



*Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn
Founded 1860—Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026
10:15 AM



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Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 – 10:15 AM

Divine Service: Setting I
with the Rite of Confirmation

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book, pp 151-166*

Pre-Service Music



March Bible Verse

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Our Mission Statement

Representing God's Love to Our Congregation, Community, and the World!

Ringing of the Church Bell

Stand and face the ✠ Cross for the Processional Reading and Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL READING

John 12:12–19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

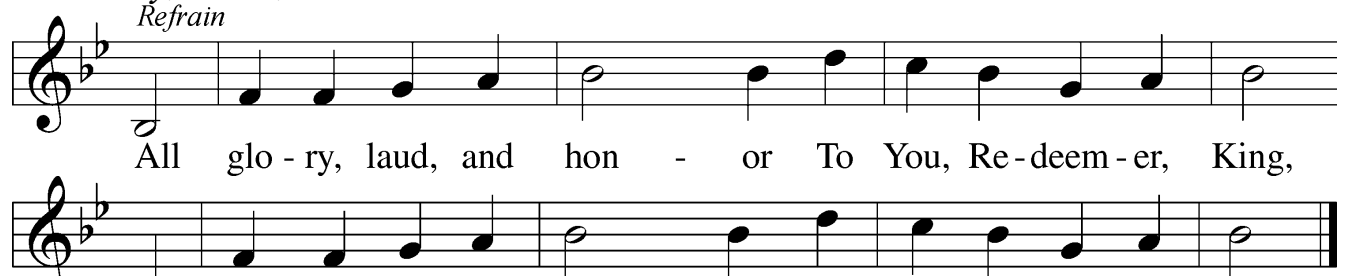
C Thanks be to God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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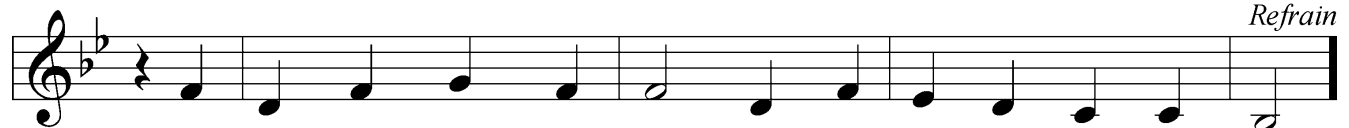
Refrain



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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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INVOCATION

LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

KYRIE

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



C 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.

²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light,

that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,

³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



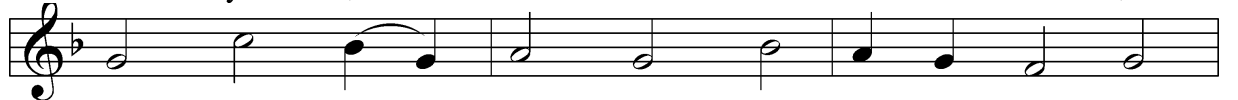
sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



