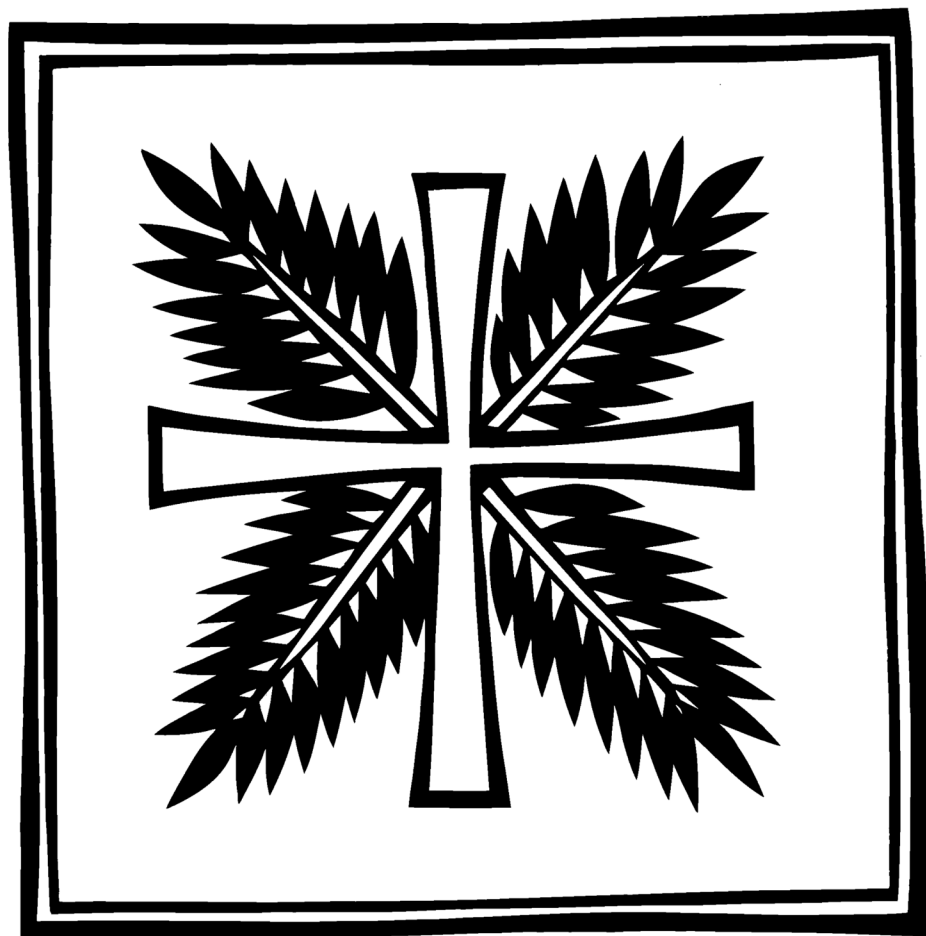


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With adaptation of "The Cry of the Whole Congregation" by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"Triumphal Entry"* - Michael Bedford
Memorial Handbells

Welcome

1. The Entry into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday Procession

NARRATOR: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them...

**PEOPLE: AND AS THEY WERE UNTYING THE COLT, ITS OWNERS SAID TO THEM,
"WHY ARE YOU UNTYING THE COLT?"**

PETER: And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

NARRATOR: And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

Hymn: *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* ELW #344, verses 1-3

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain***

**2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. *Refrain***

**3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. Refrain**

PHARISEE: And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They're calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!"

NARRATOR: He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent the very stones themselves would cry out."

Hymn: "All Glory Laud and Honor" ELW #344, verses 4-5

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. Refrain**

**5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. Refrain**

All may be seated

NARRATOR: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."

2. The Preparation and the Eating of the Last Supper

NARRATOR: Now, the feast of Unleavened bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

JUDAS: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and engaged to give him money. So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

NARRATOR: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

PEOPLE: THEY SAID TO HIM, "BUT WHERE, LORD? WHERE WILL YOU HAVE US PREPARE IT, AND WHAT ARE WE TO DO?"

NARRATOR: He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the house which he enters, and tell the householder, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there made ready." And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

NARRATOR: And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes. " And he took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of man goes as it has been determined: but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

PEOPLE: AND THEY BEGAN TO QUESTION, "WHO, LORD? WHO IS TO BETRAY YOU? IS IT I? IS IT I?"

NARRATOR: He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

JUDAS: Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him, "You have said so."
(Pause)

PETER: Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I!" he said. And he declared, "Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you."

NARRATOR: "Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

PETER: Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you"

PEOPLE: AND SO SAID ALL OF THE DISCIPLES, OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

3. Christ and his disciples in Gethsemane

PEOPLE: (singing) *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* ELW #347, verse 1

**Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

NARRATOR: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US, DELIVER US.

