



MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA
God's People. Reaching Out.



March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

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Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow “Connection Card” in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

Online Guest Form

SERVICE of WORSHIP

LBW Setting One with the Lord’s Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

This week, the center of the church’s year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God’s astonishing work.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

***PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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

Hosanna in the highest.

*HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LBW 108

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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ 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. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

THE PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16

- ⁹Have 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.**
- ¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- ¹³For 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.**
- ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

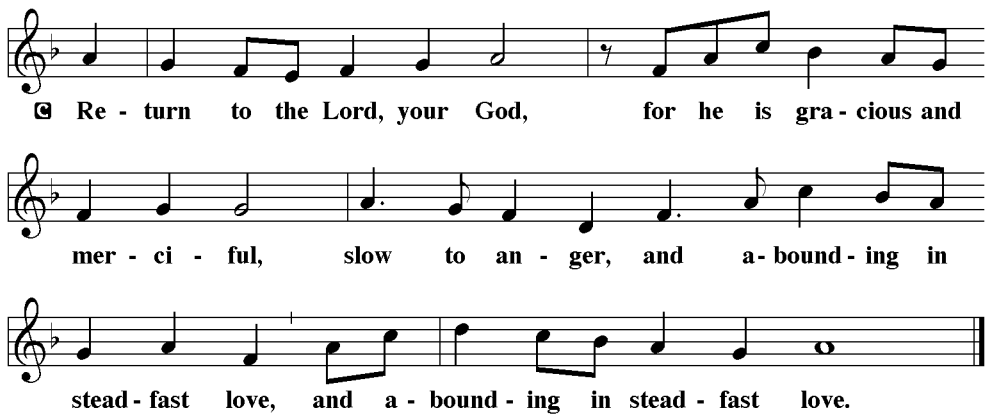
⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Chris Berry

*THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Return to the Lord”



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.

***THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE GOSPEL**

Mark 14:1-9

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

THE SERMON



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.
Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993
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*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (J. Crüger/G. Matheny)

* THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

O God, whose arrival in Jerusalem was welcomed with a show of palms and shouts of praise;

We confess that we, too, make a joyful noise at your coming but turn our backs on discipleship when the going gets tough. We want to serve you with our lips but struggle to do so with our lives. Forgive us God.

This is the good news, Christ said "I will never turn away anyone who comes to me".

Amen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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.

*THE SANCTUS

☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.
 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.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

☐ 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"

WOV 699



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

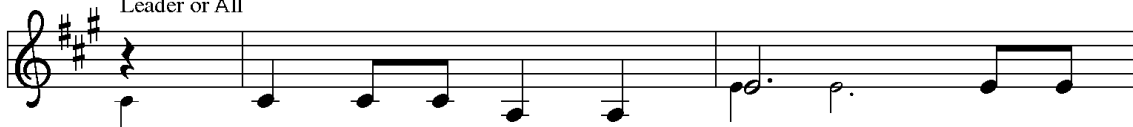
Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

HYMN: "I Am the Bread of Life"

WOV 702

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. . . . If you be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

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Refrain

All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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HYMN: “In the Quiet Consecration” (not printed)

LBW (green hymnal) 223

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING

*THE SENDING HYMN “O Savior, Precious Savior”

LBW 514



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879
Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: “Toccata in E Minor” (Johann Pachelbel)

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Holy Week at Messiah Lutheran Church

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper at Noon & 7:00 p.m.*

March 29 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 7:00 p.m.*

March 31 - Easter/Resurrection of our Lord Sunday. Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM.*

Easter Breakfast at MLC

9:00 - 11:30 AM | Parish Hall

Organized by MLC Youth

Your RSVP is helpful to the organizers but not required.

Your free-will donations support
Messiah's Youth Travel Fund.

