



## Palm Sunday

### GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

#### Acclamation

**Matthew 21:1-11**...When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn

*“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

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#### Greeting

#### Prayer of the Day

Special Music

*“Hosanna Rock”*

SS Kids, MS/HS Choir, Chancel Choir

### WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

#### Children’s Message

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**...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. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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; <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Philippians 2:5-11**...Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

*"Lamb of God Your Only Son"*

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Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

*"Behold! The King Comes!"*

Radical Ringers

Offertory Song

*"Now Behold the Lamb"*

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Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs:

*"Lamb of God"*

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*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

*"Lift High the Cross"*

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Dismissal

Postlude

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, April 4 from 8 to 10am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. As part of our mission to Feed the Hungry, our food bags include 2 cans each of fruit, tuna and soup. During our pantry distributions, we provide up to 155 food bags each pantry distribution day! Recent sale prices allowed our blue bin donations to overflow with soup allowing us to use funds on other items for the last pantry distribution! Truly a blessing! Every item donated from our pantry shopping list is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be fruit, tuna and soup.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** for 2026 are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Day Without Shoes** Getting ready to clean some closets? Are your shoe racks overflowing? If so, it's a perfect time to join the "Day Without Shoes" campaign. During the month of March, we are gathering gently-used and new shoes. **All types and sizes are needed.** This collection is part of a larger community event, sponsored by Cornhusker Bank, to benefit the Stephen Center, other local shelters, and schools in our area. Shoe insecurity is a very real issue for many people in our community and your donation matters! To donate, simply place your shoes in the marked cart in the Narthex. (If possible, please buckle or tie shoes together so pairs don't get separated.)
- ⇒ **Easter Egg Hunt** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place today during the Sunday School hour. Families will meet in the Fellowship Hall for activities before heading outside for the egg hunt.
- ⇒ **Easter Flowers** Help make the church beautiful for Easter! Easter flowers again this year will include lilies, hyacinth, tulips and daffodils. Flowers can be purchased for \$11, orders are due by March 30th. To purchase flowers electronically [Click Here](#) or use an envelope at the usher stand and place in the offering plate.
- ⇒ **Metro East Spring Gathering for Women of the ELCA** will be held on April 18, 2026, at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Millard. The workshop speakers will be from Mosaic International and Project Harmony. A tangible offering will be gathered for Project Harmony. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barb Kay for registration forms.
- ⇒ **Thrivent Choice Dollars** Did you know, in 2025 HCLC received \$999 in Thrivent Choice dollars to help support our ministry? If you are a Thrivent Member, remember to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars by March 31st! [Click here.](#)
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### **Sunday, March 29**

9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship  
10:40 am Easter Egg Hunt

### **Monday, March 30**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 31**

7:30 pm AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 1**

12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class  
1:00 pm Sanctuary in Use  
6:00 pm Pantry Prep

### **Thursday, April 2**

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

### **Friday, April 3**

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex  
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction  
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship

### **Saturday, April 4**

8:00 am Food Pantry  
10:00 am Easter Transformation and Rehearsal

### **Sunday, April 5**

9:30 am Easter Worship  
10:40 am Easter Breakfast

### Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Mike McDonald; Julie Leahy; Anna Mae Carlson; Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

**Friends and Relatives:** Bobbi Valandra, sister of Jason Valandra; Arthur Oberwetter, father of Julie Leahy; Georgia Jennings, niece of Walter Roberts; Gordon Blake, father of Alisa Krueger; Paisley & Porter Rodriguez, friends of Eric Gitt; Pablo Adame, great-grandson of Connie Mertz; Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.