

# Welcome

St. Peter Lutheran Church

2 April 2023

## Palm Sunday Worship

8:00am & 10:00am

*\*\*The 8:00am service will be livestreamed to our Facebook page and posted on our website.\*\**

### ***This Week:***

#### **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00am Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:00am Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)

#### **Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Quilting (Quadrooms)  
5:30pm Boot Camp (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Choir (Music Room)

#### **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)

#### **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

12:15pm Good Friday Worship (Sanctuary)

#### **Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am – 9:00am Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
8:00am Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)



**Glorify God.  
Build Relationships.  
Follow Jesus.**

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its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>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, <sup>38</sup>saying,

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"*

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." *This is the Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

*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. Amen.*

### **GATHERING HYMN**

All Glory Laud & Honor

ELW # 344

(You are invited to wave your palm branches during the hymn)

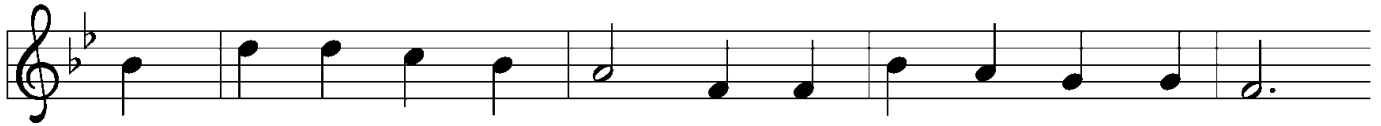
*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



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.

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

### 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. 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.*

(Please be seated)

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

Lenten Carol

St. Peter Choir

**READING**

Philippians 2: 5-11

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and*

became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

### SONG

### Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (verses 1 & 2)

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1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.  
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,  
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.  
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE

**Narrator:** *This is the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*

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

**Narrator:** *When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,*

**Jesus:** *"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."*

**Narrator:** *Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,*

**Jesus:** *"Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."*

**Narrator:** *Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,*

**Jesus:** *"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

**Narrator:** *And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,*

**Jesus:** *"This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"*

**Narrator:** *Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,*

**Jesus:** *"The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest*

*among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.*

*"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

*"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."*

**Narrator:** *And he said to him,*

**Reader:** *"Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"*

**Narrator:** *Jesus said,*

**Jesus:** *"I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."*

**Narrator:** *He said to them,*

**Jesus:** *"When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"*

**Narrator:** *They said,*

**All:** **"No, not a thing."**

**Narrator:** *He said to them,*

**Jesus:** *"But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."*

**Narrator:** *They said,*

**All:** "Lord, look, here are two swords."

**Narrator:** *He replied,*

**Jesus:** *"It is enough."*

**Narrator:** *He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,*

**Jesus:** *"Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."*

**Narrator:** *Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,*

**Jesus:** *"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."*

**Narrator:** *Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,*

**Jesus:** *"Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."*

**Narrator:** *While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,*

**Jesus:** *"Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"*

**Narrator:** *When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,*

**All:** "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"



**Narrator:** *Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,*

**Jesus:** *"No more of this!"*

**Narrator:** *And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,*

**Jesus:** *"Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"*

**Narrator:** *Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,*

**Reader:** *"This man also was with him."*

**Narrator:** *But he denied it, saying,*

**Reader:** *"Woman, I do not know him."*

**Narrator:** *A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,*

**Reader:** *"You also are one of them."*

**Narrator:** *But Peter said,*

**Reader:** *"Man, I am not!"*

**Narrator:** *Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,*

**Reader:** *"Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."*

**Narrator:** *But Peter said,*

**Reader:** *"Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"*

**Narrator:** *At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.*

*Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,*

**All:** **"Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"**

**Narrator:** *They kept heaping many other insults on him.*

*When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,*

**All:** **"If you are the Messiah, tell us."**

**Narrator:** *He replied,*

**Jesus:** *"If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."*

**Narrator:** *All of them asked,*

**All:** **"Are you, then, the Son of God?"**

**Narrator:** *He said to them,*

**Jesus:** *"You say that I am."*

**Narrator:** *Then they said,*

**All:** **"What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"**

*Narrator:* Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**All:** "We found this man misrepresenting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

*Narrator:* Then Pilate asked him,

*Reader:* "Are you the king of the Jews?"

*Narrator:* He answered,

*Jesus:* "You say so."

*Narrator:* Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

*Reader:* "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

*Narrator:* But they were insistent and said,

**All:** "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

*Narrator:* When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

**Reader:** *"You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."*

**Narrator:** *Then they all shouted out together,*

**All:** **"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

**Narrator:** *(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,*

**All:** **"Crucify, crucify him!"**

**Narrator:** *A third time he said to them,*

**Reader:** *"Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."*

**Narrator:** *But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.*

*As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,*

**Jesus:** *"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains,*

*'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"*

**Narrator:** *Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,*

**Jesus:** *"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."*

**Narrator:** *And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,*

**All:** **"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"**

**Narrator:** *The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,*

**All:** **"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"**

**Narrator:** *There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."*

*One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,*

**Reader:** *"Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"*

**Narrator:** *But the other rebuked him, saying,*

**Reader:** *"Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."*

**Narrator:** *Then he said,*

**Reader:** *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

**Narrator:** *He replied,*

**Jesus:** *"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

**Narrator:** *It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,*

**Jesus:** *"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."*

**Narrator:** *Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,*

**Reader:** *"Certainly this man was innocent."*

**Narrator:** *And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.*

*Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.*

*On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.*

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

(Silence for Prayer, Meditation and Reflection.)

**SONG**

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now  
(verses 3 & 4)

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## APOSTLES' CREED

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith.*

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

**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 to the dead. 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.**

**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 PRAYERS

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

*Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With humility, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Let us pray,*

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God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

*Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Be with those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Let us pray, **God of mercy, hold us in love.***

*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. Let us pray, **God of mercy, hold us in love.***

*Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, technicians, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Let us pray, **God of mercy, hold us in love.***

*Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks 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. Let us pray, **God of mercy, hold us in love.***

*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.***

### **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

*Holy God, our living Water, our faithful Companion, our true Guide, by your Word you created a world with rivers and seas, wells and springs, and in mercy you provided water for your people in the wilderness. For your Word with the water of baptism, we thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.***

*We praise you for Christ, who joined us in our desert, calling us to righteousness, granting forgiveness, and walking with us into newness of life. For Jesus, your gracious Word, we glorify you, O God. **We glorify you, O God.***

*Through these days of Lent we plead for your Spirit, that strengthened by your Word, we may care for others and for the world you made, and work for justice and peace for all. For your Word in our hearts and minds, we praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.***



*Receive our thanksgiving, and grant us your blessing, Holy God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **FRANCISCAN SENDING PRAYER**

**A Side: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.**

**B Side: May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**A Side: May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.**

**B Side: May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.**

**All: And the Blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love and pray for this day, and forevermore. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. Amen.*



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

## DISMISSAL

*Go in peace. Serve in love. Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Reader: 8:00am: JoAnne, Ginny, Myra, Paul  
10:00am: Ginny, Myra, Paul

Usher: 8:00am: Dick & Nancy  
10:00am: Joy & Paul

Music: Lori

Tech: Dawn

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