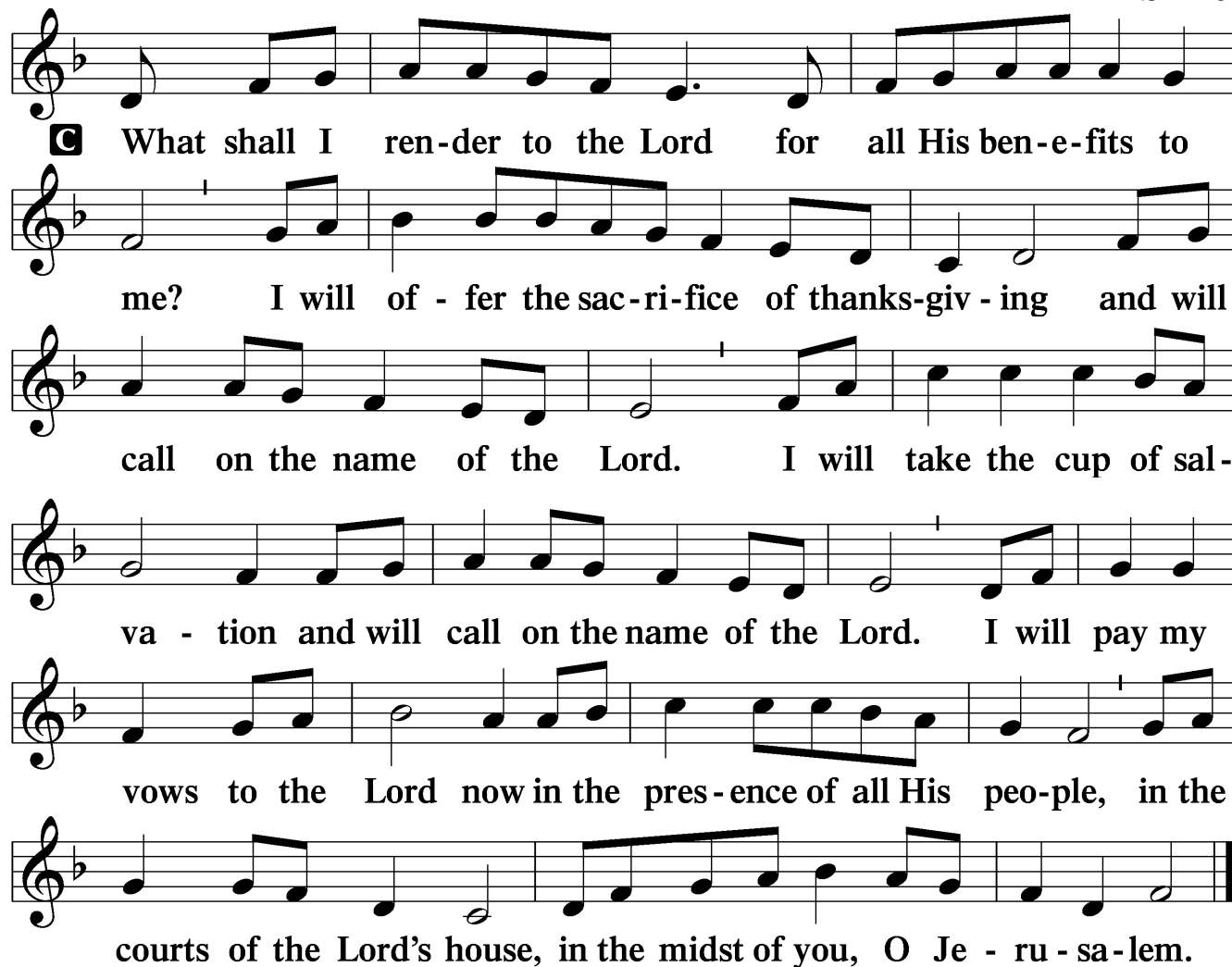
yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

Sermon
Confirmed in the Crucified King
John 12:12-19

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERING PRAYER

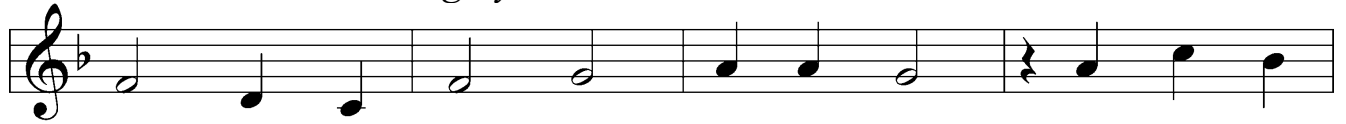
Sit

OFFERING

CONFIRMATION HYMN

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

LSB 867



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -
 2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger
 pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His
 gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions
 God's own Word, To place in Him their
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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Confirmation Class of 2026



Michael Brennan Hinze

Born on December 29, 2011, in Brenham, TX
to Tyler Lane Hinze and Lyndsay (Couch) Hinze
Reborn through Baptism on May 10, 2015
at Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn by Pastor Mark Moldenhauer.
Sponsors: Chad Galloway and John Nolan

Fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness.
Joshua 24:14

Taylor Marie Nowicki

Born on April 10, 2012, in College Station, TX
to Dustin David Nowicki and Heidi Janette (Kettler) Nowicki
Reborn through Baptism on May 20, 2012
at Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn by Pastor Jeffrey King.
Sponsors: Matthew and Ashley Kettler, Joni Lenard, Dathan Nowicki

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.
Proverbs 4:23

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

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.

