

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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Over his head they put
the charge against him, which read,

“**This is Jesus,**
the **King** of the **Jews.**”

MATTHEW 27:37

MARCH 29, 2026
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 the 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 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.

Ministries for Today

Altar Assistants: Mary Winsor, Judy Ripke and Laurie Sullivan

Lector: Kathy Williams

Altar Guild: Barb Modjeska

Ushers: Judy Ripke, Laurie Sullivan, Brenda Charleston and Linda Salisbury

A/V Technicians: Abraham Ungs and Kelli Ungs

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A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers
Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, March 29 2026
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

• *Indicates please stand if able*

Bold indicates congregation joins in

PRELUDE

“In the Cross I Glory”

Pat Cooper, Soloist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the backpacks

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

+ **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL:** Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵“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.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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 confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

A Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

A For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

A For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

A For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

A For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain
the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

A For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

A For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

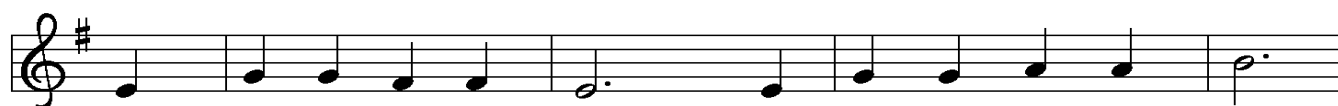
C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

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

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, 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.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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;

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

^{9a} It 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*)

⁹ 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.**

¹¹ I am the scorn of all 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.**

¹³ For 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.**

¹⁵ My 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

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

A The Word of the Lord.

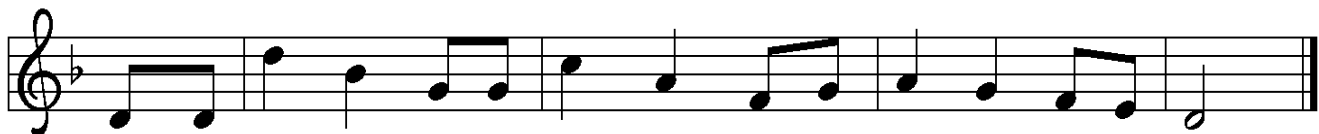
C **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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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.

+ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day especially Anna-Marie Myers, Cameron Williams, Dean Welch, Janet Eichler, Jim Pisarski, Joanne Hogan, Larry Newman, Matthew Popp, Michelle Hubb, Nick & Anita Lehr, Pastor Bill Stewart, Patricia Lussky, Phyllis Stewart, Prudy Waters, Rodney Heindel, Sue Popavich and Susan Schacht; and the families of Beverly Adams, Elizabeth Lite and Nikki Wykstra. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We celebrate this week the birthdays of Paul Keller, Rod Barikmo, Richard Bartsh, Beverly Green, Vicki Dunlop and LaMorris Cook. We pray blessings on these friends. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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 **O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

+ **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 God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ **THE BLESSING**

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

C Amen.

+ **SENDING HYMN "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" ELW #811**

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.

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 2, 2026 - Maundy Thursday service, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

April 3, 2026 - Good Friday Tenebrae service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

We will hold three (3) Easter worship services next Sunday, April 5, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. (Sunrise Service), 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The annual Easter egg hunt will be held in the church courtyard following the 8:30 a.m. Easter worship service (about 9:45 a.m.) All children are welcome to join in the fun and celebrate the wonderful news that “Jesus Lives!” We hope to see you there.—The Education Committee

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

Office hours are: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
(The office will be closed Monday, April 6th, in observance of the Easter holiday.)

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

Mondays and Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Bone Builders in Hanson Hall

Tuesdays

8:30 a.m. Sew Sews in Hanson Hall

Wednesdays

10:30 a.m. Pastor Jeff’s Bible Study in Hanson Hall

Thursday April 2

5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday April 3

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP!

Join the packing party to fill backpacks with back-to-school supplies for the kids at Grace Place.

A special Thank you to our readers of the passion story today -

Lynne Gervais

Scott Krenz

Penny Morken

Dave Larson

Mary Winsor

Pastor Jeff

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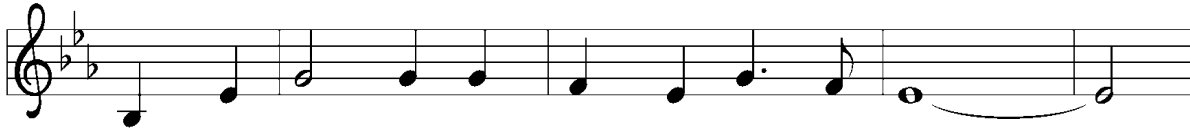
Megan Cianflone

Penny Morken

Lynn Dickerman

Deanna Colbert

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?

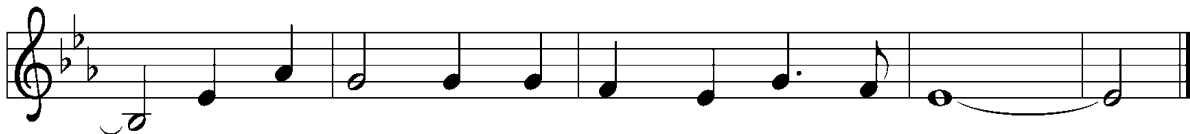


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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain



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



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
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

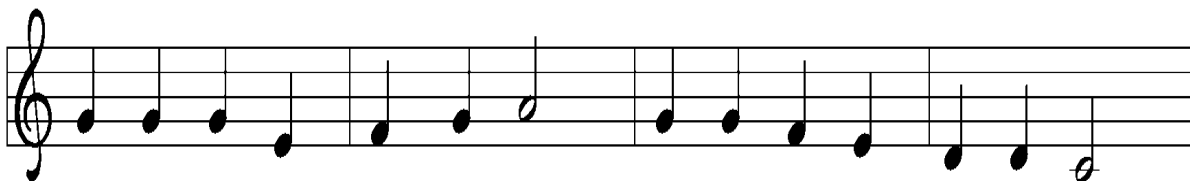
On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.

Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758