



**"Blessed
is the
king
who comes
in the
name of
the
Lord!"**

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**Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday
April 13th, 2025**

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* WORSHIP NOTES *

- * *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- * *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- * *All baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion. **Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available.** Please see a greeter prior to the beginning of service.*
- * *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*

SETTING TWO—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter

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

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

who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!’
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your
disciples to stop.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones
would shout out.’

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

PROCESSION

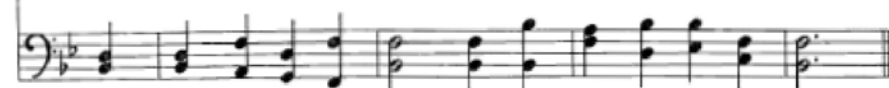
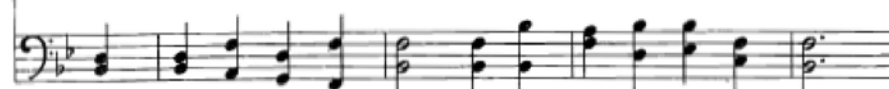
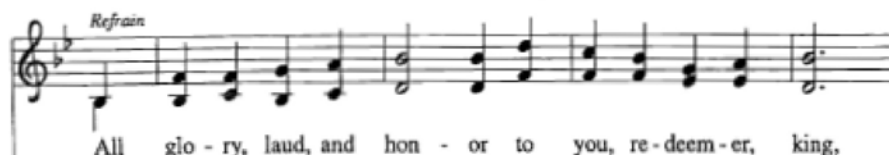
A: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Those wishing to lay their palms at the altar may process up the center aisle. Please
use the side aisles to continue to your seat. The assembly follows the ministers into the
church. The presiding minister concludes the procession:*

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.



- 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.



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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

+ + + **WORD** + + +

We sit

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a (NRSV)

L: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 31:9-16 *(spoken or chanted responsively)*

- 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 have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, 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 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

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

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let Your Steadfast Love

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord,



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

The Passion of Our Lord According to Luke

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit

SERMON

Rev. Bob Miller

Silence for Reflection

We stand

Hymn of the Day

"There in God's Garden"

ELW 342

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

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

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

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

+ + + MEAL + + +

We Sit

OFFERING

We stand

OFFERING HYMN

ELW #186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

S 129

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This musical score is for a hymn in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a single melodic line.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

This musical score is for a hymn in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The melody is more complex than the previous hymn, featuring some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a single melodic line.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from
death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. _____
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

S135a

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded **ELW 351**

We stand

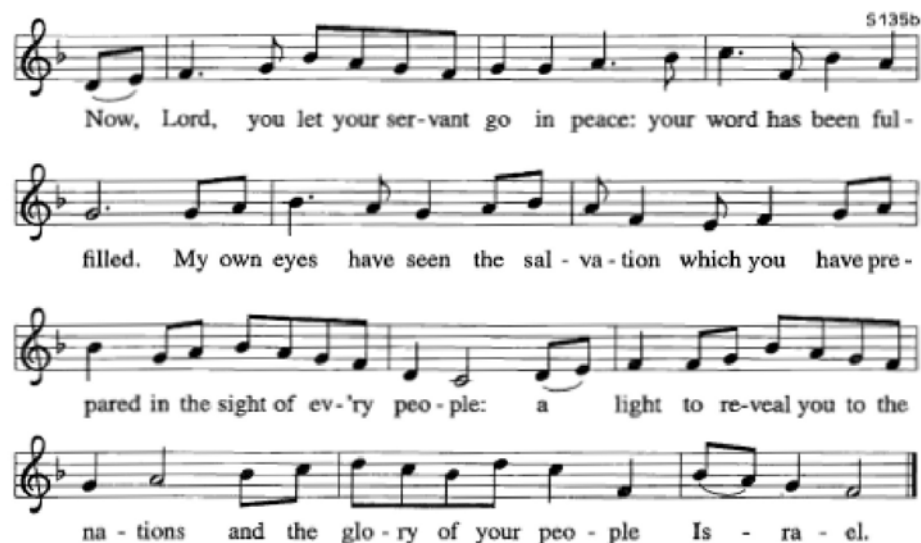
TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE (NUNC DIMITIS)

S 135b



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Pastor: Rev. Bob Miller

Lector: Cheryl Stouffer

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser

Zoom: Shannon Hancock

Passion Play—

Narrator: Pastor Bob

Jesus: Shannon Hancock

Peter: Ric Van Horn

Pilate: Barry Pochron

Centurion: Matt Bergstresser

Servant: Wylene Hinkle

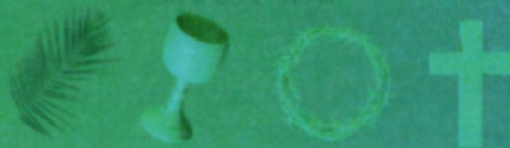
Witness: Cristine Thompson

1st criminal: Olwynne Crampton

2nd criminal: Dixon Brandt

Reception of New Members

Good Shepherd is receiving new member on Sunday, April 27th! There will be a one hour New Member Class on Sunday, April 13, after worship. During the class, we'll talk about being Lutheran and some of the service/fellowship opportunities at Good Shepherd. For more information, please speak to Chris Thompson, Sally Allen, or Pastor Bob.



