

*Palm / Passion Sunday*  
*March 29, 2026*



*Palm/Passion Sunday*

*Our vision:*

*"Joy is a spiritual community sharing the love of Christ in a challenging world."*



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*Our mission is to share*  
*the Good News of grace and love with*  
*all through worship, service, and fellowship.*

**Worship text is on the screen.  
\*Indicates Congregation Stands if able**

***Items in Italics are only for the service indicated***

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**Prelude–**

***(8:15 AM) “Palm Sunday Processional”  
com. William Barnett***

***(11:00 AM)” Majesty-JOY Handbell Choir***

**\*Procession with Palms “The King of Glory”  
(Music and words on page 5)**

**\*Blessing of Palms**

**\*Greeting**

**\*Kyrie: ELW page 184-”Kyrie Eleison On Our World”**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

***(11:00 am ONLY ) Children’s Lesson***

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**Psalm 31:9-16 (Psalm and refrain are on page 4)**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11**

**Special Music: “Hosanna In The Highest”- JOY Choir**

**\*Gospel Acclamation: -ELW page 189-”Let Your Steadfast Love”**

**CONGREGATION REMAINS SEATED**

**Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66**

**Today’s Message is Given by: Pr. Art Wuertz**

**\*Hymn of the Day: LBW #94- “My Song Is Love Unknown” vv. 1,3, & 6**

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**\*The Prayers of the People**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" com. Marty Haugen**

**\*Congregational Offertory: ELW #801-"Change My Heart, O God"**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**\*"It is indeed right....."**

**\*Sanctus: - ELW page 190-"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

**\*Lamb of God: ELW page 191-"Lamb of God"**

**Communion Meditation: "Via Dolorosa"- Debbie Zander**

**Distribution Hymns:**

**ELW # 353-"Were You There"**

**CCLI # 15850-"Oh How He Loves You And Me"**

**ELW # 338-"Beneath The Cross Of Jesus"**

**\*Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn: CCLI # 3350395-"In Christ Alone"**

**\*Sending**

**\*Postlude: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"- arr. James Biery**

## PSALM 31:9-16



Psalm 31:5

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**R:** *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I <sup>|</sup> am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat <sup>|</sup> and my belly.

<sup>10</sup> **For my life is wasted with grief, and my <sup>|</sup> years with sighing;**

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones <sup>|</sup> are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to <sup>|</sup> my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street <sup>|</sup> they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup> **Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>|</sup> out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a <sup>|</sup> broken pot. R**

<sup>13</sup> For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>|</sup> all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>|</sup> take my life.

<sup>14</sup> **But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>|</sup> you, O Lord.**

**I have said, “You <sup>|</sup> are my God.**

<sup>15</sup> My times are <sup>|</sup> in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>|</sup> persecute me.

<sup>16</sup> **Let your face shine up- <sup>|</sup> on your servant;**

**save me in your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love.” R**

# PALM PROCESSIONAL

## The King of Glory Comes

*Refrain*

┌ Em B<sup>7</sup> Em

The King of glo- ry comes the na- tions re- joic- es.

B<sup>7</sup> Em ┐

O- pen the gates be- fore Him, lift up your voi- ces.

G C D<sup>7</sup> G

1. Who is the King of glo- ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal- li- lee, in ci- ty or vil- lage,
3. Sing then of Dav- id's Son, our Sav- ior and bro- ther;
4. He gave His life for us, the pledge of sal- va- tion;
5. He con- quered sin and death; He tru- ly has ri- sen;

Em Cmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G *Refrain*

He is E- man- u- el, the pro- mised of a- ges.  
He goes a- mong His peo- ple, cur- ing their ill- ness.  
in all of Gal- i- lee was ne- ver a- no- ther.  
He took u- pon him- self the sins of the na- tion.  
and He will share with us his hea- ven- ly vi- sion.

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Dale Anders & family\*-Health issues  
Brenda Bal\*-Cancer  
Eugene Braden\*-Health  
Patty Braswell\*-Illness  
Bob Bleau--Recovery  
John Caputo\*-Heart Issue  
John Cobb-Health  
Robert Cretul\* – Cancer  
Carol Daruna\*-Cancer Diagnosis  
Virginia Dockus' Granddaughter\*-Bleeding in Brain  
Aud Enslow\*-Healing  
Violet Frey-Health Issues  
Elaine Grass\*-Recovery from Stroke  
Guy Griemey\*-Cancer  
Norm Halvorsen-Recovery  
Trudie Herzog\*-Illness  
Susan Holmes-Health  
Bruce Hopkins & Family\*-LOMS  
Jake's Grandfather Bob-Concerns  
Barbara Johnson - Stroke  
Carol & Jim Jordie-Finding Bucky  
Nancy Kraft-Hospice Care  
Linda Kraigenow-Recovery  
Gary Linton\*-Severely Ill  
Ed Mathena-Surgical Recovery  
Julie Mugherman\*-Hospitalization  
Steven Mendez\*-Recovery  
Drew Miller\*-Mental Health  
Doris & Raymond Ness\*-Health

Issues  
Abby Owen\*-Cancer  
Deb Pequignot\*-Brain Tumor  
Pam Rodriguez\*-Cancer  
Dolly Schember-Health  
Katie Schoenfelder-Health  
Brian Shull\*-Special Circumstances  
Nancy Spitzack\*-Family Issues  
Debbie Spivey\*-Cancer  
Kristen Spivey\*-Preparing to be a kidney donor  
Samantha Stafferi\*-Possible Cancer  
Lee & Edie Stewart – Health  
Helen Vance\*-Cancer  
Maggie Vanek-Recovery  
Ken Warner\*- Lung Cancer  
Mary Wilson\*-Illness  
Dawn Winblad-Cancer Treatment  
  
