



SUNDAY APRIL 13TH, 2025

PALM SUNDAY, YEAR C



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are **bolded text**.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

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.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Louder) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

***(Louder)* Hosanna in the highest.**

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PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem, and as Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two followers a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “Its master needs it.” They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his followers began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

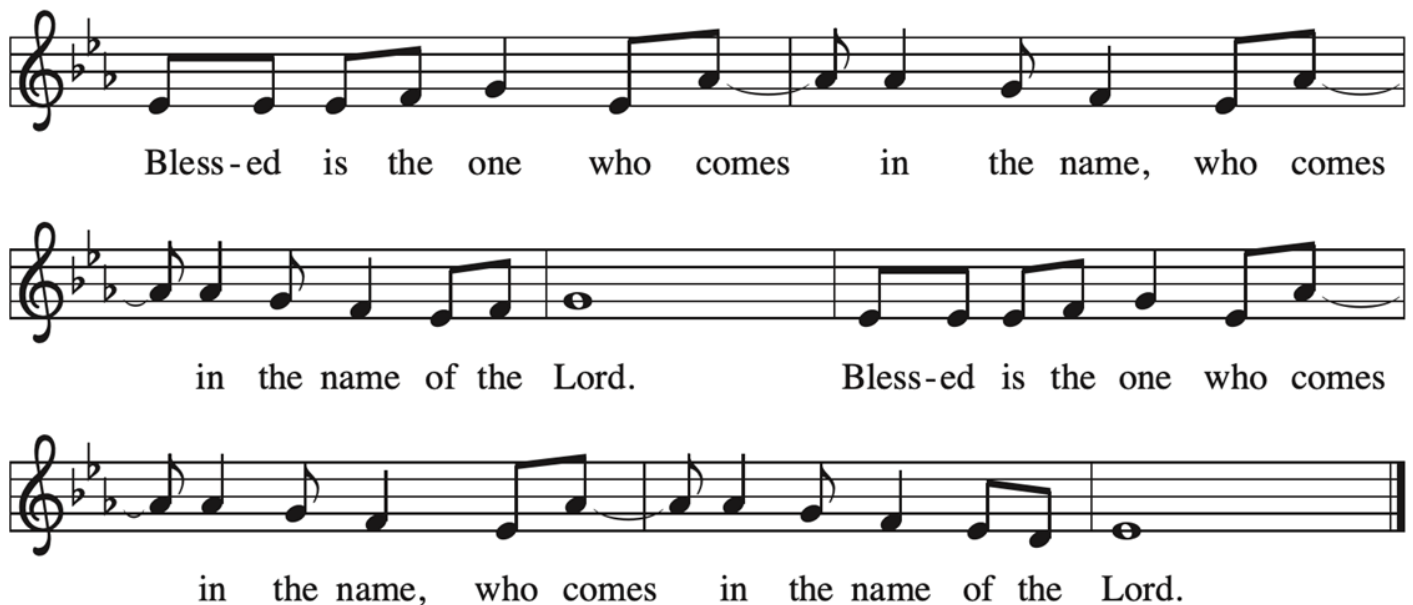
Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your followers! Tell them to stop!” He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

We praise you... Let us go forth in song. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN— ACS 929: *Blessed Is the One*



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes

in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes

in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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WORD