CONSECRATION OF THE PALMS

P Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P I set these palm branches apart as a reminder of the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem. May they serve as a memorial to the kingship of Christ. I set these palm branches apart as a sign of the victory of Christ over sin, death, and the power of the devil. May they be a remembrance among us of the sacrifice that He was willing to offer to make that victory possible for us. I set these palm branches apart as a symbol among us, each to the other and before God, of our commitment to Christ, who redeemed us. May we who carry them understand that which they represent, giving honor and praise to the King of kings who has called us to follow Him. Let us pray together.

C **It is right to praise You, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which You have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We recall how He entered the Holy City of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as king by those who scattered their garments and palm branches in His path. Let these branches be for us signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; as He lives and reigns in glory with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Remain standing and face the ✠ Cross for the Recessional Hymn.

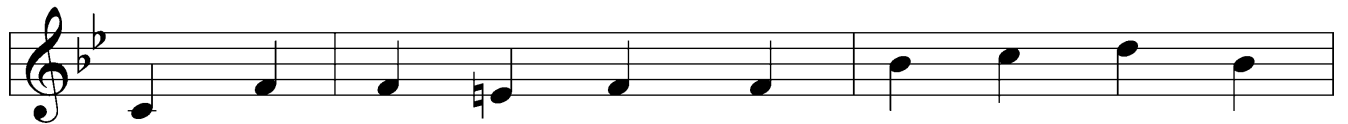
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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POSTLUDE

Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the crucified and risen Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings to you as you worship with us today.



Congregation: Health and healing for Tim Garner (Brother-in-law of Dorcas Schroeder); healing for Terry and Becky Lueckemeyer; healing for Lillian Hayden from knee surgery; for Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and continued healing; for Adeline Platt's health; for health and healing for

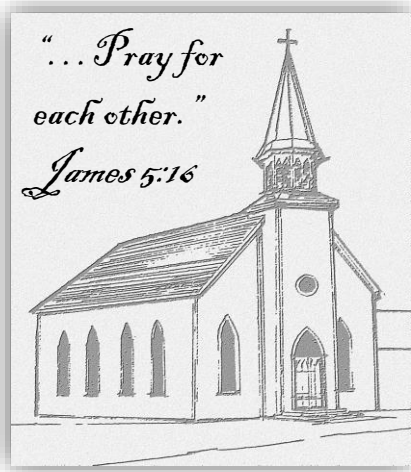
Lathel Norris; and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Lathel Norris, Elvera Schroeder, and others who are unable to come to church.

Community: for Grace Lutheran School, that they may continue to be a place for the children of our community and congregation to learn and grow in their faith and

knowledge of God's world; may our Lord continue to deliver to us favorable weather; for Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touched; Faith Mission; families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services.

World: for all those suffering through war, may God watch over and protect His children, and by His Holy Spirit, may they all come to know Christ as their Savior and thus enjoy eternity with Him, for those who have been led astray into false belief; for those facing crisis pregnancies, that they would find the strength to choose life for their unborn child; for the leaders of the nations, that they would make godly decisions for their people and countries.

Bethlehem at Prayer



Prayer is a vital part of our life together in Christ. To that end, *Bethlehem at Prayer* is a means to encourage more intentional prayer for one another. This is an opportunity for us to support one another in faith, lifting up each household by name before our gracious God. While members can always request prayers at any time, this effort ensures that every family at Bethlehem is prayed for regularly. We invite you to join us in encouragement and intercession, praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ each week.

