



**Messiah Lutheran Church**

*Light in the Beartooths*

**Palm Sunday**

March 24, 2024

*Pastor Ben Cherland*

**Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church**  
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**Gathering**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19 28-40

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Blessing of Palms**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

**Procession**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*(We process into the sanctuary singing!)*

# Processional Hymn - ACS 928 | Pave the Way with Branches



\*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace.

*\*Additional verses ad lib.:*

Release for the captives . . .  
Hope for the downtrod . . .  
Land for the landless . . .  
Debts are forgiven . . .

## Greeting

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

# Announcements

## Word

### Childrens Sermon

#### Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>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.

<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 up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 31:9-16**

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.

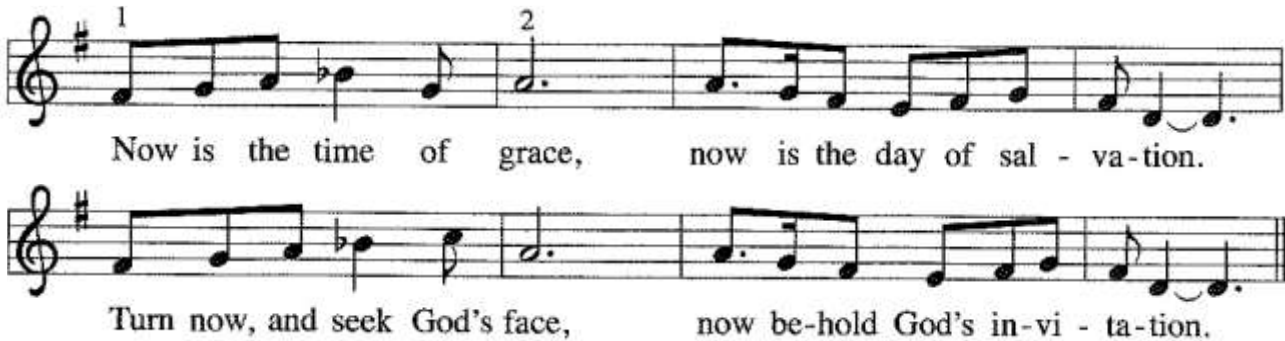
**But as for me,  
I have trusted in you, O Lord.  
I have said, “You are my God.  
My times are in your hand;  
rescue me  
from the hands of my enemies  
and from those who persecute me.  
Let your face shine  
upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”**

## **Philippians 2:5-11**

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

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

## Gospel Acclamation | ACS 918 Now Is the Time of Grace



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a first ending bracket over the first two measures, and a second ending bracket over the last two measures. The lyrics are: "Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion." The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion." The piece concludes with a double bar line.

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ and preserve us in hope of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Lesson: Mark 14:1-15:47. *(See reading supplement)*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day | ELW 343 My Song Is Love Unknown**  
*Played through once on the cello, join on Verse 1*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*...Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

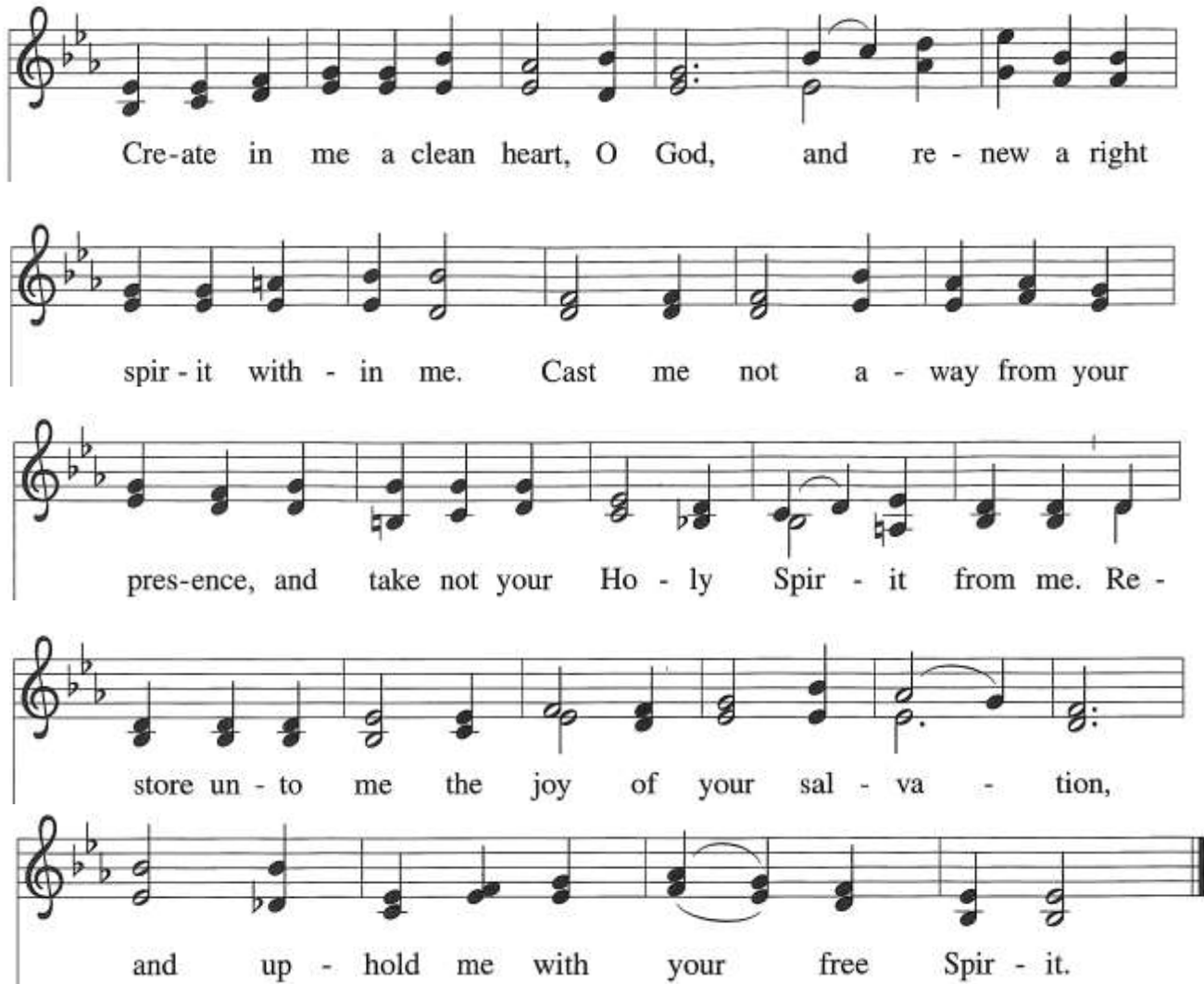
**Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Offering

