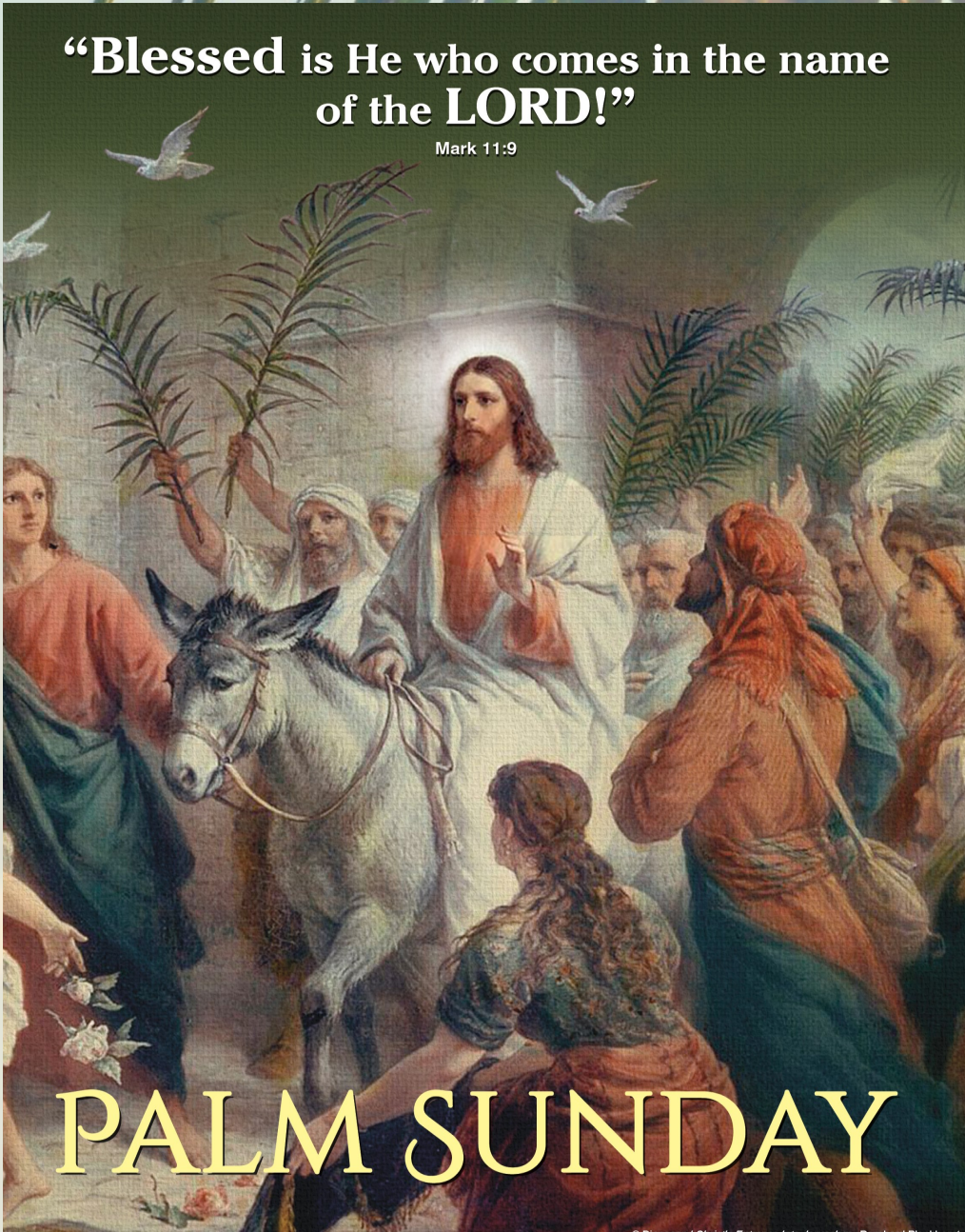


**“Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the LORD!”**

Mark 11:9



PALM SUNDAY

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Ascension Lutheran Church's *mission*:

To welcome everyone in learning, living, and sharing God's love and grace.

