

Palm Sunday

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

April 13, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranChurchCbus)

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WELCOME

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS**Luke 19:28-40**

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

A: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Compassionate One,

C: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

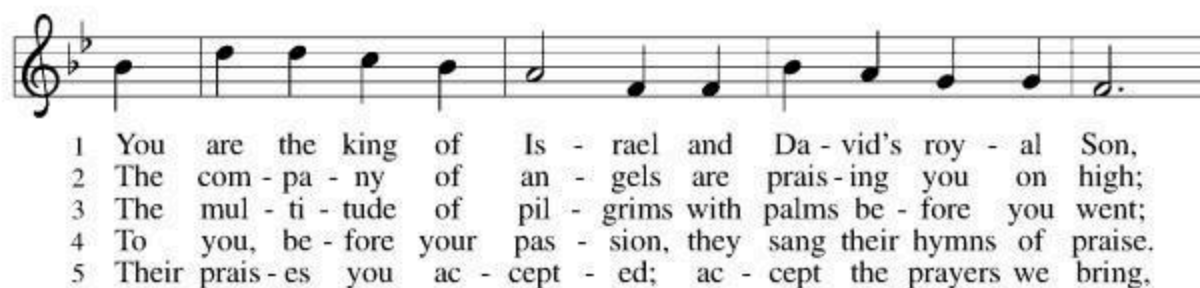
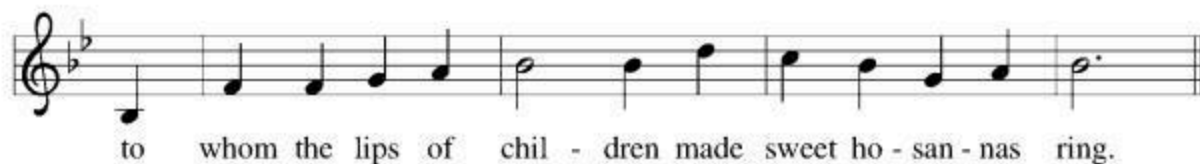
P: Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

(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.

DIALOGUE FOR LENT

A: The Lord is near to those who call on him.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

A: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

C: Now is the day of salvation.

A: Turn us again, O God of our salvation.

C: That the light of your face may shine on us.

A: May your justice shine like the sun;

C: And may the poor be lifted up.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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 50:4-9a**

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. 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 up 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*Read responsively*

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 was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of 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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Spirit Of The Living God

(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 Luke, the 22nd chapter

Luke 22:14-23:56

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: When the hour came...

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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.

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: God, in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer.

WE SHARE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

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: Gracious Provider,

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

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

**Let Us Break Bread Together
Now We Offer**

(TFF 123)

(TFF 129)

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(TFF pg. 41)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name

Send us with your promises O God;

and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, with shouts of thanksgiving,

With shouts of thanksgiving, Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Gracious host,

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

BENEDICTION

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING SONG**Prepare The Royal Highway***(ELW 264)*

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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Worship Participants This Week

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Julianne Smeck

Ministers: All worshippers

Pianist: Robert Wade **Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily

Reader: Susan Keljo

Worship Assistant: Adam Viney

Acolyte: Darren McDaniel

Usher: Kim Fedrick

Worship Leaders Next Week

Reader: Muriel Scruggs

Worship Assistant: Beverly Chavis

Acolyte: Deven McDaniel

Usher: Barbara McDaniel

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PRAYER REQUESTS Oscar, Verona Terry, Annette Flewellen, Francene Travis, Billy Gillyard, Alan Strahler and family, Bill Alsnauer, Grace Winfrey, Edward Ligon, Alice Ligon, Doris Nelson, Morris Scruggs, Gloria Jones, Tracy Snow, Rosa Campbell, Margaret Belcher, Monica Price

EASTER BREAKFAST Join us for the Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday following worship!

SAVE THE DATE! Church Council will host a Congregational Gathering on May 18 following worship service. The purpose of the gathering is to supplement the semi-annual congregational meetings, which focus on the business issues requiring votes. The gathering will be an opportunity to hear from committees about ministries of the church and future plans. In addition, time will be devoted to hearing the vision and recommendations of Hope's members. There will be light refreshments with the proposed time frame of one hour.

PARKINSON'S MOVING DAY 2025 Join "Bill's Bunch" on Saturday, April 26th (9am) at Wolfe Park to support those battling Parkinson's and the people who love them. Many from Hope participated last year and it proved to be a fun and worthwhile event. Flyers with event details can be found on the back table. Join Bill's Bunch and join the fun! See Sarah, Lisa or Bill for more info.

LENTEN SEASON SERVICE PROJECT Hope again is making Personal Care Kits as a Lenten project. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ-fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty. Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- One lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-sized towel (20'x40' to 27'x52"). Dark colors recommended
- Two or three bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- One sturdy comb. Remove packaging
- One metal nail clipper. Remove packaging

Wrap all items in the towel and secure them with ribbon or yarn.

The box in the back of the church labeled LWR is for the collection of Kits and supplies to make kits.

MUSICIAN SEARCH The Church Council has appointed a search committee for the Lead Musician position; recruitment activities are underway. Any questions or suggestions may be addressed to Pastor Smeck.

PROPERTY CONCERNS Please send emails to [hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com](mailto:hopolutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com). You will be contacted quickly.

CALENDAR

April 26 - Parkinson's Moving Day, 9:00 a.m. at Wolfe Park

May 17 - Food Giveaway

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

April 17 - Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

April 18 - Good Trouble Friday, "Stations of Love and Justice", Trinity Episcopal on Capital Square, 12:00 p.m.

Good Friday, "The Seven Last Words", at St. Philip Episcopal Church, 6:00 p.m.

April 19 - Easter Vigil, 6:00 p.m.

April 20 - Easter Sunday, Easter breakfast following worship

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."



General Offerings

Received: \$36,848

Anticipated: \$36,949

Over / (Short): (\$101)

Capital Improvements: \$1,798



We welcome all people into our community of faith and invite them to join us as we seek to understand God's love for us and strive to be faithful messengers of that love.