### Offertory Hymn | ELW 188 Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### Offertory Prayer

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Meal

### Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined for emphasis. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff continues with 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff concludes with 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

### Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' is presented in four staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is more complex than the previous piece, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together in groups. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the final line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

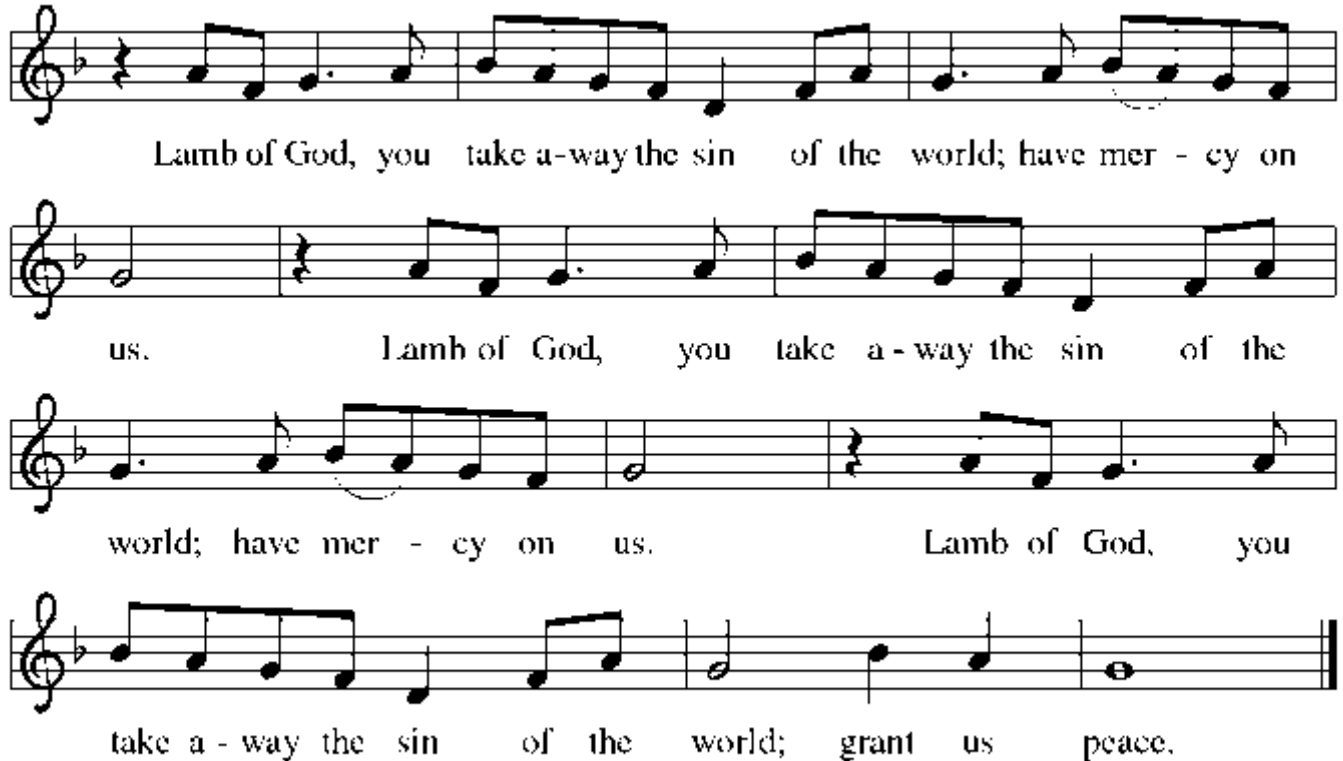
**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to the Table

## Communion

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Post Communion Prayer

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn | ELW 347 Go to Dark Gesthemane**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Holy Week Services at Messiah***

*Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm*

*Good Friday 6:00 pm*

*Easter Vigil 6:00 pm*

*Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter! 10:00 am*

You are invited to stay for Easter Brunch following Worship Easter Sunday.

As a ministry to our community at Easter, please consider donating tulips, daffodils, hyacinths or other non-pollinating flowers to bring our Easter celebration to life.

The flowers need to be at the church by Good Friday, March 29.

We are moving ahead with the photo directory. The next step is for you to review and select your picture for the directory and any pictures you would like to order. If you haven't had your photo taken yet, please call Kevin Kinsley to set up a time. We

Today the people of Messiah are praying for  
Jackie Cordill, Brooke Feister, Dolly & Jim Koski,  
Rick & Sandy Koski, Phyllis Kreatz  
Eugene Rosekelly, and Shirley Petersen

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