NARRATOR: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

PEOPLE: OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE

NARRATOR: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL, EVEN THE EVIL WITHIN OURSELVES.

JUDAS: While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

JUDAS: Judas said, "Hail, Master."

PEOPLE: WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW, THEY SAID, "LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?"

PETER: And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

PEOPLE: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, "When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

NARRATOR: Then they seized him.

4. The Judgment

PEOPLE: (singing) *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* ELW #347, verse 2

**Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.**

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the High Priest's house.

PETER: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

PEOPLE: THEN A MAID, SEEING HIM SIT IN THE LIGHT, SAID, "THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM."

PETER: But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him.

PEOPLE: AND A LITTLE LATER SOMEONE ELSE SAW HIM AND SAID, "YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM."

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

PEOPLE: AN HOUR LATER ANOTHER INSISTED; 'SAYING, "CERTAINLY THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM; FOR HE IS A GALILEAN."

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

NARRATOR: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

PETER: And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and he wept bitterly.

NARRATOR: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; they blindfolded him and demanded:

PEOPLE: "PROPHECY! WHO IS IT THAT STRUCK YOU?"

NARRATOR: And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him.

NARRATOR: When the day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together and led him to their council;

PEOPLE: AND THEY SAID, "IF YOU ARE THE CHRIST, TELL US."

NARRATOR: But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask you now, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God--"

PEOPLE: AND THEY SAID, "ARE YOU THE SON OF GOD, THEN?"

NARRATOR: And he said to them, "You say that I am."

PEOPLE: AND THEY SAID, "BLASPHEMY! WHAT FURTHER TESTIMONY DO WE NEED? WE HAVE HEARD IT OURSELVES FROM HIS OWN LIPS. BLASPHEMY! OH, BLASPHEMY!"

5. Dawn Friday: Jesus Before Pilate

NARRATOR: Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before Pontius Pilate.

PEOPLE: AND THEY BEGAN TO CURSE HIM, SAYING, "WE FOUND THIS MAN PERVERTING OUR NATION, AND FORBIDDING US TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, AND SAYING THAT HE HIMSELF IS CHRIST THE KING!"

PILATE: And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: And he answered him, "You have said so."

PILATE: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and the multitudes, "I find no crime in this man."

PEOPLE: BUT THEY WERE URGENT, SAYING, "HE STIRS UP THE PEOPLE, TEACHING THROUGHOUT GALILEE EVEN TO THIS PLACE."

PILATE: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod...

NARRATOR: Where he was vehemently accused, and treated with contempt and mocked, and arrayed in gorgeous purple, and then sent back again.

PILATE: Pilate said to the rulers of the people, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him, behold, I did not find him guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him---"

PEOPLE: BUT THEY ALL CRIED OUT TOGETHER, "AWAY WITH THIS MAN! AWAY! AWAY! RELEASE TO US BARABBAS."

NARRATOR: Barabbas! --a man who had been thrown into prison for Insurrection and for murder--

PILATE: Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus—

PEOPLE: BUT THEY SHOUTED OUT, "CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!"

PILATE: "Why? What evil has he done? I've found no crime in him deserving death. I'll chastise him. I'll release him---"

PEOPLE: BUT THEY WERE URGENT, DEMANDING WITH LOUD CRIES THAT HE SHOULD BE CRUCIFIED.

NARRATOR And their voices prevailed.

PILATE: So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for if murder. But Jesus he delivered up to their will.

6. Friday Morning: Crucifixion

PEOPLE: (singing) "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ELW #347, verse 3

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

NARRATOR: But Jesus he delivered over to their will.

ALL MEN: AND AS THEY LED HIM AWAY, THEY SEIZED ONE SIMON OF CYRENE, WHO WAS COMING IN FROM THE COUNTRY, AND LAID ON HIM THE CROSS, TO CARRY IT BEHIND JESUS.

ALL WOMEN: AND THERE FOLLOWED HIM A GREAT MULTITUDE OF WOMEN WHO BEWAILED AND LAMENTED HIM--

NARRATOR: But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it dries!"

PEOPLE: (singing) "Were You There" ELW #353, verse 1

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

PEOPLE: (singing) "*Were You There*" ELW #353, verse 2

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

NARRATOR: And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: AND THEY CAST LOTS TO DIVIDE HIS GARMENTS.

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES

ALL MEN: AND THE PEOPLE STOOD BY, WATCHING. BUT THE RULERS SCOFFED AT HIM, SAYING, "HE SAVED OTHERS; LET HIM SAVE HIMSELF, IF HE IS THE CHRIST OF GOD!"

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: THE SOLDIERS ALSO MOCKED HIM, COMING UP AND OFFERING HIM VINEGAR.

