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Lutheran Church of Our Savior

Divine Service
Sundays
10:00 a.m.

5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino, California



"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." - Acts 2:42

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GUESTS! Welcome! We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present—to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (both returning and first-time) who—prior to the service—inform a pastor that they are communicant members-ingood-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. **We thank guests who are not communicants of sister congregations** for honoring

our convictions and remaining in the pew during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. *All communicants are encouraged to review* Christian Questions with Their Answers *in the hymnal*, *p*.329-330.

COMMUNION *in the PEW*... If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day

The Son of David comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out "the ruler of this world" and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to "rejoice greatly," because her King comes with salvation, and "he shall speak peace to the nations" (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed "beforehand for burial" (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as "the King of the Jews" by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes "as it is written of him," wherefore "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power" (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has "highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.

Palm Sunday 24 March 2024 AD

+ DIVINE SERVICE + Setting Two

PRELUDE

To

You, now

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN Refrain All glo - ry, laud, and To You, Re-deem-er, King, hon or To whom the lips of chil dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring. 1 You are the King Son, of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al 2 The com-pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high, 3 The mul-ti - tude pil-grims With palms be - fore You of went: pas - sion They sang their hymns of 4 To You be - fore Your praise: 5 As You re-ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring. Refrain the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed Now in with cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply. And we all an - thems Be - fore You we Our praise and prayer and pre - sent.

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ex - alt - ed,

Our mel - o - dy

'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra-cious King.

we raise.

As the children with palms escort the cross, the congregation stands and visually follows the cross to the chancel.

Following stanza 2 of the hymn, St. John's account of the Palm Sunday procession is read followed by stanzas 3-5 of the hymn.

INVOCATION Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION 1 John 1:8-9

- **P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION [John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26



- P Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
 We bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- C Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,* that the King of glory | may come in.
- P Who is this King of | glory?*

 The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!
- C Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,* that the King of glory | may come in.
- **P** Who is this King of | glory?*

 The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!
- Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

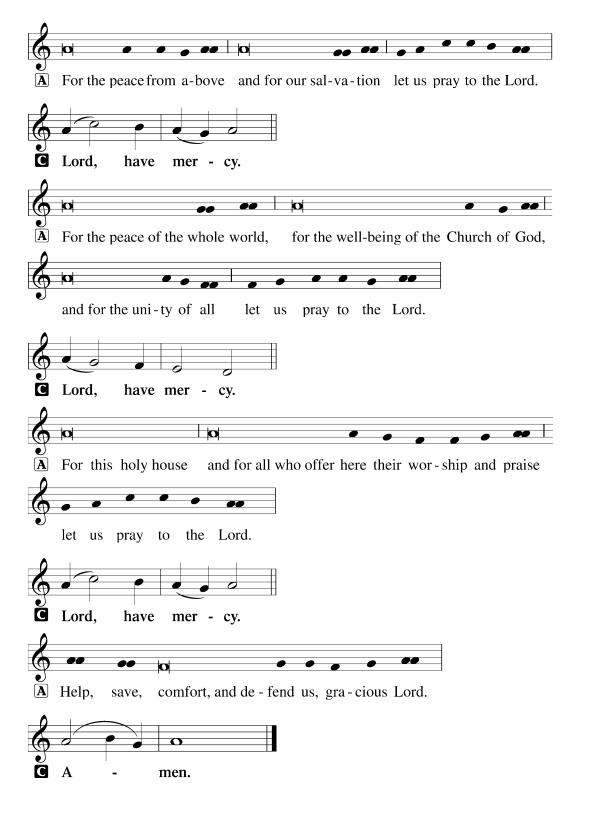
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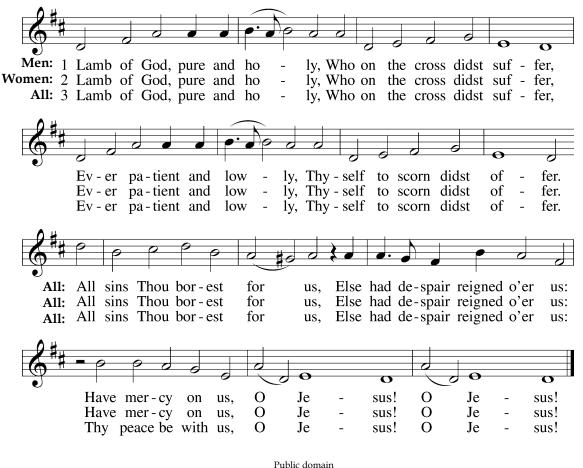
KYRIE Mark 10:47



