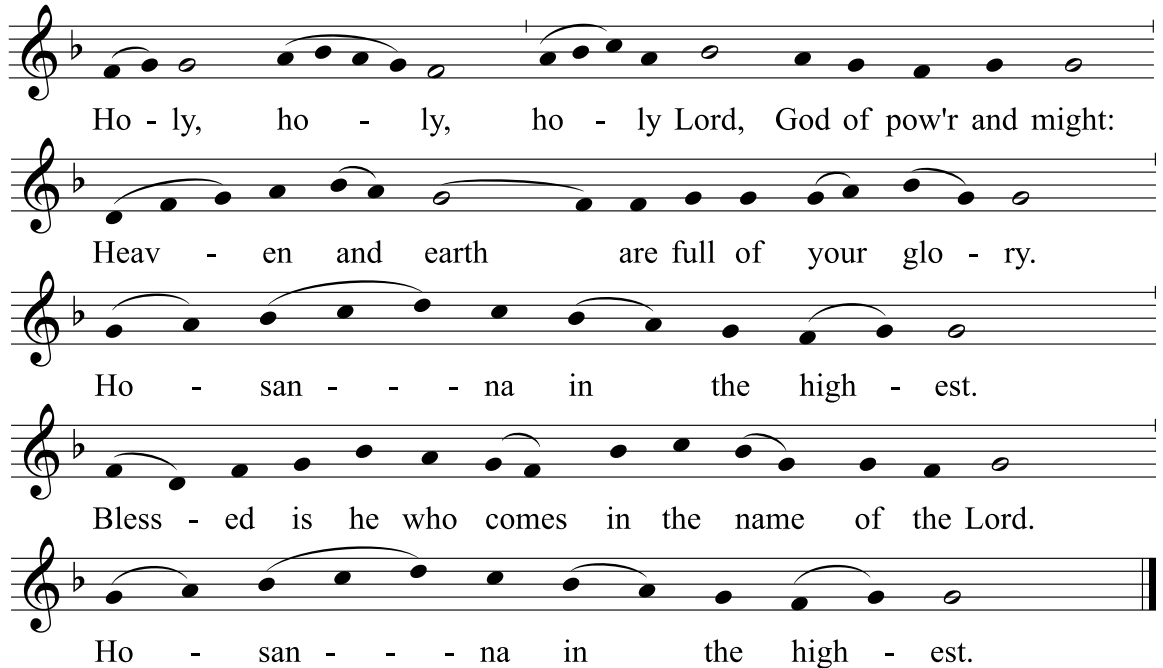
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy God, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life may be restored, and that, by a tree once overcome, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with all the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name:



## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. † Christ is risen. † Christ will come again.**

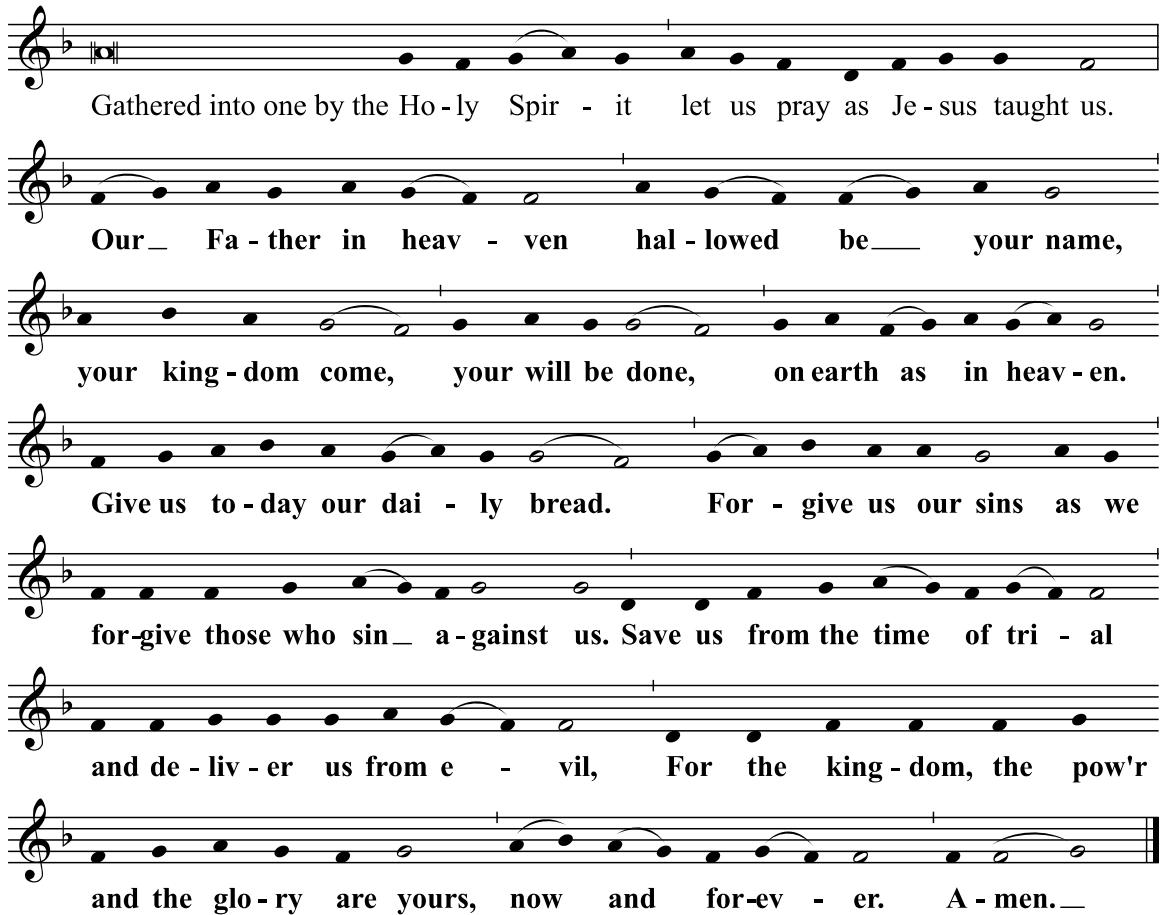
O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace us with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER



Gathered into one by the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray as Je - sus taught us.

Our\_ Fa - ther in heav - ven hal - lowed be\_\_\_ your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin\_ a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil, For the king - dom, the pow'r

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men.\_

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way  
the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God,  
You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A-men.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**ANTHEM** *Andante* from *Trumpet Concerto*

Haydn

### BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

# HYMN #351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (St. 4 a cappella, without organ)




1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
mine, mine was the trans - ges - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Prelude and Fugue in D minor Clara Schumann

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**Today we welcome the following men, women, and children into our family of faith at Central:** Craig Berg, Ben Brown, John Buzis, and his sons, Skylar & Romero; Jack McGaughey; Lola Mitchell; Elaine Replogle & Dan Tichenor; Stephanie & Paul Riess; Dan Rinnan; Amy & Chris Solinsky, and their children Ayla, Archer, and Easton.

**Please join us for treats following our worship services today as we celebrate our newest members.**

On **Easter Sunday** we invite you to join us as we celebrate **The Resurrection of Our Lord** at our Festival Worship Services at 8:30am & 11:00am. (Link for livestream at 8:30am can be accessed at [welcometocentral.org](http://welcometocentral.org).) An Easter Egg Hunt for our children will be held between services. Meet in the Parish Hall at 10:15am (rain or shine).

**Please note:** The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Greeters: (8:30) Debbie & Rodger Knebel (11:00) Jill Liedtke

Usher: (8:30) Don Rasmussen

Crucifer: (8:30) Jan Bremer & (11:00) Matthew Koscho

Acolytes: (8:30) Sam Rodgers & Henry Koscho

(11:00) Henry Koscho & Alex Hougland

Communion Servers: (8:30) Ayla Solinsky & CJ Strietelmeier

Cantors: Alyse Jamieson & David Gustafson

Trumpet: Chris Peters

Organist/Choirmaster: Dr. A. ElRay Stewart-Cook

Associate Organist/Children's Music: Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers

Preacher: Pastor Ben Nickodemus

Presider: Pastor Laurie A. Jones

Hospitality: (8:30) Stacy & Matt Haugen

(11:00) Lyndley Ellison & Matt Hougland, Alex and Adri

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR:**

Evan Barrett

Louisa Barrett

Lukas Henriksen

Elliot Hodgetts

Henry Koscho

Charlotte Miller\*

Piper Neubert

Paul Rodgers

Sam Rodgers\*

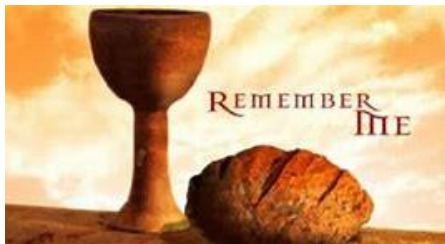
Arya Saks\*

Ayla Solinsky

Signe Smith\*

Charlotte (CJ) Strietelmeier\*

\*Indicates Junior Cantors



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28th

7:30pm

*Jesus shares his last meal  
with his disciples.*

## GOOD FRIDAY

March 29th

Noon & 7:30pm

*Jesus is crucified.*



## FESTIVAL WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st

8:30am and 11:00am

*The Resurrection of Our Lord.*

## CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 31st

meet in the Parish Hall at 10:15am