ALL WOMEN: THERE WAS AN INSCRIPTION OVER HIM: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

ALL MEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. *FORGIVE US, O LORD, OUR TRESPASSES!*

JUDAS: One of the criminals who were hanged with him railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

PETER: But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

PEOPLE: **FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. DELIVER US FROM EVIL. THINE IS THE KINGDOM--**

NARRATOR: And Jesus said to him--

PEOPLE: -- **AND THE POWER--**

NARRATOR: "Truly, truly, I say to you--"

PEOPLE: -- **AND THE GLORY--**

NARRATOR: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

PEOPLE: -- **FOREVER AND EVER AMEN!**

(Pause)

NARRATOR: It was now about the sixth hour -- and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed..... And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from the top to the bottom..... Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!"

(Painfully long silence.) And having said this, he breathed his last. (Pause.)

And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sight...

PEOPLE: WHEN THEY SAW WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE, RETURNED HOME BEATING THEIR BREASTS.

ALL WOMEN: AND ALL HIS ACQUAINTANCES AND THE WOMEN WHO HAD FOLLOWED HIM FROM GALILEE STOOD AT A DISTANCE I AND SAW THESE THINGS

7. Late Friday Afternoon: Burial

PEOPLE: (singing) *"Were You There" ELW #353, verse 5*

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

PILATE: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, a good man, a righteous man, one looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.

NARRATOR: It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

ALL WOMEN: THE WOMEN WHO HAD COME WITH HIM FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED, AND SAW THE TOMB AND HOW HIS BODY WAS LAID. THEN THEY RETURNED, AND PREPARED SPICES AND OINTMENTS--

NARRATOR: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

(Silence.)

Meditation in Music: "Pie Jesu" - arr. Douglas Wagner

Memorial Handbells

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the faithful 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.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THE MEAL

Offering

Music Voluntary: "In Silent Pain the Eternal Son" - Charles Ore

Lois Theesfield, organ

Offering Prayer

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Hymns during Communion

"Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed" ELW #337

"Jesus Remember Me" ELW #616

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Jesus, Remember Me

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Prayer after Communion

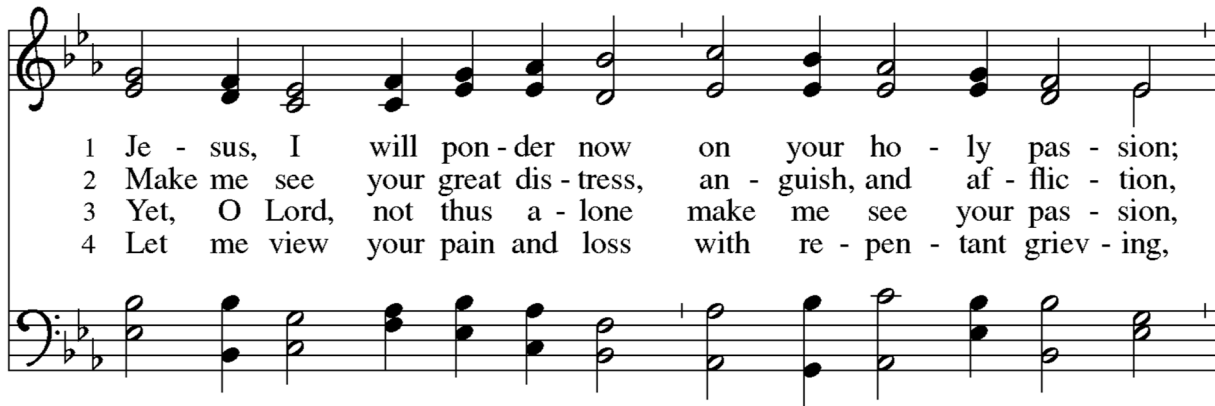
God who calls us back,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.
Amen.

Announcements

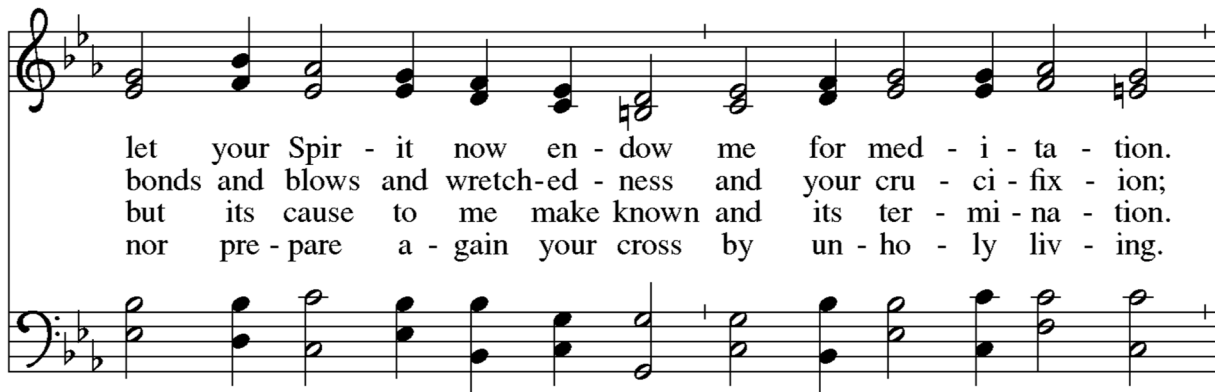
Blessing

God, the giver of love,
+ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" ELW #345