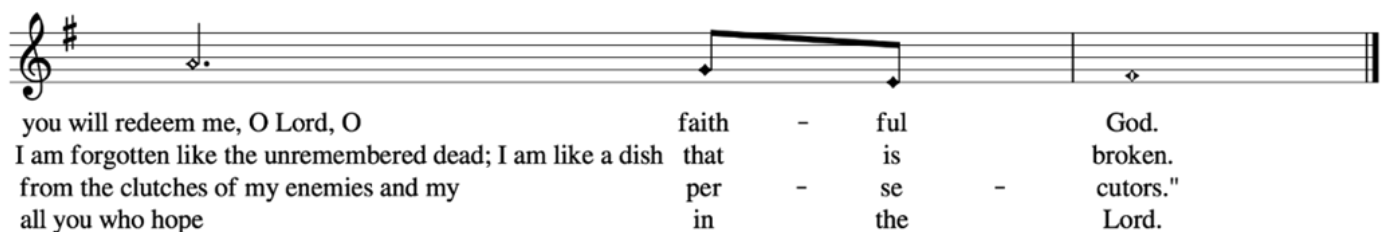
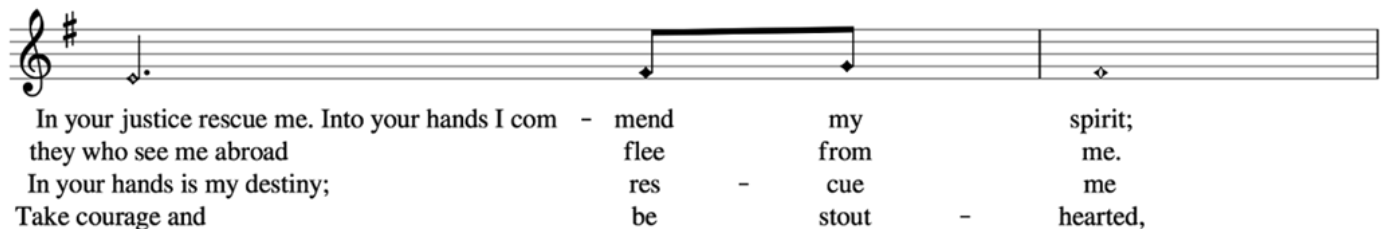
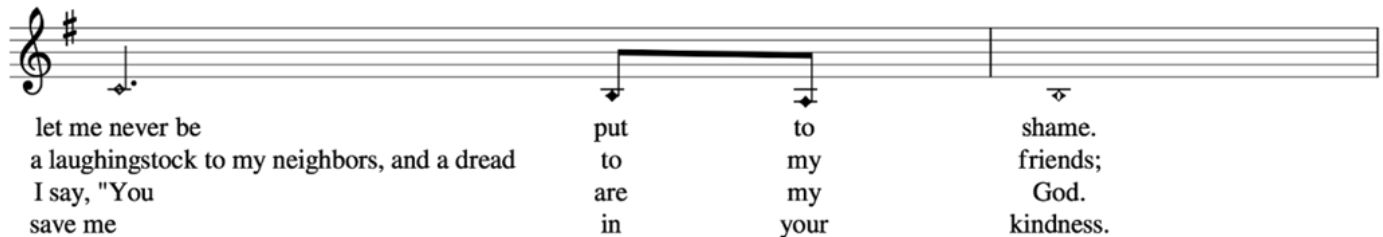
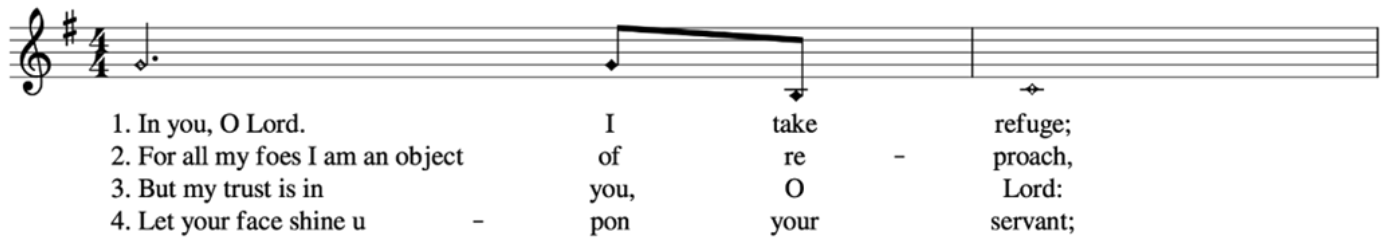
FIRST READING— ISAIAH 50:4-9

God gave me an educated tongue to know how to respond to the weary with a word that will awaken them in the morning. God awakens my ear in the morning to listen, as educated people do. God opened my ear; I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back. Instead, I gave my body to attackers, and my cheeks to beard pluckers. I didn't hide my face from insults and spitting.

The Lord God will help me; therefore, I haven't been insulted. I set my face like flint, and knew I wouldn't be ashamed. The one who will declare me innocent is near. Who will argue with me? Let's stand up together. Who will bring judgment against me? Let him approach me. Look! God will help me. Who will condemn me? Look, they will wear out like clothing; the moth will eat them.