Please remember these families in your prayers this week:

- Crabb - Brian, Leslie, Haleigh, Tucker, Whitley, Tate
- Dahman - Daryl, Stephanie
- Kettler – JR, Laramie
- Kettler – Douglas, Theresa
- Richter – Paul, Beverly
- Schomburg – Bradley, Cindy, Braylee, Colin

May the Lord bless and strengthen them in faith and life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule

Holy Week

March 29 – April 5

Today: *Palm Sunday with Confirmation*
9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:15 AM Divine Worship: Setting I
Acolyte: Winston Krieg



Crucifer: Norman Krieg
 Greeter: Billie Weidemann
 Ushers: Collin Schroeder Shane Schroeder
 Trenton Schwartz Michael Schroeder



Monday:
6:00 PM New Members Class



Thursday: *Maundy Thursday*
7:00 PM Holy (Maundy) Thursday with Holy Communion

Acolyte: Taylor Hinze
 Ushers: Lance Searle Rallin Wellmann
 Brian Crabb Daryl Dahman



Friday: *Good Friday*
7:30 PM Tenebrae: Service of Light and Darkness

Acolyte: Kinsley Haferkamp
 Ushers: Billy Ashorn Blane Ashorn
 Brian Ashorn Westin Ashorn



Next Sunday: *Easter Sunrise Service in the Outdoor Amphitheater*

7:00 AM Divine Worship: Setting I
8:00 AM Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Celebration Service



10:15 AM Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion

Acolyte: Taylor Nowicki
 Crucifer: Wyatt Schramme
 Greeter: Shirley Ashorn
 Ushers: Jason Ashorn Kaisen Ashorn
 Melvin Ashorn Eric Berglund

Serving in March: Elder – Chris Smitherman / **Trustee** – Michael Schroeder

Serving in April: Elder – Clinton Kettler / **Trustee** – Doyle Dahmann

If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.



The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Michael Hinze and Taylor Nowicki on their Confirmation by their families.



Attention: Members who Receive The Lutheran Witness
While the church budget covers the cost of each member household's annual subscription of *The Lutheran Witness*, we **kindly ask that you submit an offering of \$24.75 per subscription** to offset this expense. *Thank you!*



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Life with God—New Members Class

continues tomorrow night, March 30th

Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught, and confessed here at Bethlehem. It is designed for anyone considering membership, new members, and any member of the congregation who would like a thorough review of basic Biblical doctrine. Mark your calendar

and plan to join us **every Monday night from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.** Classes run weekly for 10-12 sessions.



March 29 (Palm Sunday) – When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, he gave up, washed his hands, called himself innocent, and let the Innocent One, our Lord Jesus Christ, be taken away and crucified (Matthew 27:24-26). As the world around us continues to call for the

death of the innocent, it may seem that we are gaining nothing, and we will be tempted to wash our hands and give up like Pilate did. But the Lord, in His mercy, has given you a tongue to speak that you may sustain with His Word those who are weary (Isaiah 50:4). God grant us the strength to speak up on behalf of the innocent ones and let “every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:11).

Sunday School Corner



In our Spring unit, we begin our study of the New Testament, beginning with the appearance of the resurrected Christ and continuing through the growth of the Early Church. This morning, the kids studied the lesson “A Walking Wonder – Peter and John Heal a Man Who Can’t Walk.” A man who had never been able to walk lies by the Beautiful Gate and begs Peter and John for alms. Having no gold or silver to give him, they offer him something better—complete healing. Leaping for joy, the man praises God for His miraculous healing, and Peter uses the opportunity to teach about the true Savior. The Jewish Council asks Peter and John by whose power they performed this miracle, so they witness concerning the power of the risen Christ. Being warned against speaking further concerning Jesus, Peter and John assert they must continue to speak the Gospel. To reinforce this lesson with your kids, as a family, discuss: Peter and John could heal the man only because of the name and power of Jesus. They had mercy on the man who could not walk. The Holy Spirit helps us to show mercy to people today. How do people show mercy today? Have you ever gotten in trouble for doing a good thing? How does that feel? Peter and John were thrown into prison for a night because they healed this man and witnessed about Jesus. Some people are uncomfortable talking about Jesus, but Jesus commanded us to tell everyone about how much He loves them and wants to save them. How can we tell everyone about Jesus in our daily lives, even if it might be uncomfortable? Jesus worked through Peter and John to heal this man and to share the Good News of salvation. What does it mean when people say that they see Jesus in us? Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

