St. Luke Lutheran Church Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The crowds ... shouted,



"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

Matthew 21:9

Welcome to St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome both members and guests to His church. We are present this day to worship Him. In this service we thank and honor our Lord for His many blessings and seek His guidance and comfort for each day of life.

- Se reverent and thoughtful in this Holy place.
- Before the service, speak with God.
- During the service, let God speak to you.
- After the service, speak to one another.

As We Gather: We begin our worship today praising the lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. For this saving work, Christ is truly worthy of praise, adoration, thanks and honor. He is truly worthy of our worship because of who He is and what He has done for us. Now we shall hear again the great story of salvation that was won for us by the Lamb of God. Rejoice! For the lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!

Holy Communion is celebrated at each Worship Service.

The Lord's Supper is a gift from our Savior in which He offers us Himself and His forgiveness. Those who partake witness of their love for Him and their faith and fellowship for each other. If you have confessed your sins and if you have been properly instructed regarding the Lord's Supper and believe in the presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine, which are the body and blood of Christ, please join us for the celebration of Holy Communion.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Regular Worship Schedule				
Traditional Worship with Holy Communion				
Sunday mornings at 8:15 am & 10:45am w/ Sunday School				
Contemporary with Holy Communion				
Wednesday Evenings at 7:30pm – Contemporary Worship				
BIBLE STUDY				
Sundays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary	Wednesdays at 10am Online			

The **C.A.R.E Team** encourages anyone experiencing illness or a challenging situation in their life to reach out to us for support. Support can consist of emotional/spiritual support, meals, transportation, help with errands or chores, and other areas as they are identified. Contact via Hotline: (631) 600-0271 Or email <u>careteam@stlukedixhills.org</u> Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty

Mission Statement:

To know Christ and make him known by Serving, Teaching, and Loving.

The Congregation gathers with Palms in the Courtyard

PRELUDE

"All Glory Laud and Honor" - Emma Lou Diemer

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **People** Hosanna to the Son of David.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

 Pastor: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
 People Amen

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL – MARK 11:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter. **People: Glory to you, O Lord**

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who

went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, O Christ.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**



PROCESSION

PastorLet us go forth in peace,Peoplein the name of the Lord.

People



PastorBlessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.PeopleHosanna in the highest.

Adult Handbells

"The King of Glory - arr. Anna Laura Page

ELEMENTARY CHOIR (10:45)

"Here He Comes" - Allison Blumenthal

Sunday School Dismissal (10:45)

Sing 5th verse of "All Glory Laud and Honor"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Reader:This is the word of the LordPeople:Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I 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.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
 I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For 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.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
 ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love."

ADULT CHOIR

"A Palm Sunday Jubilation" - arr. Jon Paige

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Let 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.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Mark 15:1-39

Pastor:The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15th chapter.People:Glory to you, O Lord

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, Iema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Pastor:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Johnson

His last breath

"Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'"—Mark 15:39 HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Shall Reign" - LBW 530



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*meaning, universal

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "Hear us, O God" The response is **"Your mercy is great."**

- Pastor: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- People: Amen.
- SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please do so with a wave, handshake, or however you feel comfortable. Hand sanitizer is available in the sanctuary. Ask an usher if you don't see one

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Trumpet – Howard Kruskol (8:15) Meditation: Love Unknown - Francis Jackson (10:45)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

People: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.
People:	and also with you.
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People:** And also with you.

AGNUS DEI – LSB 210





guilt a - way,	oh,	let	me	from	this day	be	whol - ly	thine
love to thee	pure,	warm,	and	change -	less be,	а	liv - ing	fire!
tears a - way,	nor	let	me	ev -	er stray	from	thee a -	side.
trust re-move;	oh,	bear	me	safe	a - bove	, а	ran - somed	soul!

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" - LBW 93



"My Song Is Love Unknown" - LBW 94 vs. 1-4



POST COMMUNION HYMN "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – LSB 805



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray, O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. People: Amen. BLESSING Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

 Pastor:
 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.

 People:
 Amen.

MINISTRY NEWS

CLOSING HYMN - - Lutheran Hymnal Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty



- 4 Ride on, ride on, in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; The Father on His sapphire throne Expects His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O Christ, Thy power and reign.

DISMISSAL

Deacon:Go in peace. Serve in love.People:Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Ride On in Majesty" - Robert Hobby

EASTER LILIES 2024



Easter lilies not only make our church look lovely, but they are also a lovely gift to take to grandparents, parents, or friends on this very special day. Our Easter Lilies are from Hick's Nurseries. If you wish to place a *Lily* (\$20 each) on the altar for Easter Sunday, please fill in the form below and place it in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" with your check (payable to St. Luke Lutheran Church) or cash. Drop it off at worship or mail in the form with payment to St Luke Lutheran Church, 20 Candlewood Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746. (Do not mail Cash)

One more option is you can pay for your flowers online using our online giving tools. Go to <u>www.stlukedixhills.org</u> and click the giving link. Email the details of your order, how many flowers, in memory of, honor of or glory to

God and given by who to <u>Laura@stlukedixhills.org</u> Flowers can be picked up after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday morning, March 31 and any day after Easter.

To be included in the Easter Memorial Bulletin, please order on time. **<u>Please place your order by Sunday, March 24th</u>**

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	In Honor of					
	To the Glory of God					
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