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Soloist Vall Greer

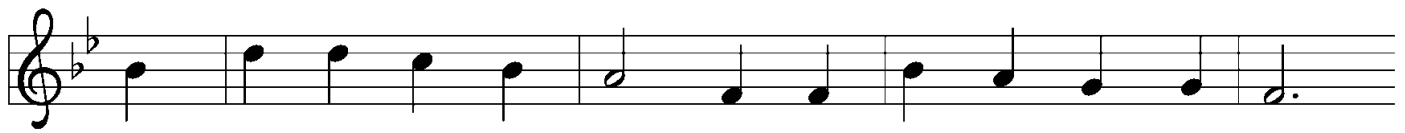
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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.

OPENING PRAYER

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM (Children's Time)

SCRIPTURE READING is from 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HOMILY

Pastor Karen Asmus-Alsnauer



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
 on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
 and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

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.

Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

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

PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. †

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being †

For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you †

For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love † .

For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

Soloist Vall Greer



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SENDING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.^[L]_[SEP]
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata

by Burkhardt



Serving Today:

ALTAR GUILD: Pam Kratzer, Brenda Noe, Barb Summers

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Chad Loomis

CWS BAND DIRECTOR: Tom Martin

ORGANIST: Bob Hendrickson

CWS BAND DIRECTOR: Tom Martin

CWS BAND: Danny Aguiar, drums; Von Smith, guitar;
Tom Martin, bass; Chris Young, piano player;

HAND BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jan Dahlstrom

LIBRARIANS: Celeste Schnabel, Martha Gostely

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been placed by Brenda Noe and Barb Summers in thankfulness for Pam and Joel Kratzer!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AT YESTERDAY'S
PALM SATURDAY DRIVE & PARK SERVICE!
We had a wonderful turn out and are so grateful to
those who worked so hard to make the service possible!
READ ABOUT THE DAY IN APRIL'S CHI RHO AND
SEE PICTURES PROVIDED BY HOPE BORING!!**

News You Can Use – March 28, 2021

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Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1st

7:30 PM

Facebook Live/In-Person

Reserved seating for 25 people**

Good Friday

Friday, April 2nd 7:30 PM

Facebook

Live/In-Person

Reserved seating for 25 people**

Resurrection of our Lord/Easter

Sunday, April 4th 10:00 AM

Facebook Live

** Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Reservations

To review our health and safety protocols for in-person worship, and to place your reservations: www.ascension-columbus.org

Please sign up for EITHER (just one) Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

If the spots are not filled by 12:00 noon on the days of worship, reservations will open that you may sign up for both.

We need to use the reservation system on our website, but if you know of someone who is not internet capable, please have them (or you on their behalf) call the church office during office hours, 10-2:00, Monday-Thursday, and Cheryl will place you on the reservation list.



Worship

We welcome all to join Ascension Lutheran online during the COVID-19 pandemic for worship and connection.

Join us live, Sunday at 10:00AM on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionLutheranChurch>

Or by visiting Ascension's Website at www.ascension-columbus.org

ASCENSION'S LITTLE PANTRY

We CONTINUE to Fill the Pantry And Need Your HELP!!

We continue to fill our wonderful Little Pantry, located in front of Ascension!! Could you please donate single serving food items to provide to our homeless neighbors? Please bring in donations of any of the following in single serving packages:

Please, No cookies, candy, or chips!

Nuts/peanuts—Beef sticks—Dried fruit—Granola bars

Lance crackers—Vienna sausages—Tuna individual sealed packets

Tune or Chicken Salad snack packets—Individual fruit cups or applesauce

Bottles of water—Raisin boxes—Sealed plastic cutlery

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!!



New bins for collections for Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry, Choices, and Our Little Pantry are now located in the **East entry** under the welcome table. While the church office is closed, You can drop off your donations by calling Ascension to make an appointment for drop-offs at the door only. Staff will call you back within 24 hours to set up an appointment.



"BOY SCOUT TROOP 613 requests that you consider making a special contribution to the summer camp assistance fund to help send our scouts to camp. There are two ways to do that. (1) Put Boy Scouts in the memo line on your check. Or (2) go to the Church's giving portal (<http://www.ascension-columbus.org/giving.html>) and select Boy Scouts in the dropdown menu box to give via credit card or echeck. We appreciate your support."