Bertha Hendrickson-Assisted Living  
Cynthia Randall-Memory Care

ATTENDANCE			
WEDNESDAY	03/18/2026	5:30 PM	41
SUNDAY	03/22/2026	8:15 AM	57
	03/22/2026	11:00 AM	124

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## FIGHT HUNGER SUNDAY

THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS OUR FIGHT HUNGER SUNDAY.  
*YOU CAN HELP!*

- 1) **ELCA WORLD HUNGER-MONETARY DONATIONS USING YOUR NUMBERED DONATION ENVELOPES OR THE PEW ENVELOPES.**
- 2) **INTERFAITH FOOD BANK-NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS CAN BE PLACED ON THE CARTS PROVIDED**

**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**OUR NEXT FIGHT HUNGER SUNDAY DATE:**

**March 29th**





DISCOVERING  
GOD'S VISION  
FOR YOUR  
LIFE

*You and Your  
Spiritual Gifts*

**COMING IN MAY**

**Spiritual Gifts Discovery Class**  
*Come as you are. Leave inspired.*

**Two sessions: Saturday, May 2 & May 9**

(You must attend both sessions)

Time: 10:00am – Noon Swenson Hall

Cost: \$10 per person

**REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 12**

## Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Blood Drive

We need 15 people!

Sunday, March 29th.

7:30AM – 1:00PM



SCAN QR CODE TO  
SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT  
Walk-ins are welcome.

**LifeSouth t-shirt** for all March donors!

**\$40 e-gift card** and **LifeSouth t-shirt**  
for platelet and double red cell donors.



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## NEXT WEEK'S DATELINE

March 29, 2026-April 5, 2026



**DATELINE LEGEND:** SH= SWENSON HALL; S=SANCTUARY; N=NARTHEX;  
OR= OUTREACH ROOM; MG=MEMORIAL GARDEN; CG=CHURCH GROUNDS; OC=OFF CAMPUS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOC
Mon. 3/30	1:00 PM	Bible Study with Charlie	N
Tue. 3/31	11:00 AM	Beginners Bible Study	SH
	3:30 PM	Tutoring—(Closed)	SH
Wed. 4/1	9:00 AM	Happy Hands Ministry	SH
	9:00 AM	Joyful Hands Ministry	SH
	3:00-4:30 PM	JOY Choir Rehearsal	S
Thu. 4/2	2:00 PM	Off Key Chorale Group	S
	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship Service	S
Fri. 4/3	10:00 AM	JOY Handbell Choir Rehearsal	S
	1:00-3:00 PM	Cleaning Service	S/SH
	6:30 PM	Good Friday Worship Service	S
Sun. 4/5	6:45 AM	Easter Sunrise Service	MG
	8:15 AM	Easter Worship Service	S
	11:00 AM	Easter Worship Service	S
USHERS	8:15/11:00 AM	KLEINER/MEIER	S
Altar Angels	8:15/11:00 AM	Susanne Beech, Peggy Dietz/ Linda Neblock, Vicki Valli	S
Fellowship	8:15/11:00 AM	Cheryl Burck/3 Cooks & 3 Stooges	N
Counters		Carolyn Cummings, Penny Davis	SH

**HOLY WEEK  
& EASTER  
SCHEDULE**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**  
**Thursday, April 2nd, 6:30 pm**  
**Join Us at the table for the**  
**Last Supper**



**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
**Friday, April 3rd, 6:30 pm**  
**Christ died for a debt**  
**He did not owe!**  
**Reflect with us on His great love**  
**and sacrifice**



**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**Sunday, April 5th**  
**6:45 am Sunrise Service in our**  
**Memorial Garden**  
**8:15 & 11:00 am Services in our Sanctuary**  
**HE IS RISEN!**  
**THE TOMB IS EMPTY!**  
**COME REJOICE, CELEBRATE!**

## **Joy!Blast Is Looking For You!**



We need a volunteer to serve as a backup to send out church messages when Bob Rowland is out of town. No experience required. Extensive support provided. Call or text Bob any time at: (203) 788-4303.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HERE  
BEFORE WE KNOW IT!**

**WE NEED YOU!**

Our theme this year is “Emerald Crossing”.

We definitely need volunteers who can help  
during the week of VBS.

However, before VBS even starts, we need volunteers to help create the scenery/decorations to turn Swenson Hall into the rolling hills of Ireland.

Can you help? Please call the office and let us know.

Preparations need to begin right after Easter..

Thank you.

THANKS TO TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAMS		
	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
Assistant Minister	Donna Schmidt	Terri Feeley
Reader	Diane Julian	Paul Hyatt
Cross Bearer		
Communion Assistant	Edie Heinzen	Vicki Valli
Ushering Team	BLENDED	BLENDED
Food & Fellowship	Nancy Moisuk	Grapes of Wrap
Altar Angels	Donna Schmidt	Vicki Valli, Sally Wheeler
Counters	Terry Owen, Susan Jobbagy	

OUR STAFF	
Administrative Assistant	Zsuzsanna Jobbagy
Director of Music	Silas Daniel
Choir Director	Linda Aker
Handbell Choir Director	Melissa Daniel
Treasurer	Terry Owen
Sexton	Carson Faris

OFFICE HOURS:-  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—3:30 pm CLOSED ON FRIDAY



**FOR OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS**

Our bulletin and music for the hymns is available on our website and can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the LEFT. It will take you to our Worship Tools : click on [HYMNS](#) You can view the music for the entire service on your phone or i-pad.

*Our Sanctuary is 'hearing aid-friendly' and also connects with Bluetooth devices."*



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