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

PSALM 31



SECOND READING— PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

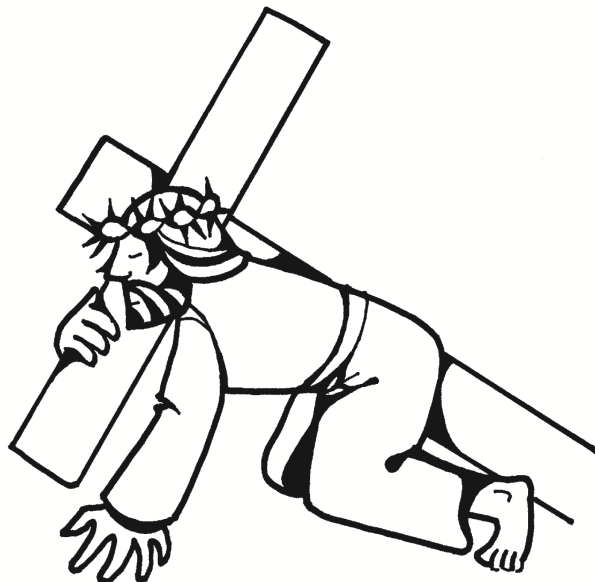
Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God as something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow, and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ reigns, to the glory of Almighty God.

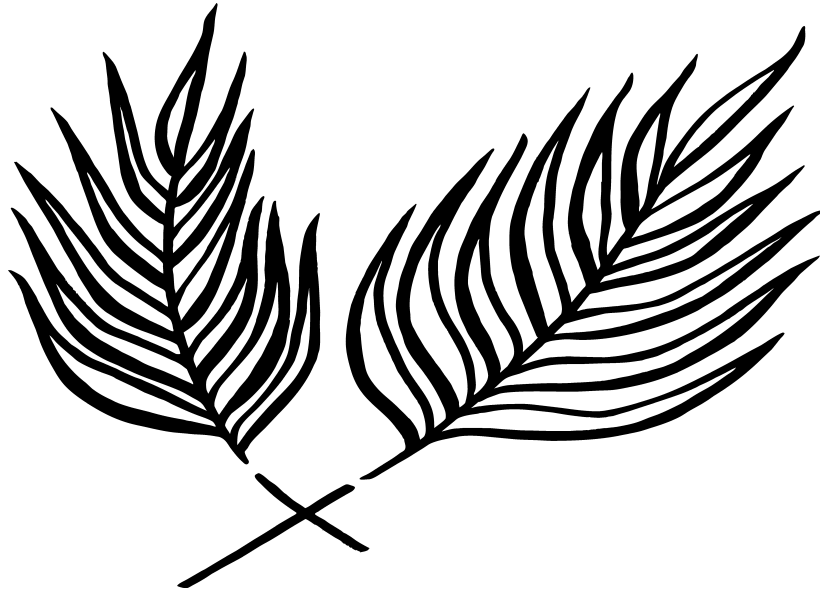
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.





GOSPEL—LUKE 22: 1-13

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

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called Passover, was approaching. The chief priests and the legal experts were looking for a way to kill Jesus, because they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went out and discussed with the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard how he could hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted and arranged payment for him. He agreed and began looking for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them—a time when the crowds would be absent.

The Day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John with this task: “Go and prepare for us to eat the Passover meal.” They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?”

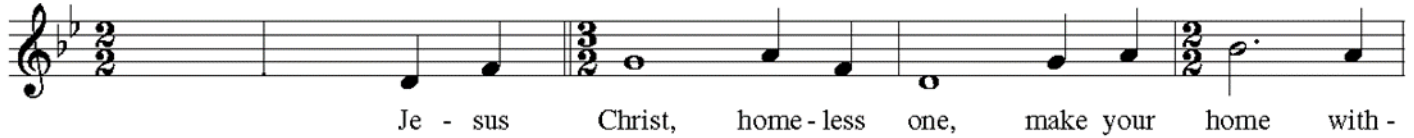
Jesus replied, “When you go into the city, a man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him to the house he enters. Say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher says to you, “Where is the guestroom where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?”’ He will show you a large upstairs room, already furnished. Make preparations there.” They went and found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

This is the Good news. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON— PASTOR RON

HYMN OF THE DAY— *Jesus Christ, Homeless One*

REFRAIN



2. Bless - ed are the poor. Bless - ed are the meek.

3. You are near, O Lord, to the last and least;

4. Cup of sal - va - tion, Je - sus, Liv - ing Bread,



2. Blest are those who strive for peace, who for the voice - less speak.

3. call - ing us to serve their needs, to kneel and wash their feet.

