

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE**



**APRIL 13, 2025
PALM SUNDAY**

All Are Welcome!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by standing at the altar. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container. If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish to receive a blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Communion is continuous with standing. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If you have an offering for the church, the offering plates are located at the entrance of the church.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

Sunday Ministries for Today

Altar Assistant: Mary Winsor, Judy Ripke,
& Linda Tidmore

Lector: Scott Krenz

Altar Guild: Cindy Shultz

Ushers: Tom & Sally Moore, Judy Ripke,
& Linda Tidmore

A/V Technicians: Abraham Unga
Kelli Unga

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Passion/Palm Sunday, April 13 2025

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

+ *Indicates please stand if able*

WORSHIP MUSIC

Bold indicates congregation joins in

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

+ **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19: 28-40**

²⁸ After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here." ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ **PROCESSION**
 A Let us go forth in peace,
 C **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

+ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* ELW 344

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.

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

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

A Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's
abiding love.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)


A Compassionate One,

C **You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our
lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do
not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We
do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all
people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again
and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform
our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to
welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

C **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.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16 (Read Responsibly)

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

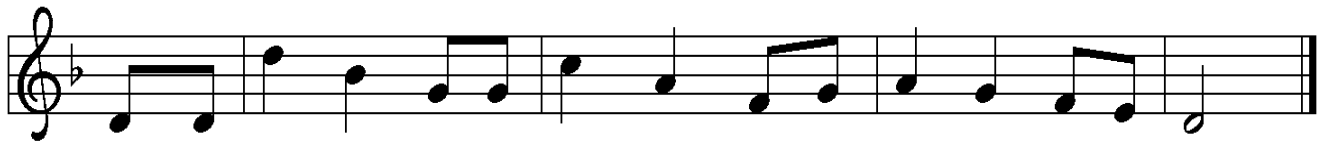
A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ **LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: **Luke 22: 14-23:56**

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

During the Gospel, we will have communion distribution!

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Were You There”* **ELW353**

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Nicene Creed.

+ **NICENE CREED** **ELW 104**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

+ THE PRAYERS

A Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. Today we pray for: Kelsay Hocanson, Jackson Drum, Donna Accetta, Adam Cowels, Kari, Eric Nolle, Patty Musielak, Anthony Garafalo, Desiree Lintini, Rob L., David Einink, Sue Popivach, Manuela Schultz, Kimberly Lasher, Bob, Mary Gehr, Cornelia Setzkorn, Theresa Chiorazzi, Vicki Dunlop, Kalem, Gail Fesnak, Alison Heck, Jim Shaw, Barbara Gega, Vernon Rasmussen, Ron Blasig, Sandy Lofthouse, Ryan Smith, Rod Barikmo, Nick & Anita Lehr, Micah Smith, and others we name in our hearts or out loud. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week:
pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting
ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their
service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

A We give you thanks oh God, for the celebration of birthdays and
anniversaries within our faith community. Today we pray for Beverly
Smith, Lester Larrabee, Gary Dieterichs, Vern Rasmussen, Linda
Salisbury, Don Pryor, and Be Opperman. We also pray for Bob &
Linda Tidmore as they celebrate their wedding anniversary.
God, in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

A We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of
Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into
the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your
love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
C **Amen.**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

A The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS & TITHES

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.
C **Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your
bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures
with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

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.**

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

A Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN** *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* **ELW 338**

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The palms on the chancel this morning were given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla in honor of Palm Sunday.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you/ them in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 17, 2025 - Maundy Thursday service, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

April 18, 2025 - Good Friday Tenebrae service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

We will hold three (3) worship services this Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. The scheduled times are as follows: 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service, 8:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. There will be an easter egg hunt after the 8:30 worship service for the children.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held on Friday, April 25th beginning at 10:00 a.m. The discussion this month will be about "Miriam".

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office hours are: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (The office will be closed Monday, April 21, 2025 in observance of the Easter holiday.)

Please call the church office or Pastor Jeff's cell phone if you have pastoral needs.

Monday, April 14th & Wednesday, April 16th, Bone Builders from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in Hanson Hall.

Tuesday, April 15th, Sew-Sew Quilters from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16th, Pastor Jeff's Bible study starting at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 17th, Maundy Thursday service beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18th, Good Friday Tenebrae Service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 19th, Pastor Jeff's adult Bible study on "Revelation" starting at 1:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, 7:00 a.m. sunrise service (outside), 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. (inside) public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga.
Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details -www.sotgweb.org.

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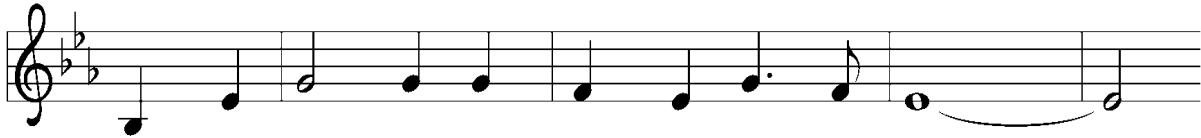
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Were You There



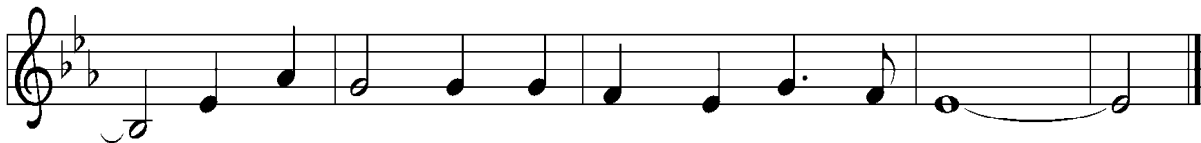
- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927