April 10, 2022 Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday

Procession of Palms

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

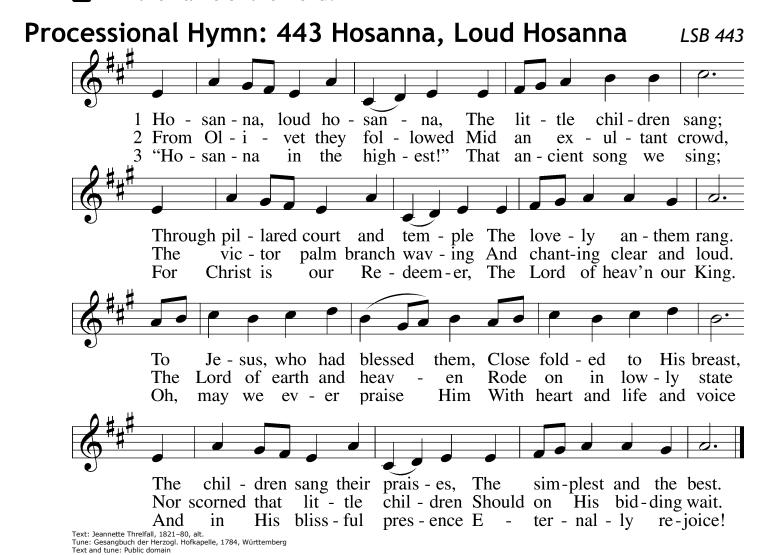
Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.
- Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it." ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.
- **P** Let us go forth in peace,
- **C** in the name of the Lord.



- **P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna in the highest.

A time of silence may be observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5 LSB 184

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins

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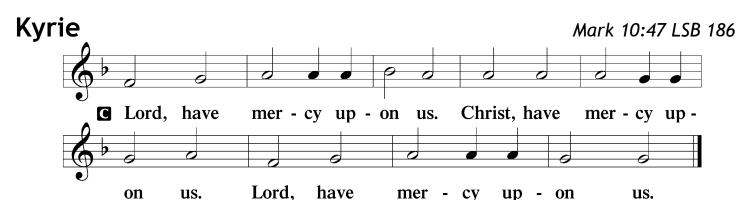
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23] LSB 185

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word



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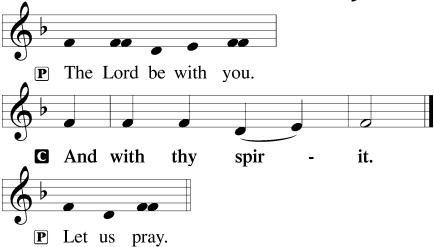
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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus $[\mathbf{P}]$ 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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 32. A

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods,

the rock in which they took refuge,

38 who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

39"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

- **A** 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

A The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 2.

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.

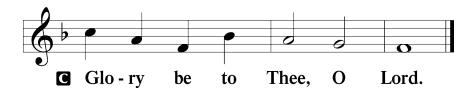
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:1-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate.

²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him."

¹⁸But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²³But they

were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place,

returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn of the Day: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



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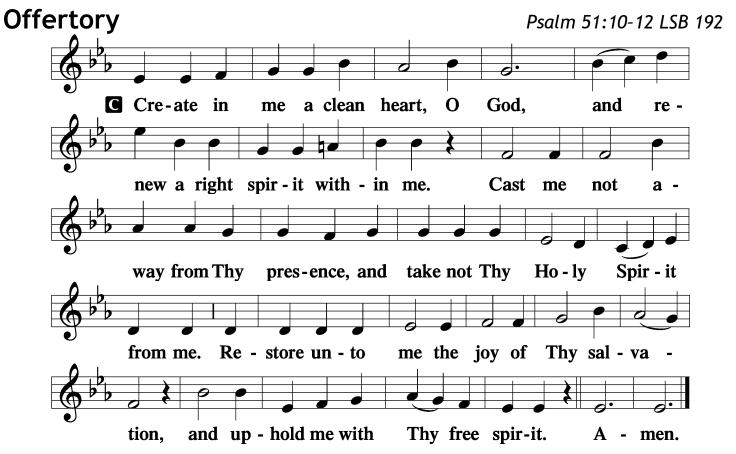
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Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

Stand



Sit

Handbells (10:30am)

Ride On

Offering

Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.