4. food for all whose hun - gry hearts are long - ing to be fed.

APOSTLES CREED

As we reflect and nurture our baptismal promises during Lent, all are invited to recite this ancient baptismal creed. Visitors, please feel free to participate at your own comfort level.

I believe in God the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's chosen one, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, was buried, and descended to the dead. Christ rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering especially for Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., and the family and friends of Cindy Fosselius. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

For nearly two thousand years, churches across the globe have collected a weekly offering for God's work in the world. In addition to paying our staff and utilities, these monies also go toward feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the ill, and natural disaster work, in partnership with Lutherans around the world.

OFFERTORY— *Give Me Tomorrow* -by Randy Mayer

Give me tomorrow, unlike today
I'm full of sorrow, and I'm losing faith
Is it my time? Is my work through?
Have I completed my mission for you?

*They waved their palms Sunday morning
We'll have our last meal tonight
When Peter pretends, he doesn't know who I am
I'll surrender my life*

Heavenly Father, please hear my prayer
I know what I'm facing, and I'm really scared
Please reassure me, that I'll be all right
That soon I will be there, right at your side

It's almost evening, now I must prepare
A feast for the living, all souls will be spared
Bread will be eaten, followed by wine
Remembering my lesson, that love is Divine

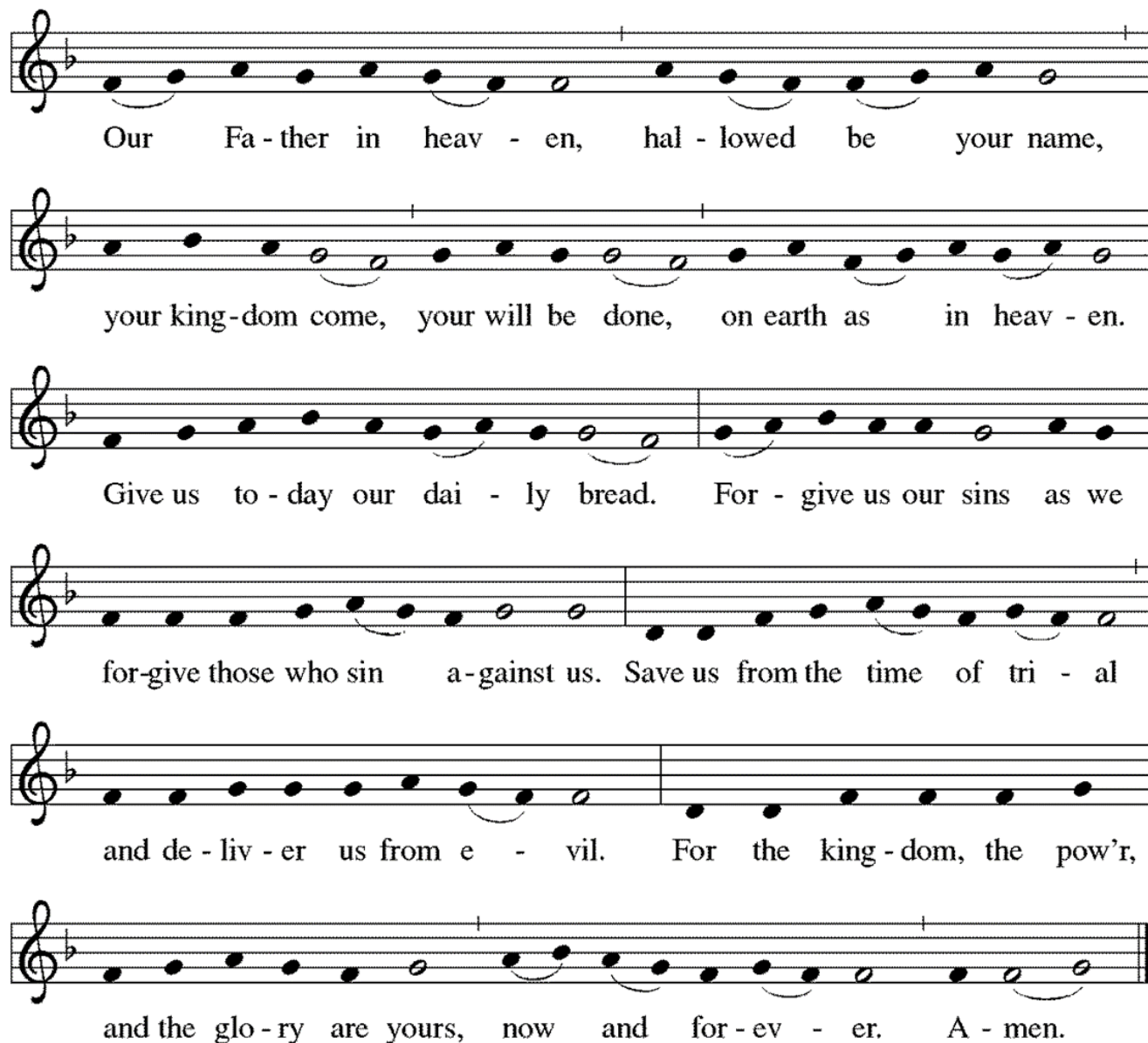


OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

In the night in which he was arrested.... let us pray as Jesus taught us

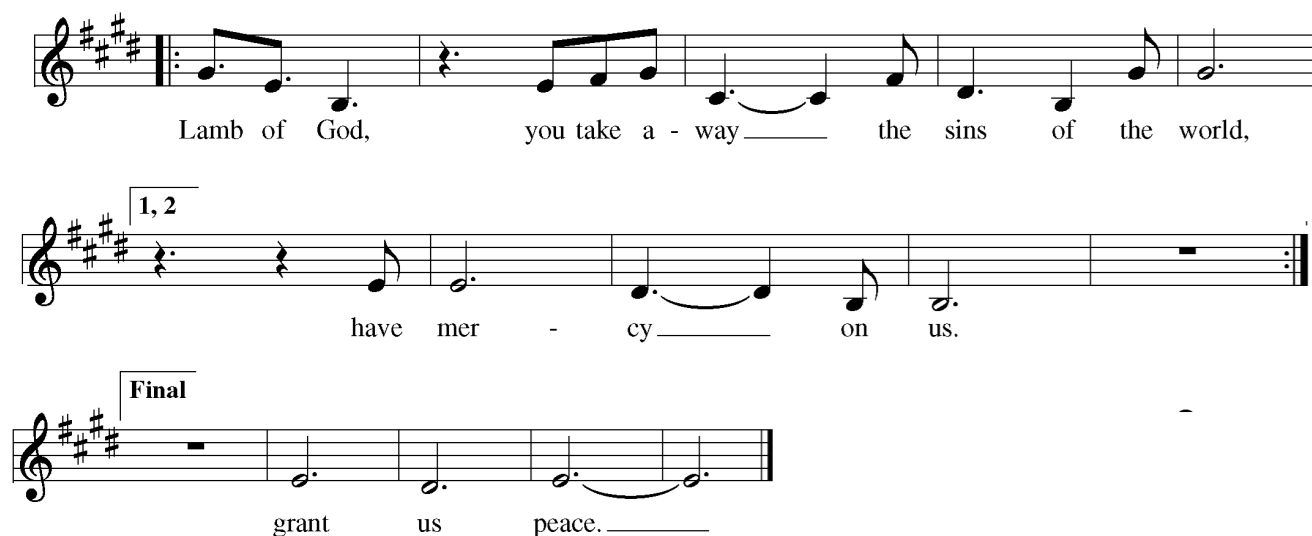
THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