High School Lesson

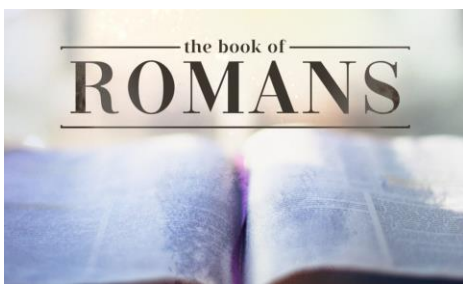
Our High School Sunday School class is beginning a new study series using *Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Master Criminals*. In this engaging and thought-provoking study, students will explore the stories of some of Scripture’s most notorious wrongdoers, and discover how God’s mercy and grace still shine through even the darkest human deeds. Each lesson points us to Christ, who took the punishment for all sin upon

Himself and gives us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Join us as we dig into God’s Word, wrestle with tough questions, and see how even “master criminals” reveal our need for the one true Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lesson 13 – Extreme Tanning (Daniel 3)

In this week’s lesson, our High School Sunday School class studied the account of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. Students examined how the king’s demand for worship exposed the danger of idolatry and the pressure God’s people face to conform to the world. Refusing to bow to the golden image, these faithful men trusted the Lord even when it meant facing death. Yet God did not abandon them in the fire; He was with them and delivered them. They discussed how this powerful story points us to Christ, who stands with His people in the midst of suffering and whose victory over death assures us that nothing can separate us from the saving presence of our Lord.

Adult Sunday School Lesson



St. Paul’s letter to the Romans is often called the “chief part of the New Testament.” Romans clearly lays out the heart of the Christian faith: we are justified by grace alone through faith alone on account of Christ alone. In this rich epistle, Paul teaches on sin and righteousness, law and Gospel, baptism, the struggle against the old Adam, and life lived in the freedom of the Gospel.

Whether you’ve been attending or have yet to join us, this is a wonderful time to dig into God’s Word together and grow in our understanding of His mercy in Christ. Come and be strengthened in the faith that saves and learn how the Gospel shapes our daily lives. We look forward to studying this treasure of Scripture with you! If you could not attend today, please join

us next Sunday during the Adult Bible Study hour before church, starting at 9 a.m. Now is the time to commit yourself to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of God’s Word and your relationship with Him. I hope to see you all next Sunday as we continue our studies.



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Last Week at Bethlehem

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
Mar. 22	Outdoor Amphitheater Worship Service	49	\$585.66
Mar. 22	Sunday School Adult Bible Class	12 31	\$149.82
Mar. 22	Worship Service	97	\$2,366.03 Edith Erwin Memorial \$95.00

2026 Holy Week and Easter Schedule



DATE	TIME	SERVICE
<i>Sunday, March 29</i>	<i>10:15 AM</i>	<i>Palm Sunday with Confirmation</i>
<i>Thursday, April 2</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Holy (Maundy) Thursday</i>
<i>Friday, April 3</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>Good Friday Tenebrae</i>
<i>Sunday, April 5</i>	<i>7:00 AM</i>	<i>Easter Sunrise Service (Amphitheater)</i>
	<i>8:00 AM</i>	<i>Easter Breakfast</i>
	<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>Sunday School, Adult Bible Class</i>
	<i>9:30 AM</i>	<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>
	<i>10:15 AM</i>	<i>Easter Celebration Service</i>