

March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

Palm Sunday

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Anna Patterson

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome  
and to know that we are delighted to have you here***

**WELCOME!** We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

**We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and** pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion.

If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

**Nursery** Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Brianna Andrews
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Hanna Brinker, Krista Keene		
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Colton Brinker	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Denny Luke
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Gary and Cynthia Boeke	<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Sue Diddens
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlachter		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Beth Martin, Denny Luke		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Taylor Patterson, Kristy Patterson		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Tony and Jackie Jordon		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Bob and Sharon Schlachter		

## ORDER OF WORSHIP – ELW SETTING 3

PREDULDE

Tena Rackow

Palm Sunday Procession

Entrance Hymn: (Verses 1 & 2) All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW# 344

(As the hymn stops after verse 2, the people turn to face the pastor in the aisle.)

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

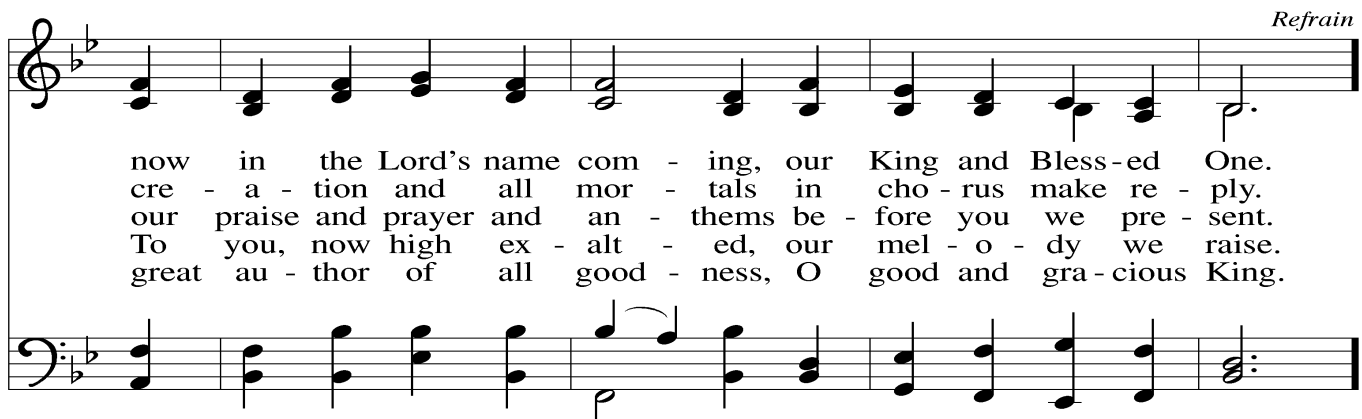


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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 mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Cong: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray: Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Cong: Amen**

Reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

(Members of the congregation raise their palm branches for the thanksgiving that follows and the balance of the processional hymn.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**Cong: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Cong: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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 he 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 our 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.

**Cong: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

**Cong: In the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Cong: Hosanna in the highest.**

## HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor continues, (Verses 3, 4 &amp; 5)

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now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
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 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## GREETING

**P:** The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

**KYRIE** *Stand* (p 138 ELW) *dialogue sung between Assisting Minister and the assembly*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. **C:** Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

**Kids Sing**

*“Alleluia”*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Isaiah 50:4–9a

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant’s obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out

the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Philippians 2:5–11

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. L; The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please Stand*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 21:12-17 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." <sup>14</sup>The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup>But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry <sup>16</sup>and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?" <sup>17</sup>He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there. P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

THE CHILDRENS' MESSAGE WITH Mr Furr

SERMON

Pastor Art Stees

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Go To Dark Gethsemane

ELW#347

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;  
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

**APOSTLES CREED** *Please Stand*

**A:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope. *A brief silence.*

WA: Be with all who wave palm branches and walk the road to the cross. For the mission of the gospel where your church is forgotten, for disciples wrestling with betrayal, for all who seek the Lord, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: Renew the waters of the earth and restore us to right relationship with all creation. For villages without access to clean water, for cities with an abundance, for flood lands and drought lands, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: End human trafficking in every nation. For children taken from their families, for men and women without hope, for governments and nonprofits seeking resolutions, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: Comfort the afflicted. For those imprisoned, for those waiting on death row, for all overwhelmed by sorrow, and for all who live with disease, chronic pain, and anxiety in this world *especially, Jean Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kim, Kelli Huneke, Tony, Ardie and Mike.* Strengthen and encourage *Laura Derr, Lois Paulsen,* let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: Enrich the children and youth of our congregation with an abundance of your Spirit. For each child in our community, for parents and guardians, for confirmation mentors and faith formation leaders, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: Sustain the weary. For all who mourn, for all who yearn to be with you in paradise, for funeral home staff, for hospital chaplains and grief counselors, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

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

*Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and say, "Peace be with you," or similar words*  
**Please be seated.**

**OFFERING****The Men's Group Chorus****Anthem**

*During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes,*

*the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.*



## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

### Please stand

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.*



## DIALOGUE

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW144

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

The minister says: Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Please Sit

## COMMUNION SONG (sung by all)

☪ 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, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG**

Jesus Remember Me (3X)

ELW#616



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

**TABLE BLESSING:**

**P:** The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **C: Amen**

**BLESSING**

**P:** The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: Amen**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

## SENDING HYMN

## Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW#335

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

**DIMISSAL (from back)**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE****Tena Rackow**

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****March 20<sup>th</sup> thru March 27<sup>th</sup> 2016**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service with Procession of Palms and Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Worship Service	7:00 pm
Friday	Good Friday Worship Service	7:00 pm
Saturday	All children and Youth Preparations for Easter Breakfast	4:00 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 am
	<b>Easter Festival Worship Service with Holy communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>

Attendance March 13 was 45

Total Offering March 13, 2016: \$1,378.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,799.30

**Prayer Requests**

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for, especially *Jean Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kim, Kelli Huneke, Tony, Ardie and Mike* and homebound members *Laura Derr, Lois Paulsen*.

**THE ROSE** on the altar is given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the birth of Connor Kurth born March 3, 2016 son of Bob and Angie Kurth. Grandparents are Wayne and Janis Kurth and Barb and John Statfield. Great Grandparents are Jill Rongere, Donna Statfield

**Maundy Thursday Worship Service**Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**Good Friday Worship Service**Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**All Youth and Children of Good Shepherd:**

Will be meeting on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to prepare for the Easter Breakfast. Also, Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 7:30 am to serve the Easter Breakfast together

**Easter Breakfast Sunday, March 27, 2016 at 8 am**

The Good Shepherd youth will be serving Easter Breakfast on Easter Morning at 8am in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for the youth. Make your reservation by Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> by placing your reservation slip in offering plate or turning it in to the Church office

**NISWO - WELCA 2016 Spring Retreat is Saturday, April 9, 2016 at LOMC**

Program: "Created in God's Image - Restoring the Circle" presented by Inez Torres Davis, Director for Justice, Women of the ELCA. Registration and Coffee from 8:15-9:00am. Cost is \$35.00 which includes morning coffee, lunch, snacks, and materials (please bring a Bible). Registration Deadline is March 20, 2016. Pre-reading materials at [nisynod.org/women](http://nisynod.org/women). Information Flyer, Registration and Scholarship forms on WELCA bulletin board.