Blooming Ascension

It's almost spring! **THINK FLOWERS!** Flowers to brighten our spirits and the flowerbeds of the church. We need your help to make this a colorful and uplifting place to worship.

Our "Roger Metz Flower Fund" has been created to help finance this project, but we need your ideas and your time to prepare, plant and maintain beds this spring and summer.

Please call me or the church office if you will be able to contribute in any way with this project!

Thank you! Karen Lashley
614-747-1147

Monday through Thursday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

COVID Standard Masks Required

COVID Standard 6' Safe Distancing

Church Office Capacity: 5 People at Any Time

Call Us If You Have Questions!



We need your help!!

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ASCENSION'S CHURCH DIRECTORY

The church office volunteers are updating the Church Directory and we want your **PREFERRED** email address to be correctly listed. Could you please email Ascension at ascluth@gmail.com with the subject "Hello From _____ [your first and last name]". From that simple message we will be able to pull your correct email address and update the Church Directory! All email addresses will be published in the Church Directory. Thank you so much!

—Cheryl Lyons, Ascension Church Office



Blooming Ascension!!

THE ROGER METZ FLOWER FUND

A SPECIAL OFFERING REQUEST:

Every year Roger Metz requested donations for Ascension and Serenity Park Beautification Annual Flowers Project. In Memory of Roger, we have named the annual flower donation campaign:

“The Roger Metz Flower Fund”

Would you make a donation so we can purchase flowers to beautify Ascension’s outdoors and Serenity Park? Please send checks to Ascension Lutheran Church, 1479 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229 with FLOWERS in the memo line.



Through the NYCU and Chi Rho, we will announce

A Special Saturday Planting Day in Spring.

A Celebration of Life gathering, this July in Serenity Park, will be held for family and friends of Roger Metz.

By that time, flowers should be everywhere around Ascension!!



Health Concerns-Friends and Relatives of Church Members

(With their consent, submit names on the following list):

PRAYER REQUEST LIST -- Health Concerns - Church Members

Jonathan Abele
Ron Althoff
Laura Bass
Lisa Billing
Bruce Halverson
Howard Kerchner
Emily McWhirter
Jim Mead
Joan Miller
Linda Morrison
Bob Naumoff
Matthew Olsen
Nancy Olsen
Pat Papadopoulos
Carol & Ray Patten
Marion Rees
Brian Rideout
Ingrid Robb
Lewis Sale
Brigitte Segieth
Barbara Summers
Marcy Webster

These members are regularly and currently contacted by our

Shepherds:

Janet Arnold
Frances Carmedy
Lori Engler
Linda Frysinger
Shirlie Gorman
Ruby Koenig
James Lewison
Alice Mills
June Neblette
Jim Putnam
Pat Stocker
Marilyn Sullivan
Helen Grace Weaver



ANNUAL GIVING ENVELOPES

Please come into Ascension to pick up your Box of Giving Envelopes. Church Office Hours are Monday thru Thursday, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM.





Health Concerns-Friends and Relatives of Church Members:

With their consent, submit names on the following list:

- Warren Abele*—Brother of Jack & Pat Abele
Bernie Aleman—Brother-in-law of Frank & Jean Agriesti
Christopher Blaesing—Son of Vicki Blaesing
Joyce Blue—Friend of Shirlie Gorman
Kimberly Blubaugh—Daughter of Jim Mead
Joe Brosious—Our Ascension Friend
Paula Card—Friend of Jan & Ken Reisch
Barbara Chadwick—Friend of Jan & Ken Reisch
Lavon Daugherty—Friend of Allan & Cindy Hiscox
Dave Deerhake—Son of Georgia & Roger Deerhake
Lola Dixon—Mother of Carol Dixon
Jayla Dozette—Granddaughter of Perry & Linda Morrison,
Andy Ellis—Father of Margaret Owens
Monica Epstein—Niece of Jean & Frank Agriesti
Ted Fairley—Nephew of Judy Jester
Randy Ferguson—Friend of Jean & Frank Agriesti
James Frysinger—Brother of Linda Frysinger
Karen Gehrig—Friend of Carol Silness & Chris Rudin
Cecil Gillingham—Friend of Cindy & Allan Hiscox
Mya Green—Friend of Laura Bass
Victor Groves—Cousin of Shirlie Gorman
Mason Daniel Harper—Great Nephew of Diane
& Chad Loomis, Brenda Noe, & Barbara Summers
Russell Haley—Father-in-law of Jim Mead
Family of Kylie Hampton—Niece of Robin & Dave Kern
Dean Harper—Brother-in-law of Jack & Pat Abele
John Harris—Friend of Allan & Cindy Hiscox
Robert Haueisen—Brother of Joyce Heft
Michelle Hines—Friend of Judy Jester
Donald Honaker—Husband of Dottie Honaker
Anne Mary Klaprat—Friend of Allan & Cindy Hiscox
Allan Kulikowski—Friend of Allan & Cindy Hiscox
Stephanie Leisten—Daughter of Brenda Burkett
Judith Lewison—Mother of James Lewison
David Lowe—Friend of Shirlie Gorman
Peggy Martin & Family—Neighbors of Jim Mead
Gary & Lois McCoy—Brother & Sister-in-law
of Pat Papadopoulos
Wendy Miller-Engel—Daughter of Joan Miller
Richard Miller—Brother-in-law of Cathy Miller
Jill Morrison—Sister-in-law of Perry
& Linda Morrison
Charlotte Neely—Great-granddaughter of Ruth Seer
& Great-niece of Bev Cook-Finley
Greg Nutter—Friend of Joe Riggs
Ed Noga—Relative of Margaret Owens
Megan O'Connor—Friend of Shirlie Gorman
Loni & Bill Quick—Daughter & Son-in-law
of Peggy Dlusky
Alexa Rockhold—Grand-niece of Curt Skarloken
Thomas Schaber—Brother of Shirlie Gorman
Baby Henry Scott Smith—Close Relative of
Barb & Bob Naumoff
John Staples—Brother of Vall Greer
John Stocker—Brother of Marion & Chuck Rees
Dave Strawers—Friend of Barbara Naumoff
Mary Frenz Taylor—Friend of Joan Miller
Mark Weber—Husband of Carol Dixon
Michael & Sharla White—Friends of Ascension
Sue Whittier—Friend of Barbara Naumoff
Jami Whitworth—Daughter of Perry & Linda Morrison
Sue Wilson—Sister-In-Law of Wilma Wilson
*Gray Family, Myszko & Percio Family, Reisch Family,
Hampton & Kern Family*



Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief:

Neighbors in crisis need your love. The essential items in a Personal Care Kit – including soap and towels – are needed now more than ever to protect vulnerable families from COVID-19. The warehouse shelves are nearly empty, and LWR is unable to keep up with the demand. (See the insert listing of items needed). You do not need to purchase every item or assemble the whole kit; a contribution of a bar of soap or a toothbrush is a great gift to those in need. You may keep these things at home until they are blessed in worship (after Easter sometime), and/or dropped by to the church office marked LWR: personal care kits.



Maria Teresa Jesus receives an LWR Personal Care Kit in San Jose, Honduras, following Hurricanes Eta and Iota. The community suffered an outbreak of COVID-19 earlier in 2020. Local health officials hope LWR Personal Care Kits will help to curb another outbreak while people are displaced due to the storms.

This Lent, we're putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. The loss and uncertainty of COVID-19 hit our poorest neighbors around the world even harder. We ourselves are restless after a year of wandering in the wilderness of a pandemic. We want to be the hands and feet of Christ for our siblings. We're ready to DO something, and are excited to engage in this project as a community during our Lenten journey this year.

We will be assembling these kits at home during the 5 weeks of Lent. Here's what you will need:



2 BARS OF SOAP*
(4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



1 BATH TOWEL*
(light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



1 TOOTHBRUSH*
(adult size, in original packaging)



1 COMB*



1 NAIL CLIPPER*
(metal, attached file optional)

Complete assembly instructions are available at lwr.org/lent.

We invite you to make assembling these kits part of your weekly observance of Lent. We will bless the completed kits as a community of faith during worship at the end of the project.

By assembling LWR Personal Care Kits, we help share God's love, and create a Season of Hope for our neighbors around the world.

**Until Your Love
Reaches Every Neighbor**



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



*Included in each Personal Care Kit