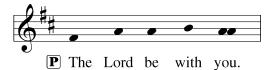
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.







SALUTATION





COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus 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.

C Amen.

READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off. and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Gradual:

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

P [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places,
by means of | his own blood,*
thus securing an eternal re- | demption.
Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,*
so that those who are called may receive
the promised eternal in- | heritance.
He sent redemption to his | people;*
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

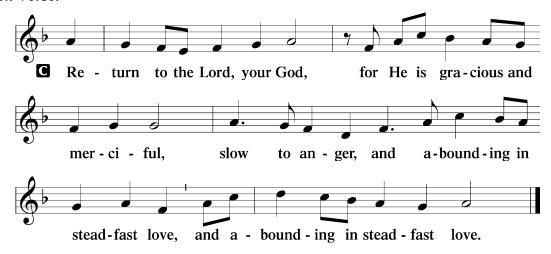
Epistle: Philippians 2:5–11

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.

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

Lenten Verse:



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Holy Gospel: John 12:20-43

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.*



²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" 35So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



THE CREED ~ Nicene Creed

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

whose kingdom will have no end.

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 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.

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



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: **P** "LORD, in your mercy," or **P** "Let us pray to the LORD"

C "Hear our prayer!" C "LORD, have mercy."

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

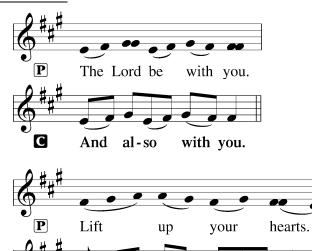


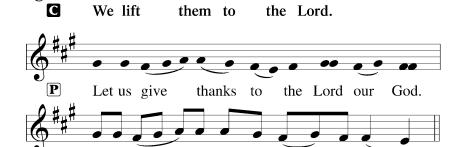
The Service of Holy Communion

- + Guests (both returning and first-time), please refer to "Holy Communion and Guests" on page two.
- + Communicants, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, extend your hand. To receive our Lord's Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, extend your open hand when the cup you prefer is offered.

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]





PROPER PREFACE

It is right

P It is truly good, 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:

to give Him thanks and praise.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

(*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues)

*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.*

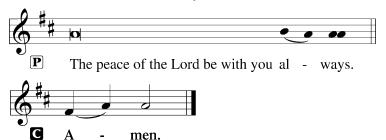
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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 ⅓ 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."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



FIRST DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 420

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe: Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod; Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God! Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole; Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul; Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free; Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security; Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore, For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore, Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying, For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.



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- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places. I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.

- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTIONNumbers 6:24–26

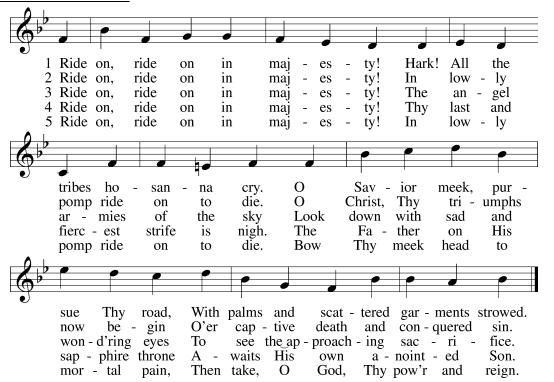
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



RECESSIONAL HYMN # 441



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~ Announcements ~

♦ Sunday Christian Education Classes ♦

Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday. Christian Education classes begin at 8:30 a.m.

