



SUNDAY WORSHIP
APRIL 2, 2023 10:00 AM
(IN-PERSON & ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICE)

Lutheran Church of Our Savior 231 Jayne Avenue Patchogue, New York 11772

Sunday, April 2, 2023 Sunday of the Passion/ Palm Sunday Affirmation of Baptism New Members "A Season of Devotion in a Year of Becoming Partners in Faith"

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PLEASE TURN CELL PHONES OFF TO PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME to God's House! We are happy that you are with us to Worship God together.

Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a congregation with a big heart. We all know how difficult it is to be new, but we want you to know that no matter who you are or where you find yourself in life, you are invited to join us for worship and fellowship. Come to hear God's Word, share in the Sacraments and discover new ways to reach out to the world with God's peace and grace.

Everyone is a child of God. From crying babies to enthusiastic seniors, we recognize that we are all called to be one body with many members. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, shapes and sizes of every marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Those of different faith traditions, different physical, mental and emotional abilities and those in recovery or struggling with addiction are always welcome. We sincerely hope you join us in our journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect for each other.

The bottom line: We welcome you! We know that no matter who you are Jesus accepts you and so do we. May our prayers, the hearing of God's Word, and God's grace and love make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.

Let us pause before the service to turn our thoughts toward God in silent prayer and meditation.

INTRODUCTION

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

PRELUDE

HOLY COMMUNION

Setting One

GATHERING – The people rise in body or in spirit.

The assembly gathers outside the doors to the sanctuary, so that all may enter in procession. Palm branches are distributed before the service begins.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL:

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

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, saying,

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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

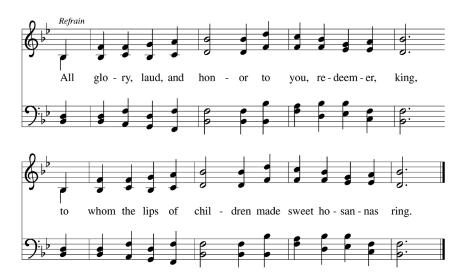
The assembly follows the minister into the church while singing the processional hymn on the next page.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ELW #344)

(Hymn/Music found in the RED Worship and Hymnal Book)





Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

WELCOME TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

We are blessed to be joined each week with a faithful crew of digital worshippers. Let's take this time of gathering to offer them a warm hello!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Brief silence.

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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

At the conclusion of the prayer of the day, those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the font.

PRESENTATION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

A representative of the congregation presents those making affirmation.

I present,

Peter Angelica

Arthur Arroyo

Carol Assenza

Charles Assenza

Abigail Myers

Dakota Blair

Junia Myers-Blair

Lorraine Kuehn

Elly Supinsky

who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 into hell.

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen.**

Those making public affirmation face the assembly.

A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brother in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

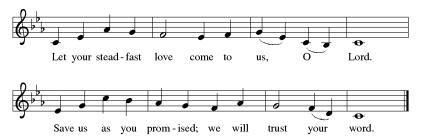
CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are asked to come forward to Pastor Claire.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. Please be seated for the reading of the word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – The people may remain seated for today's extended Gospel reading.



READING OF THE GOSPEL:

Narrator: Lois Goelz

Judas, Peter and Pilate: Pat Bergin

Jesus and The Women: Mike Maas

Disciples, Chief Priest, Accusers, Soldiers, Bystanders and Crowd:

Congregation reads **BOLDED** text together.

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

The Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Please be seated for the reading of the Gospel.

NARRATOR: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

JUDAS: "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"

NARRATOR: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: He said,

JESUS: "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, `The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

NARRATOR: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

NARRATOR: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: "Surely not I, Lord?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

JUDAS: "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "You have said so."

NARRATOR: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

JESUS: "Take, eat; this is my body."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

JESUS: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

NARRATOR: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

JESUS: "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

NARRATOR: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

NARRATOR: At once he came up to Jesus and said, JUDAS: "Greetings, Rabbi!"

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Friend, do what you are here to do."

NARRATOR: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

NARRATOR: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

ACCUSERS: "This fellow said, `I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

NARRATOR: The high priest stood up and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

HIGH PRIEST: "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "You have said so. But I tell you,
From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven."

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He deserves death."

NARRATOR: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

NARRATOR: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

PETER: "I do not know what you are talking about."

NARRATOR: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: Again he denied it with an oath,

PETER: "I do not know the man."

NARRATOR: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

BYSTANDERS: "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

NARRATOR: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: "I do not know the man!"