Cash, Check & Credit Cards
Accepted

Easter Breakfast RSVP



On the Menu

Easter Breakfast casserole -
(bacon or sausage)

Crustless veggie quiche

Pancakes

Bacon

Sausage

Muffins

Coffee and juice

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes/Bible Bearer</u>	Sarah Rydbom (8:30)
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields		Leonardo Diaz
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne	<u>Acolytes/Bible Bearer</u>	Hannah Seitz(11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand		Thomas Seitz
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Greeters</u>	Rick & Lee Linda Baggett (8:30)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt		(11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Peter Woods, Joe Huwaldt (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker		Paul Arnold, Bruce Machamer (11:00)
		<u>Lectors</u>	Jacque Fry (8:30)
			Chris Berry (11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Peirce (8:30)
			Pat Esteppe (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Claire Davis, Bob Davis
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jutta DeMarsh

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Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519
Pastor's Office Hours are M-W 10 am -12 pm
MLC staff will never directly solicit you to purchase gift-cards or withdraw money for "sensitive matters," If in doubt call the church office.
Don't get scammed. If it feels fishy - it probably is!

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE PALMS today are given to the glory of God as we gather to praise and worship Jesus Christ in the journey through Holy Week to Resurrection Sunday.

A NURSERY, staffed by Sarah Walker, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT today during the Sunday School hour - All children are invited to an Easter Party with snacks, crafts and an easter egg hunt. The party will be in the Parish hall and the youth group will be hiding eggs.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS DUE BY TUESDAY, MARCH 26. Please see the inserted form. You can also order and pay online by scanning the QR code.

MOES (Messiah Older Elementary School Students in Grades 3 - 5) will meet Sat., March 30 at 12 p.m. to help prepare MLC for Easter Sunday. Coordinator Whitney Morse has activities planned out for through May. For details visit <https://www.smores.com/n/cfw8>.

EASTER IS NEARLY HERE! Worship Assistants are needed for all areas. Please RSVP for the Breakfast Fundraiser if you plan to attend. A photo booth for directory photos is also planned. An area will be set up outside weather permitting and in the Fellowship Hall if necessary.

MLC RUMMAGE AND PLANT SALE is Saturday, April 6, 2024. Drop off your gently used items for sale Thursday & Friday prior. No large appliances, electronics or other items that could be considered hazardous waste to dispose. There will also be over a hundred plants available! If you have plants to donate, please mark them with their name/variety. Volunteers are also needed for staging, pricing, and for the day of the sale. POC Paulette McNamara

A CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND THE RETIREMENT POTLUCK FOR CLAIRE STRAND is planned for Sunday, April 21 at Noon in the Parish Hall. MLC will honor God's work through this gifted and caring disciple. Claire is retiring and plans to continue being active in the missions and ministries of MLC.

MUSIC CAMP 2024 REGISTRATION IS OPEN All children rising Kindergarten through rising 9th grade are welcome to experience Messiah Music Camp. The week-long camp is June 3 - 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a Saturday morning dress rehearsal on June 8, and a single Sunday morning presentation of the musical "Say What?" during worship on June 9 (Time TBA). The cost of the camp is \$100.00 with discounts available for siblings. Visit the Music Camp website at www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org to register. Opportunities to volunteer will be announced soon.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Dark Towels (52 x 27) **FOOD PANTRY** - Peanut Butter & Jelly (No Glass)

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

SignUp Genius

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Easter Party/Egg Hunt for the Children - Parish Hall

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for Adults

6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Parish Hall)

Monday, March 25

6:30 p.m. - Women's Book & Social Club (Peirce Home)

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

5:30 p.m. - Men of Messiah @ Casual Pint-Providence

Wednesday, March 27

7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, March 28

12:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service of Worship w/the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. - *Maundy Thursday Service of Worship w/the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29

7:00 p.m. - *Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness

Saturday, March 30

10:00 a.m. - Youth Meet & Prep for Easter Sunday

12:00 p.m. - MOES Meet & Prep for Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: Easter Sunday w/the Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast - Parish Hall

11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: Easter Sunday w/the Lord's Supper

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD

April 6 - MLC Rummage Sale and Plant Sale, Too!

April 21 - Celebration of Mission & Retirement of Claire Strand

May 5 - Congregation Meeting with Elections and Potluck

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday, Affirmation of Baptism, Graduate Blessings

June 3 - 9 - Messiah Music Camp

Attendance:

March 10 - Online - 80 March 17 - 8:30 a.m. - 92, 11:00 a.m. - 55

Easter Flowers



Online Giving