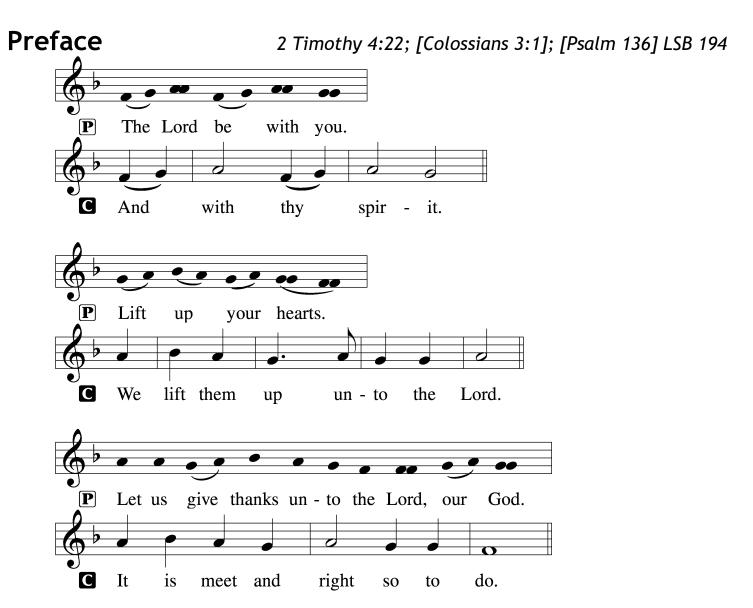
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Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For a mind like Christ Jesus to spurn all worldly equality, that we would humble ourselves here and find His greater portion in the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the Church of Christ, that her faith would remain fixed upon His death for our salvation, and that His Gospel would be proclaimed and lived out until He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all Christian fathers, that receiving Christ, the heavenly Father's Son who was sacrificed for them, they in turn would be enlivened to sacrificial love for their own children, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For those in authority over us, that they would have the same mind as Christ who sacrificed Himself for us, and so fulfill their duty even to the least, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who suffer in this world, [especially ______,] that they would not fear but fix their eyes on Jesus as they await the fullness of their salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who commune, that the Lord, who humbly rode into Jerusalem for our salvation, would give to us hearts that confess our sin and rejoice in His presence in the Holy Communion for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show to us the answer to Your people's prayers of "Hosanna," "save now," in the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 195

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



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

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 162

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

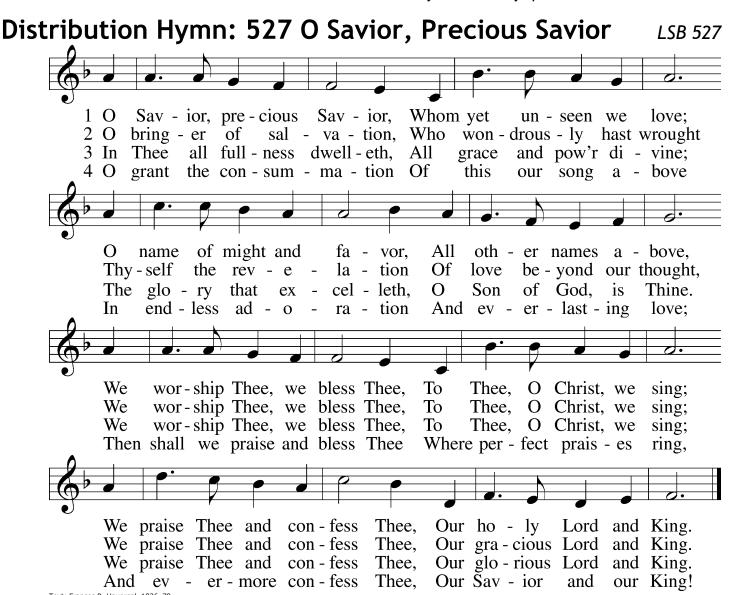
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