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

JESUS: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

JUDAS: "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

NARRATOR: But they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

NARRATOR: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

NARRATOR: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

NARRATOR: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

PILATE'S WIFE: "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

NARRATOR: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

PILATE: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

CROWD: "Barabbas."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the

Messiah?"

NARRATOR: All of them said,

CROWD: "Let him be crucified!"

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CROWD: "Let him be crucified!"

NARRATOR: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

PILATE: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

CROWD: "His blood be on us and on our children!"

NARRATOR: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)

NARRATOR: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS: "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, `I am God's Son.'" NARRATOR: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: "This man is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

BYSTANDERS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!

NARRATOR: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, `After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, `He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

NARRATOR: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY Were You There (ELW #353)

(Hymn/Music found in the RED Worship and Hymnal Book)



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for our exemplary new members and for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating new birth in Christ and their birthdays this week, **Cheryl** Felice, **Joseph** Amorello, **Frank** Occhiogrosso, **Ethan** Degen, and **Jeffrey** Berthold III. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

The people greet one another with a safe sign of Christ's peace. Then the people are seated.

OFFERING

At this time, we encourage you to reflect on the gifts you have been given and how you can share them with others. If you are able to make a financial gift to LCOS, you can do so by scanning the QR Code Card in your pew, on our website or when the Ushers pass the Offering Plate. If you are able to give time, please speak with a council member or other leader about how you can contribute to the needs of the congregation and our community. Let us encourage one another to give generously whenever and wherever we are able, as a celebration of the abundance we have received.

OFFERING HYMN

There in God's Garden (ELW #342)

(Hymn/Music found in the RED Worship and Hymnal Book)



- 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.
- 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!

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OFFERTORY HYMN – The people rise in body or in spirit.

Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW #188)



OFFERING PRAYER Let us pray.

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

MEAL

God nourishes us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

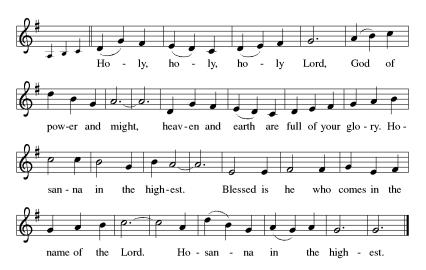
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE (Sanctus):

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord – ELW HC1



COMMUNION

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord has taught us:

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.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We invite everyone viewing this service on zoom from home to join in a prayer of Spiritual Communion.

In union with your faithful people at Holy Communion, O God, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive the sacrament of your body and blood today, we ask you to come into our hearts. Empower us with your grace, God, and let us never be separated in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

COMMUNION: This week communion will be served continuously from the common cup in the center aisle.

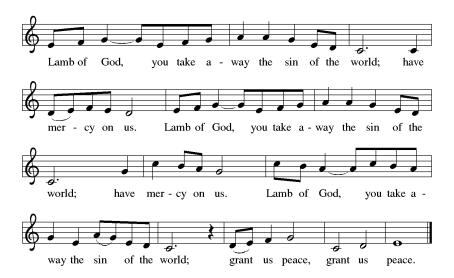
The Lord's Table is open to all wherever you are on your journey of faith. Ushers will guide you pew by pew up the center aisle. The entire organ side of the congregation will be served before the pulpit side. Please fill out a communion card from the pew rack and give it to one of the ushers to help us keep track of attendance.

There is white grape juice already poured into the cups before the altar; otherwise, please pick up an empty cup for wine. There are also glutenfree and regular wafers; please let the pastor know if you are gluten intolerant.

If you are not ready to receive the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to come forward and receive God's blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know so that communion can be brought to you. After receiving the bread and wine or blessing, it is customary to say "Amen."

COMMUNION SONG (Agnus Dei):

Lamb of God



Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

My Song is Love Unknown (ELW #343)

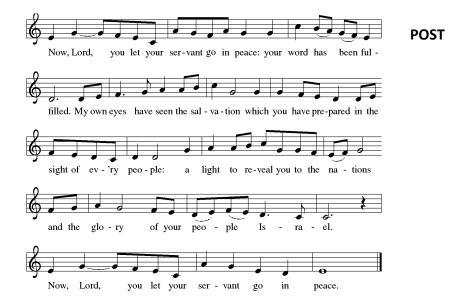
(Hymn/Music found in the RED Worship and Hymnal Book)

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to our king. Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
- We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.
- 5 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 6 Here might I stay and sing no story so divine! Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

The people rise in body or in spirit.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Nunc Dimittis): Now Lord



COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN – The people rise in body or in spirit.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW #335)

(Hymn/Music found in the RED Worship and Hymnal Book)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.



ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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Lay Assistant	Janet Bachmore & Carol Rios
Acolyte	Jackson Terhune
Crucifer	Viviana Lora
Lector	Peter Angelica
Psalmist for this Sunday is	Grace Anderson, Carol Giorgio.
BOLDED – SPOKEN FOR LENT	Dina Lotito, J.R. Lotito and
	Deacon Carol Rios
Tech Assistants	Peter Angelica, Michael
Tech for this Sunday is	Johonnett, Kerri Maloof, Jeremy
BOLDED	Terhune and Rob Wottawa
Altar Guild	Linda Cook
Tellers	
Ushers	Lois Cope & Denise Wittmann

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – ZOOM & IN PERSON	Rev. Claire Repsholdt
Deacons	Janet Bachmore & Peggy Kurz
Musicians/Organist/Pianist January 2023 - December 2023	This Sunday: Dan Grable Dan Grable & Grace Anderson
Office Administrator	Nancy Gonzalez



TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, April 2, 2023

TODAY:

- MASKS are encouraged and recommended during singing or if you are feeling unwell.
- STAY INFORMED ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS can be found in the back pages of the WORSHIP BULLETIN, CHURCH CALENDAR AND THE WEDNESDAY NET. Zoom participants can find a copy of Sunday bulletin on the LCOS Church Web Page or Church Calendar.
- HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULES, HAVE BEEN POSTED TO WEBSITE & CALENDAR
- WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & Reception to follow in fellowship Hall
- MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER 6pm April 6th
- GOOD FRIDAY Breadmaking & Worship at 3pm & 7pm
- EASTER VIGIL 4pm followed by fellowship & refeshments
- JOIN FOR EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST BEFORE WORSHIP

THIS WEEK & MORE:

- SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00am
- SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15am
- MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9:30am Morning Devotions on Zoom
- ADULT BIBLE STUDY 7pm Tuesdays Until 2/21/2023
- YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS 6:15pm Wednesdays
- CONFIRMATION CLASSES Wednesdays at 7pm.
- CHIME CHOIR REHEARSALS 6:00pm Thursdays
- SINGING CHOIR REHEARSALS –Thursdays at 7pm
- ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES? Pastor Claire is scheduling an informational meeting with families in January. See tuned for more details.



LCOS HAPPENINGS: https://lcosevents.view-events.com

SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY WEDNESDAY (THE NET) EMAIL BLAST OR OUR SANDPIPER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BY CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS OR STOP BY THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP TO CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS AND LCOS NEWS TABLE. FOR CLASSES, UPCOMING EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sunday March 26th and Wed Lenten Service March 22nd

TELLER SHEET	SIMPLY GIVING	TOTAL	WEEKLY DONATION COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S WEEKLY AVERAGE OF \$2,650.00
\$ 4,682.00	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 5,777.00	\$ 3,127.00↑

We met the \$3,800 weekly goal required for our budget last week and we can do it again this week!

ATTENDANCE FOR: Sunday, March 26, 2023

In Person Attendance: (84) Zoom Participants: (26)

Thank you for worshipping with us.









WAYS TO GIVE TO LCOS CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FOOD PANTRY.

Faithful Donations: In addition to offering envelopes, we provide electronic means of giving to easily and faithfully make donations – and give to God.

The Simply Giving Program: Offers church members a convenient, safe and secure way to make consistent church offerings without the need to write checks, carry cash, or prepare envelopes. Simply Giving works the same as automatic payments you might make through your checking account. It is safe, secure and easily managed. You determine the frequency and the amount of giving weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly the option is yours! If this method of giving consistently is for you, forms are in the church office.

http://www.lcospatchogue.org/faithful-donations/ or scan the QR code.



Altar Flowers: Altar Flowers may be ordered by filling out a pink form found on the bulletin board outside of the church office and placing it in the church office mailbox to the right of the bulletin board. They are \$10 per arrangement (\$20 for two bouquets). This is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion or have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one.

Help us keep our prayer list up to date!

To add or remove names from the prayer list, please use the blue form found on the bulletin board outside of the church office or send us an email. Completed forms can be placed in the blue "prayer requests" folder in the church office mailbox to the right of the bulletin board.

Large Print Bulletins: Did you know that we print large print versions of the worship bulletins each week? If you would prefer a large print bulletin...just mention it to the ushers on your way in.

