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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

Welcome to Worship :: March 29, 2026

Today's Worship Ministers

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Check Out Our Welcome Center

Coffee Station: We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

Giving Station: Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

Vision and Purpose: In March we are supporting ELCA World Hunger, a ministry of the ELCA connecting those in need with the resources needed to become less-food-insecure.

Weekly Newsletters: Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

In Our Prayers

Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Janet Lowe, Wes Lovdahl, Pat Clark, Jennie Best, Dee Dee Yez, Charlotte Volz, Richard Schlicher, Tim Greene, Eloise Swisher, the family and friends of Gene Blade

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 2—Maundy Thursday, 7 PM, Chapel

Apr 3—Good Friday, 7 PM, Chapel

April 5—Easter Morning, 9 AM breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements,
Mission Statement/Prelude
Processional Gospel
Matthew 21:1-11
Blessing of the Palms
Opening Hymn: ELW 344, All Glory, Laud, and Honor

The Word/Prayer

Greeting
Responsive Reading: Psalm 31:9-16

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11
Dramatic Reading of the Passion of Jesus
With hymn ELW 349, Ah Holy Jesus

Sermon
Hymn: ELW 346 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Offering Prayer
Offering Hymn: ELW 678, God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, verse 1

Communion

Dialogue: ELW Setting 3, page 144
Preface
“Holy, Holy, Holy”: ELW Setting 3, page 144
Communion Prayer
Lord’s Prayer
“Lamb of God”, ELW Setting 3, page 146
Distribution
Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction
Closing Hymn: ELW 542, O Living Bread from Heaven
Dismissal

Isaiah 50:4-9a

4 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. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward.

6 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.

7 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; 8 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. 9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, 10 so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 21:1-11, this is the Processional Gospel

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 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. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

5 “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.”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 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!”

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”