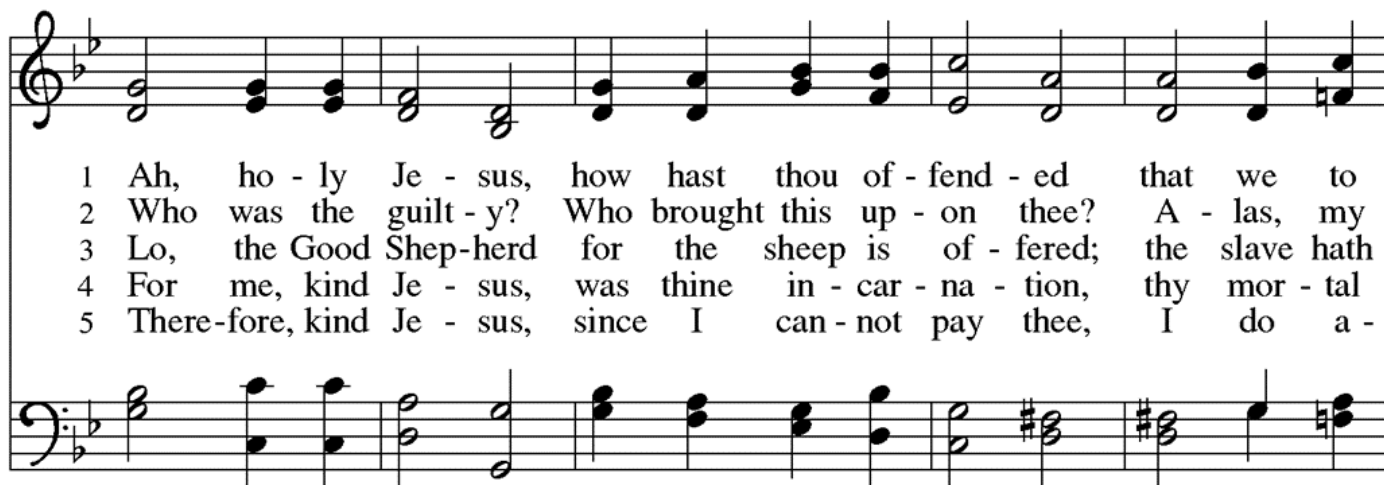
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" by Kevin McChesney

SENDING

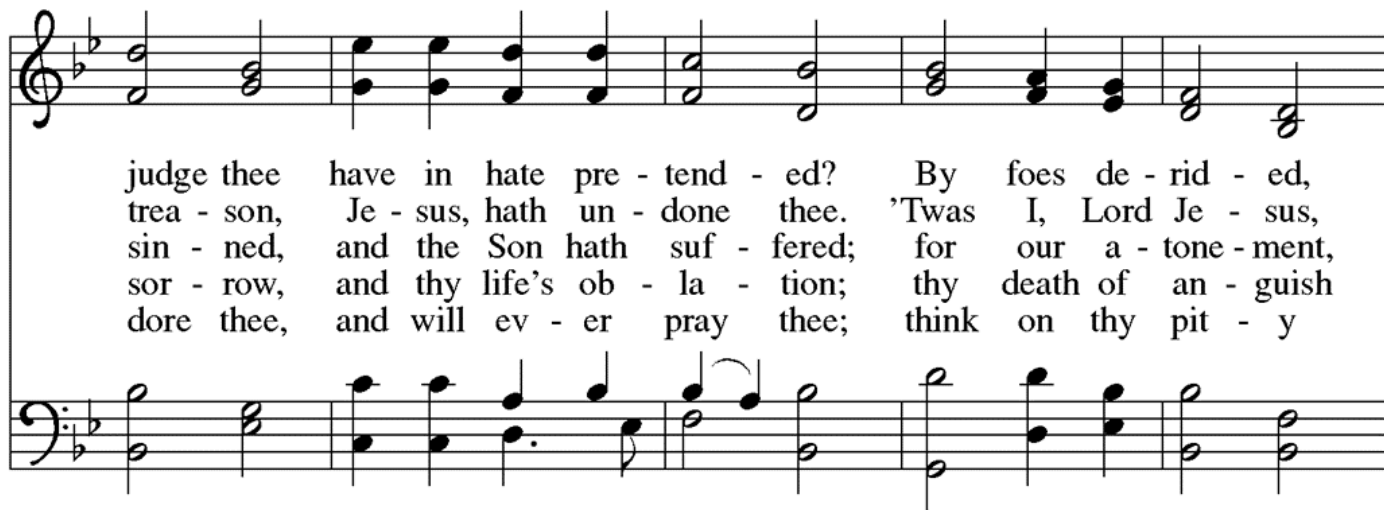
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