Children's Bulletins: Each Sunday morning we also have children's bulletins and crayons available. They are centered around the readings for the day and include coloring activities and age appropriate puzzles. Two editions are available depending on your child's age.



SCHEDULE

April 2nd - Palm Sunday	10AM WORSHIP
April 6th - Maundy Thursday	6PM SEDER
Seder & Worship	7PM WORSHIP
April 7th - Good Friday	3PM WORSHIP
4:30pm - Breadmaking	7PM WORSHIP
April 8th - Easter Vigil	4PM WORSHIP
April 9th - Easter	8AM WORSHIP
8:30 Easter Breakfast	10AM WORSHIP

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

CHANGE FOR CHANGE PROJECT

SPONSORED BY WELCA TO BENEFIT LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES



- LIRS is the largest faith-based nonprofit dedicated to serving vulnerable immigrants, asylum seekers, refugees and unaccompanied refugee minors in the United States.
- Starting Ash Wednesday, (2/22/23), and ending the Sunday after Easter, (4/16/23), WELCA will be collecting loose change. We will have jars available for you to take home and fill as well as a larger jar in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall if you prefer to drop your change at church.
- This Lenten Season instead of giving something up, donate change to help "Be the Change" for these refugees.
 Jesus said, "When I was a stranger, you welcomed me."Please help this worthwhile project! God Bless!

Lutheran Church of Our Savior -WELCA
"BE THE CHANGE"













All are invited to the Easter Sunday Sunrise Ecumenical Prayer Service 6 am at the end of Bellport Lane

If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item for those in need



Bellport Methodist Church Christ Episcopal Church Mary Immaculate Church Old South Haven Presbyterian Church Our Savior Lutheran



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

For those with

Illness/Sickness Preparing

for Surgery or

Recuperating and for

those who assist them and

those in need of healing:

Michele Aleixo Newborn Baby Jett

Premature Baby Justin

Marie

Shepherd

Brittany and Steve

Diane Baruch Angela Bello

Eileen Benedict

Veronica Bergin

Eric Bjorklund

Dianna Charpentier

Marilyn Clukey

Mary Ann Dittmeier

Jeff Dittmeier

Timmy Dunn

Ann Dunn

Jeff Durham

Bill Ellis

Edie Emeritz

Patty Kelly-Farmer

Vanessa Fay & Jed Babbitt

Adeline Feeney

Miranda Gonzalez

Al Hafner

Marie Holst

Nolan Horn-Child

Michael Hyman

Margaret Johonnett Marcel Joseph – Toddler

Michele Sanchez

Peggy Kurz

Gary Lewis

Vera Liles

Thomas Liles

June Lohmann

Infant McMahon & The

McMahon Family

Erin McQuade

Pam Madison

Ed Maguire and his family Melissa Mathieu

Karen Mizzi

Kumi Deborah Oladapo

Mary O'Neill

Bill Roche

Grace Schumacher

James Shields

Scott Simonetti

Rob Slater Irene Snyder

Barbara and Jim Tabb

Ashton Treadwell

Tom Valerio

Tommy Valerio

Giseli Vieira

Miguel Villafane

John Violandi

Rebecca Violandi

James Vogel

At Home

Eileen Kuhn

In Hospice

In Crisis/Recovery/

Needs Prayers

In Service

John Charpentier

Ian Kuhn

Logan Putnam

Jenna Vaughan

Nursing Home/Rehab

For the Families of:

Michael Aleixo

Laura Caruso

Joan Jacobsen

Bill Lawrence

Brian Ilg

Jack Salcedo

Jamy Slater

Kevin Vollmer (Kalish)

WE WOULD LIKE TO PRAY FOR YOU!

Our PRAYER LIST is back please forward your prayer requests for the Homebound, Sick or Recuperating, for those in Crisis or Recovery, in a Nursing Home/Rehab or for those brave men and woman Serving in our Military.

FORWARD ALL REQUESTS TO OFFICE@LCOSPATCHOGUE.ORG



This year we are becoming "Partners in Faith"

This season we welcome a new Pastor and dive into sharing the life of the church.

Together we ask:

How can we be good partners to each other? What stories might we share and what lessons might we learn to help us collaborate as partners in our community?

In this way, we will prepare ourselves to grow in faith in our future.



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Tuesday: 12pm-5pm Wednesday: 12pm-5pm Sunday: 12pm-5pm

Pastor Claire would love to connect with you one on one to hear your stories of life in faith. Email Pastor Claire or call the office to schedule an appointment.

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