Due to Easter festivities, Christian Education classes will be *on hiatus next Sunday* but will resume the following Sunday, April 7.

COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE				
Mon:	u: 8:30 am — Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy – Meets <i>daily</i> until 3:30 pm			
	9:30 am — Church Office Closed			
Wed:	9:00 am - LCOS Homeschool Together Day - Meets until 3:00 pm			
	10:00 am — Morning Chapel			
	6:00 pm — Catechism			
Thu:	10:30 am — <u>No</u> All Saints Bible Study - Resumes Thursday, April 4			
	7:30 pm - Maundy (Holy) Thursday Divine Service			
Fri:	8:30 am - Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy - No School			
	7:30 pm — Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers			
Sat:	7:30 pm — Vigil of Easter			
Sun:	8:30 am - LCOS Easter Breakfast - Served in Parish Hall until 9:45 am			
	9:30 am - Easter Children's Activities - Meets in School Courtyard			
	10:00 am — Easter Festival Divine Service			

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD" ...

- ◆ *For the HARD-OF-HEARING* ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers. [Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,
- ◆ For CHILDREN ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.

♦ Holy Week at Lutheran Church of Our Savior ♦

Join us as we commemorate and celebrate the sacred events of our salvation. We gather for worship...



- ♦ 3/28, 7:30 p.m. Maundy (Holy) Thursday Divine Service
- ♦ 3/29, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
- ♦ 3/30, 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Vigil of Easter
- ♦ 3/31, 10:00 a.m. Easter Festival Divine Service

Easter Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.

Children's Easter Activities – 9:30 a.m.



<u>A RIDE TO HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES</u> ... If you could use a ride to LCOS Holy Week and Easter services, please contact the church office for assistance.

<u>LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS</u> ... Lenten Soup Suppers concluded this past Wednesday. Thank you to all who provided soups/casseroles or who helped facilitate the event. Warm soups, casseroles, and Christian camaraderie had by all who attended.

<u>EASTER BREAKFAST</u>, 2024 ... If you plan on attending the annual Easter breakfast, please indicate so (for those preparing) by signing up in the courtyard. Thank you.

<u>EASTER LILIES</u> ... If you'd like to provide a lily to adorn the chancel during for the festivities of Easter, please sign up in the narthex. Cost: \$10/ea. Thank you.

<u>CHURCH DIRECTORY 2024</u> ... Sign up in the Courtyard for photos to appear in the 2024 LCOS Church Pictorial Directory. Member photos to be taken **April 12 and 13** at LCOS.

<u>PREPARING FOR NEXT DIVINE SERVICE</u>... In preparation for next Divine Service... Occasion: Maundy (Holy) Thursday; Lessons: Exodus 24:3-11, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Mark 14:12-26; Hymn of the Day: 617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee."

SERVING WEEK OF	? :	March 24	March 31
Ushers	Sun:	J. Bestul, J. Kiiski, N. Mogor	P. Ichikawa, D. Pries, E. de Vries
	Thurs:	D. Mitby, J. Cox, D. Delaney	
	Fri:	D. Carlson, L. Ristow, J. Bestul	
	Sat.	T. Marting, M. Stephens, D. Bestul	
Crucifer	Sun:	Larry Ristow	Nonso Mogor
	Thurs:	Michael Stephens	·
	Fri:	David Mitby	
Torchbearers	Sun:	Jacob Bestul, Andres Sacarelos	Jonah Pries, Benjamin Bestul
	Thurs:	Joseph Bestul, Isaac Bestul	·
	Fri:	Walter Mitby, Henry Mitby	
Altar Guild	Sun:	Emily Debner, Yvette Lanza	Stephanie Bestul, Kathy Matulewicz
	Thurs:	Heidi Carlson, Mary Carlson	
Communion Music	Sun:	Walter Mitby Thurs: Walter Mitby	Walter Mitby
Greeters	Sun:	Eunice Armstrong & Ruth Laney	Nonso Mogor
Counters	Sun:	Team 4	Team 5