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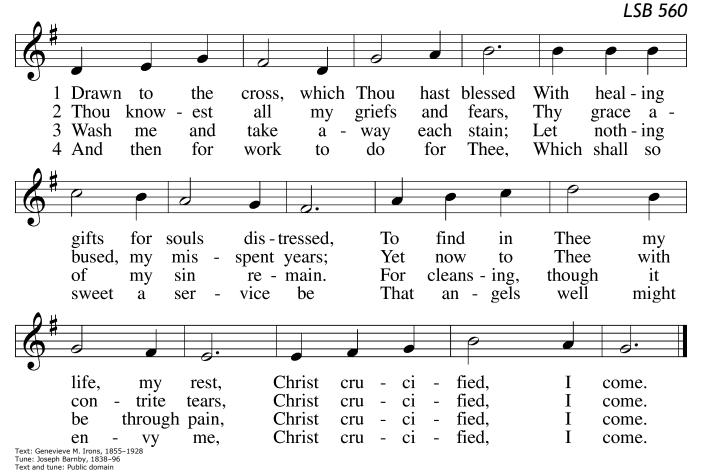
AS YOU RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Directions
 - Ushers will dismiss the congregation beginning from the back of the sanctuary.
 - Fill the communion rail beginning from the lectern side (left).
 - Kneel or stand as you are able.
 - Pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by the assistants with the blood of Christ (individual or common cup).
 - Once you have received the body and blood of Christ, dismiss yourself and return to your seat via the Fellowship Hall through the side door.
 - If you have received an individual cup, place it in the basket provided on your way out the door.
- Gluten-free communion bread is available. Simply ask pastor for this option as you come forward for communion.
- A low/no-alcohol option is also available. On the tray of individual cups are several plastic
 cups that contain juice with a drop of wine included. This dilute amount of wine uses the
 element with which the Lord's Supper was instituted (wine) while providing an alternative if
 needed. Please feel free to see Pastor or an Elder if you have any questions.



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Distribution Hymn: Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



Distribution Hymn: Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come



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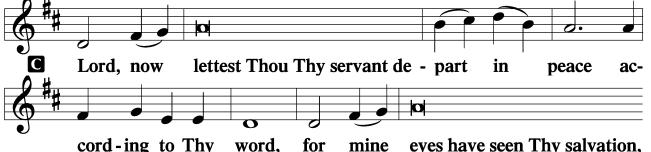
The Dismissal

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- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- Amen.

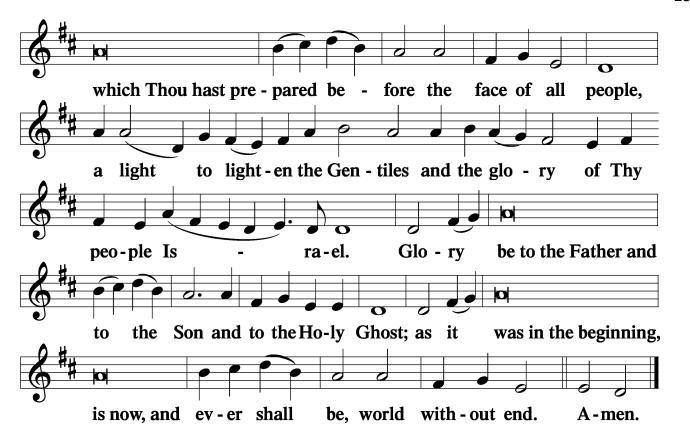
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Luke 2:29-32 LSB 199

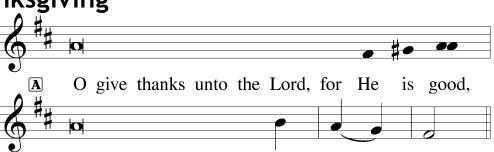


cord-ing to Thy eyes have seen Thy salvation, word,

Psalm 107:1 LSB 200



Thanksgiving



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that this heavenly food which we have received will strengthen our faith that we may bear all crosses, sickness, and trials with patience and trust until You grant us deliverance, peace, and health; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Salutation

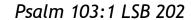
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P The Lord be with you.