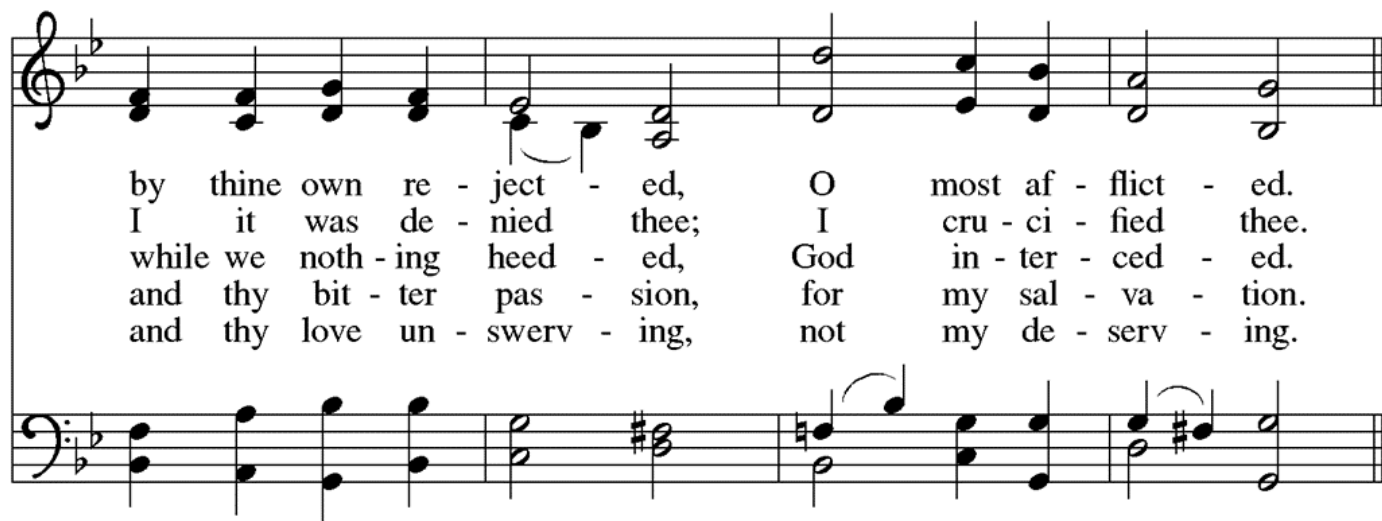
SENDING HYMN— ELW 349. *Ah, Holy Jesus*



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

Please feel free to stay and observe a moment of silence before you leave the sanctuary. This is also a good time to light a candle at our prayer corner in the back of the sanctuary. For those who wish to visit, please make your way to Fellowship Hall so as not to disturb others.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

Sunday

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM CLC Worship

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

Monday

9:00 AM– 3:00 PM Senior Center

Tuesday

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

Thursday

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM– Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

Next Sunday

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM CLC Worship

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

PASTOR RON'S OFF WEEKS:

March 31st-April 6th

April 21st-May 4th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week:

April 17th: Maundy Thursday: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran 6:30pm

April 18th: Good Friday: Christ Lutheran 7pm

April 19th: Vigil of Easter: University Lutheran 9pm

April 20th: Easter Egg Hunt after worship

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Ron Valadez

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Amy T.

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant: Christine Hult-Lewis

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Julie D.	Sandy Z.	Carla L.
Diane L.	Carolina S.	Vince
Lysle P.	Karen H.	Thelma & Mike G.
Mike & Liz S.	Laurie P.	Family and friends of Avery G.
The Vale Community	Fred W.	Family and friends of Marcia K.
Robin & Wendy	Chad B.	Family and friends of Cindy F.
George F.	TJ B.	

DON'T FORGET YOUR OFFERING

Thank you for your continued financial support of Christ Lutheran. It is very much appreciated. Options for giving include bringing offerings in person, mailing checks, or giving electronically with Tithely. For the latter, simply click the "Giving" tab on the church website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Tieku at 510-290-2125

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