



## ***Palm Sunday***

### Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

March 29th, 2026

10:00 a.m.

**Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](#)**

**Zoom info:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87022443010?pwd=Vb20CctLVvbwCWNabXQoU9d1ebbgip.1>**

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### **WELCOME**

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

## **GATHERING**

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

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

P: The Gospel according to Mark, the 21st chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

P: The Lord be with you,

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray (*raise palm branches*). 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.**

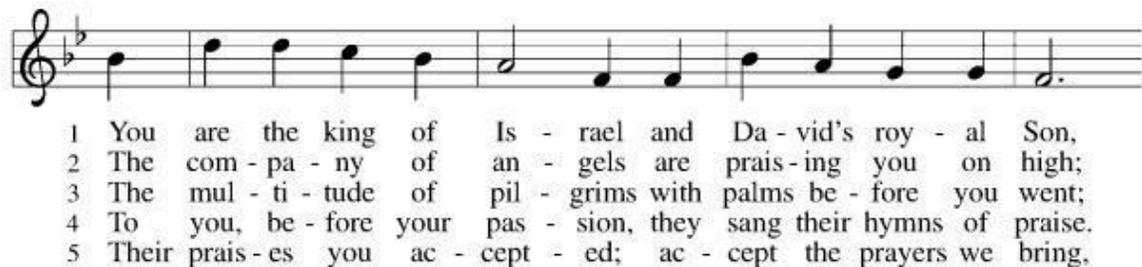
A: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **OPENING HYMN**

**All Glory Laud and Honor**  
*The hymn is on the next page.*

*(ELW 344)*



## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

(TFF pg. 26)

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

A: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Everlasting God,

**C: 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.**

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 50:4-9*

The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, 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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31**

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I 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.

**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

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.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

**I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love."**

**SECOND READING**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above

every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**LENTEN VERSE** (TFF 101)

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26th chapter.

*Matthew 26:14—27:66*

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

(Please refer to the hand out, "Following There", for the Passion reading.)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON  
SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross**

(TFF 73)



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Hear us O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## **WE SHARE PEACE**

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **QUIET TIME**

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **Let The Vineyards**

*(TFF pg. 36)*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest of seeds that were sown, that we may be fed the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: O God,

**C: Maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **SANCTUS**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*(TFF pg. 38)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

### SHARING THE MEAL

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

#### I Can Hear My Savior Calling You Servants of God

(TFF 146)

(ELW 825)



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

### BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: God of our salvation,

C: We give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ☩ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

**SENDING SONG****King of My Life**

(TFF 86)



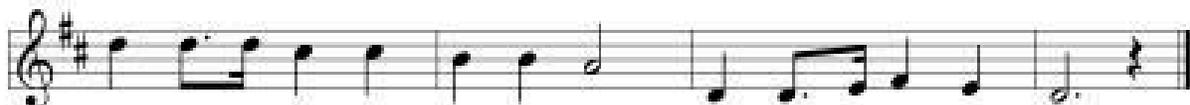
- 1 King of my life I crown thee now, thine shall the glo - ry be;
- 2 Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, ten - der - ly mourned and wept;
- 3 Let me, like Mar - y, through the gloom, come with a gift to thee;
- 4 May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear dai - ly my cross for thee,



lest I for - get thy thorn - crowned brow, lead me to Cal - va - ry,  
 an - gels in robes of light ar - rayed guard - ed thee whilst thou slept.  
 show to me now the emp - ty tomb, lead me to Cal - va - ry,  
 e - ven thy cup of grief to share; thou hast borne all for me.



*Refrain*  
 Lest I for - get Geth - sem - a - ne, lest I for - get thine ag - o - ny,



lest I for - get thy love for me, lead me to Cal - va - ry.

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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**Worship Participants This Week**

**Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Julianne Smeck

**Ministers:** All worshippers

**Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily

**Pianist:** Caitlin Couch

**Reader:** Arianna Fentress

**Worship Assistant:** Janet Ligon

**Acolyte:** Aubrey Fentress

**Usher:** Doris and Frank Nelson

**Worship Leaders Next Sunday**

**Reader:** Pom Linder

**Worship Assistant:** Don Huber

**Acolyte:** Deven McDaniel

**Usher:** Florine Castleman

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**BIRTHDAYS:** Dan Abell (30th) Arianna Fentress (31st)

**HOLY WEEK** Today begins Holy Week with observance of Palm Sunday. It is the first of several opportunities to participate in special readings. Please let Pastor know if you are interested. The readings will be on Palm Sunday (March 29), Good Friday, (April 3) and the Easter Vigil (April 4). Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil start at 7:00 PM at Hope.

**BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday at 6:30pm!

**NELSON W. TROUT LECTURES** April 23-24, 2026 — REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

This year we are pleased to welcome **The Rev. Traci Blackmon!** Also, new this year will be a Friday morning Prayer Breakfast. Registration is free and open to the public. **Register TODAY at [www.Trinity.Capital.edu](http://www.Trinity.Capital.edu)**

**THE PASTOR'S SABBATH** is on Thursday and Friday each week.

**PROPERTY CONCERNS** You can now communicate property issues via email (**[hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com](mailto:hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com)**), the committee has decided one chairperson isn't necessary. This is a strong team, and they will respond quickly.

**GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP**

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:

\*Download the Venmo app

\*Set up bank account info, or debit card info

\*Touch "Pay" or "Request" at the bottom

\*Enter the church cell phone number. (614) 907-3869

\*Church user name — **@HopeLilley-820**

\*Enter offering amount

**Note:** When setting up an account, select "Private: mode for transactions."

**Offerings @ 3/26/26**

Received: \$30,726 Over / (Short): **(\$1,895)**

Anticipated: \$32,620 **Cap Imp: \$1,153**