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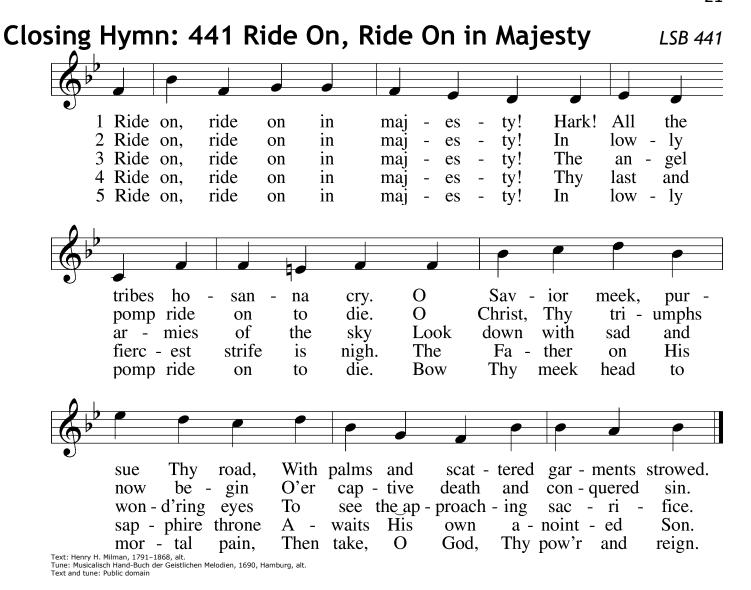
Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.





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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
Today	12:00-2:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Monday		NO Confirmation Class
Tuesday	5:00-7:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elder Meeting
Wednesday		NO Bible Study
Thursday	11:30 AM	Holy Thursday Morning Worship
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Evening Worship
Friday	11:30 AM	Good Friday Morning Worship
Friday	7:00 PM	Good Friday Evening Worship
Saturday	7:00 PM	Saturday Easter Vigil

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES We will assemble these packages today.

PARENTS! Last call ... if you want your student included, we need their name and college address (or home, if they're living locally). We don't want to overlook anyone but need your help! How? Fill out a sheet at the College Care table; or contact the church office; or use an attendance slip. Questions? Contact Chris Duran at 216-577-5164, or Sarah Richter at 440-263-4600.

EASTER BREAKFAST NEEDS YOU! Sign-up at the Welcome Center to bring an item to share and to help set-up and clean-up. We'll have a pot-luck style breakfast to celebrate together!

<u>PASSION WALK</u> Zion Lutheran Church, in Valley City is hosting their 12th Annual event on 2 days - Saturday, April 9th & Sunday, April 10th. Both will run continually from 6:15-8:00 PM. Handicapped accessible; call 330-483-3873 or go to: www.zion.org for further information.

GOD'S DESIGN: GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Responding to Today's Challenges with Faithfulness and Grace Sundays, at 9:30 AM*

God created humanity in His image—male and female He created them—to be companions, lovers, parents, and helpers. Sin has corrupted these good gifts. Today we continue to face challenges to God's good design for men and women. It can be difficult to know how to respond to these challenges with grace and faithfulness to God's Word, especially when it involves our family, friends, loved ones, or our own desires.

Over the course of this study we'll look at issues such as:

- Temptation, repentance & forgiveness
- Sexual sins: heterosexual & homosexual

- Transgenderism
- Marriage & family
- Living a chaste & decent life in what we say & do
- · Loving our neighbor who is in sexual sin
- · Opportunities to submit questions discreetly

*Sessions can be streamed live or on-demand YouTube, facebook, or spvc.org

LWML CLOTHING DRIVE: We are accepting clothing April through mid-May. We will be taking them to Trinity, Cleveland; a date will be set soon. Please bring them to the church and place them in the room downstairs behind the kitchen area.

<u>PORTALS OF PRAYER</u> the April-June devotion booklets are available in the Narthex hallway, please take one home today.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE We are taking a door offering to provide relief to those affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

<u>WITNESSES TO CHRIST</u> daily devotionals are still available in the Narthex hallway, grab yours today!

<u>LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES</u> is looking for a full-time Intervention Specialist at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Cleveland OH. Applicants would need to be an Intervention Specialist. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at 734-748-5253, or email him at: rschumacher@luthsped.org

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future.

- 1. Check the posted times for "walk-in" communion below.
- 2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

"Walk-In" times at Church:

- Sundays, 12 2pm
- o Tuesdays, 5 − 7pm

Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

- To schedule a time other than the walk-in times
 - Call Pastor 440-458-0189
 - Visit <u>www.spvc.org</u> and click "Book with Pastor" to see available times for appointments.