HOLY WEEK

- SERVICE & LUNCH -

Monday

APRIL 14

12PM - 1PM

*First United Methodist
Rev. Asa Majors*

Tuesday

APRIL 15

12PM - 1PM

*All Saints' Episcopal
Rev. Bob Miller*

Wednesday

APRIL 16

12PM - 1PM

*First Presbyterian
Rev. Sam Schaus*

PREPARING for EASTER

Please join us on Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Church in the Narthex. We need everyone to help us set up for: Saturday Evening Vigil at 7:00 p.m., Easter Sunday Service in the Sanctuary, Easter Sunday Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please join us on Saturday in preparing our Church for the Resurrection of our Lord. Contact: Chris Thompson – 865-414-2197 or Wylene Hinkle 423-586-0641 if you have questions. Thank you so much for your help. Blessings, Chris Thompson

News from Deborah Circle

On Friday, March 21, 2025, six women of the Church met for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship. Marilyn Fahringer led the interactive discussion of Chapter 2 of "The Jesus I Never Knew." Deborah Circle will not meet on Friday, April 18, instead we invite everyone to join us in preparing the Church for Saturday evening Vigil, Easter Sunday Breakfast, and Easter Sunday Worship. Please join us: Saturday, April 19 10:00 a.m. We are looking forward to working together preparing our Church for Easter. In His Wonderful Love, Chris Thompson

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join us on Easter Sunday at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.

We are asking everyone, if able, to please bring breakfast food to share.

The sign-up sheet is on the high/tall table in the Narthex.

We are asking everyone to please bring their breakfast food to the Fellowship Hall between 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. We hope to start serving around 8:00 a.m. Please join us for delicious food, fellowship, and celebrating our risen Lord. After eating, we plan to flower the Cross outside between the patio and the large outdoor cross around 9:00 a.m. In His Wonderful Love, Chris Thompson

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry was opened on Monday, March 17, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Fifteen (15) people came, and food was given out for thirty-nine (39). My deepest heart-felt thanks to Felicia Brandt, Marilyn Fahringer, and Randy Moore for helping out at the Pantry with me. Extra special thanks to Nancy McLoughlin for getting the word out about the Pantry via radio and Facebook. Nancy has been doing this job for a few years now and I have neglected to recognize her. Thank you, Nancy, for all of your help.

Thank you to everyone who have already brought in plastic bags. This is a big help for the Food Pantry, Community Dinner, and Sleeping Mats for the Homeless. When cleaning out your closets, if you happen to come across plastic/cloth totes, please consider donating them to the Food Pantry. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone at The Good Shepherd for your donations (food and/or monetary), support, and prayers for the Pantry. Working together we can make a difference in our community with God's help and love.

The next Food Pantry will be held on Monday, April 21.

In His Service, Chris Thompson

Coming up at Good Shepherd

Sunday, April 13	Passion/Palm Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am New Member Class
Monday, April 14	12:00 pm Holy Week Community Service, <i>First United Methodist Church</i>
Tuesday, April 15	12:00 pm Holy Week Community Service, <i>All Saints Episcopal Church</i>
Wednesday, April 16	12:00 pm Holy Week Community Service, <i>First Presbyterian Church</i>
Thursday, April 17	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 18	7:00 pm Good Friday
Saturday, April 19	10:00 am Setup for Easter 7:00 pm Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 20	Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday 7:30 am Breakfast Setup 8:00 am Easter Morning Breakfast served 9:00 am Flowering of the Cross 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, April 21	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Sunday, April 27	Second Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship Service 11:30 am New Member Reception
Sunday, May 4	Third Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship Service
Tuesday, May 6	6:00 pm American Legion
Thursday, May 8	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

FLOWERS for the CROSS

Please bring flowers and/or foliage to decorate on the Cross outside near the large outdoor Cross on Easter Sunday, April 20. Come for breakfast and to flower the Cross. Glory and Praise for our Risen Lord.
Chris Thompson

Pastoral Care

Pastor Bob does not keep regular office hours due to the limited nature of his agreement with us. However, he is available for pastoral support by reaching out to him at 954-529-3868.

Vision Statement

We are a congregation that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all.

Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name
for the life of the world God's people.

Mission Statement

By the grace of God, the Good Shepherd, we are called to serve Christ joyfully by sharing the Gospel, being faithful stewards of God's gifts, and by loving and celebrating all God's people.



We Remember in Prayer



Members - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Karoline Van Horn
Sally Allen
Darlene Kline
Bette Crawford
Steve Werner
Ric Van Horn
Robert French

Family & Friends - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Berlyn Cate, friend of Chris and Mike Thompson
Shannon Martin, Friend of The Good Shepherd, *comfort in sorrow at the passing of her father.*
Sallie Blazer, Friend of Mike and Chris Thompson, *comfort in sorrow at the passing of her mother, Betty Burns Blazer*
Mike Lusk

Those in the community - *guidance, hope, comfort, healing, & peace*

Suzanne Christian
Lester Brown
Yohana Velazquez
Steven Martinsen
Linda Cobble
Darlene Rosenbalm
William Bowers

Military Serving our Country - *Protection, comfort, & strength*

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother
Ian Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew
Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member