<u>TITHES & OFFERINGS</u> are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

- 1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- 2. Mail your contributions to the church.
- 3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
- 4. Visit www.spvc.org and click on "Give Online" you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

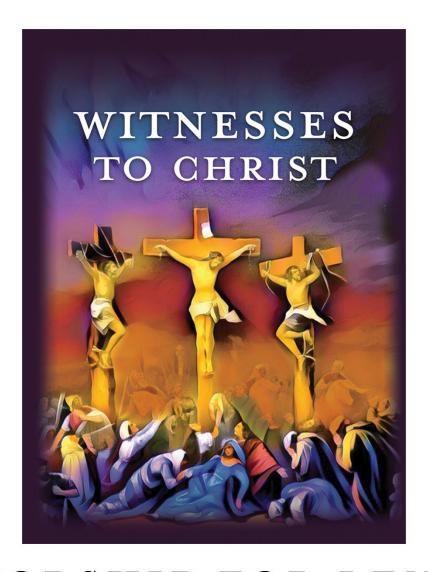
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 10AM. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and on-demand.

HANDSHAKES - FIST BUMPS - HUGS? We realize that greeting one another is a personal thing and Pastor will allow you to take the lead in this greeting. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

RECYCLE WORSHIP BULLETINS You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Or, please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to prayer@spvc.org - also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates.



WORSHIP FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 2

II:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am)7:00pm - WorshipLord's Supper celebrated at both services

Wednesdays in Lent

II:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am) 7:00pm - Worship

Maundy Thursday

(Divine Service with the Lord's Supper) April 14, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 15, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 16, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday: April 17

8 & 10:30am Festival Divine Service

Stream all services LIVE or ON-DEMAND at www.spvc.org

				APRIL 2022	2022				
	SERVICE	April 3	April 6	April 10	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 24
		SUNDAY	Wednesday	SUNDAY	Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Vigil	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
			7:00 PM	Palm Sunday	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	Easter	
		Communion		Communion	Communion			Communion	Communion
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	All Elders	All Elders	One Elder	All Elders	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato
	10:30am	10:30am Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson		Jim Jackson / Rob Zacharias				All Elders	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon		Chris Duran				Chris Duran	David Hesketh
	10:30am	Jay Moser		Brian Dearth				Brian Dearth	Jay Moser
GREETERS	8am	Elder		David & Mackenzie Duran				Dean & Beth Bremke	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes
	10:30am	Elder		Barb Pijor				Elder	Barb Pijor
ELDER INFO									
Stephen Kato									
330-242-7183									
Tim Wadle									
216-214-7109									
Jim Jackson									
330-391-6393									
Rob Zacharias									
330-416-6013									
Sam Jakabcic									
216-789-1076									

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Masks

- o Masks are entirely voluntary.
- Some may prefer to continue to wear a mask. Please respect their personal choice.
- Entering Church: Sanitize your hands as you arrive, please.
- **Bulletins:** We will continue to use the bulletin format with the entire service printed in it. Hymnals will return to the pews if you prefer to use them for singing and liturgy.
- Seating During Worship: *Update 3/13:* We have returned to an "open seating" format.
- Offerings: The offering plates won't be passed and will remain at the table at the entrance. Feel free to continue to use automatic giving via your bank or our website.
- **Leaving Church:** We will return to an open dismissal of the congregation. The Ushers will not be dismissing rows. Feel free to exit your pew whenever you are ready.
- **Communion Distribution**: We will return to receiving communion at the altar rail in our previous pattern with a few adjustments:
 - o Procedure:
 - Take your place at the communion rail filling from left to right (lectern to pulpit).
 - After you receive the Body and Blood of Christ, you may exit the rail and return to your seat via the fellowship hall around to the back of the church.
 - Individual cups can be placed in the basket by the pulpit on your way out the side door.
 - Common Cup is available if you desire to receive communion this way. (If you have concerns about transmission of disease via the common cup, see Pastor as he can provide a variety of resources that have previously shown that the common cup is not a vector for infection.)
 - o If—for any reason—you prefer to receive communion while remaining at your seat, please let an usher know as you arrive so that we can bring communion to you.

Prayers for Worship

On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.