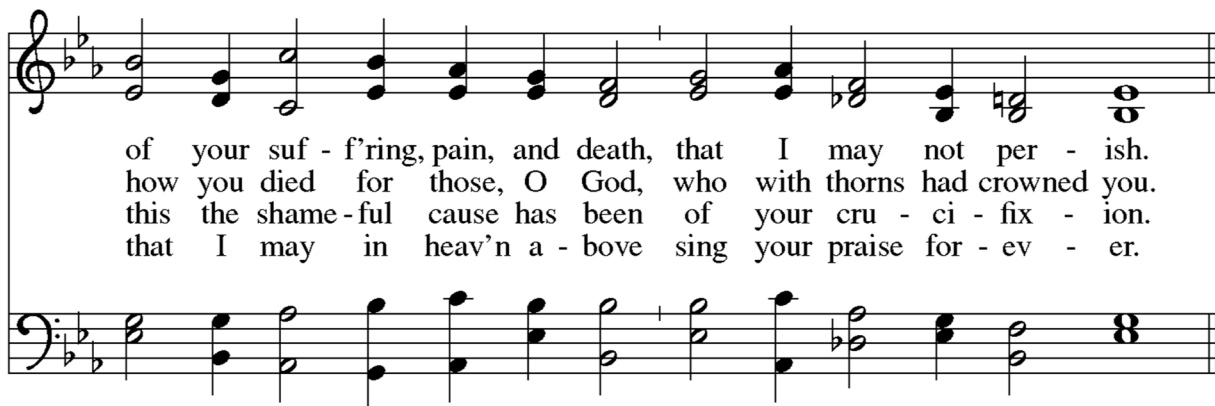
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
 4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
 nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpinus, 1570–1615

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" - J. S. Bach

Lois Theesfield, organ

Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org or emily@mlcnevada.org, or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

Prayers for Donna See and family following the death of her husband, Bill See.

Prayers for Betty Runge and family following the death of her husband, Leo Runge

Prayers for Judy and Kip Farthing following the death of their son, Wade Farthing

Prayers for Susan Radke and family following the death of her husband, Jerry Radke

Jan Seibel	Jean Smith	Norma Dannan
Nan Jungst	Maddie Dunham	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Evelyn Winterboer	Annette Dalthorp	Michael Neal
<i>mother of Sandy Golden</i>	Ellie Lynch	Jami Tharp
Lily Miller	Ernie Ruhde	Fred Samuelson
Jeanie & Jerry Gibson	Sierra Parr	Larry Christian
Marsha Kane	<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	Jaylee Bartleson
Pr. Marcia Kisner	Janet Jacques	Sheila Collingwood
Marlene Waddell	Easton Farrington	<i>mother of Lyndsey</i>
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-</i>	Janice Hartz	<i>De Vos</i>
<i>Goettsch</i>	Jim Dalthorp	Judy Coverdale
Sandy Muesburger	Connie Krupp	Family and friends of
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-</i>	Randy Matthews	+James Stephens
<i>Goettsch</i>	<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	George Forsyth
John Bass	Jackie Byers	Janeen Driscoll
<i>son-in-law of Ron & Gloria</i>	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Lynn Harris
<i>Jacobson</i>	Donna See	Julie Sutherland
Denise Rehor	Katie Brockmeier	Jan Cook
Carol Vincent	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth</i>	
Cassie Harrell	<i>Brockmeier</i>	

Announcements

TODAY: Welcome Celebration for Ewan Peter Lotz

Celebrate and welcome Memorial's newest member (Ewan Peter Lotz, born January 5th, 2023 to Pr. Kathleen and Josh Lotz). We'll have cake and fellowship from 2:00 - 4:00pm this afternoon in Fellowship Hall (please feel free to stop by any time between 2 and 4). Gift giving is not necessary, but if you choose to do so, gift cards and cash to be used for a larger item would be very much appreciated.

Easter Lily Dedications Due April 6th

Dedicate an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one and help decorate the church for Easter! Please fill out a form in the Narthex or contact the church office at 515-382-6509 or emily@mlcnevada.org to place your order. A suggested donation is \$8 per lily (payments may be brought to the church office and are due Easter Sunday, April 9th.) Thank you

Spring-themed Faith Time April 12th

Our last Wednesday-night Faith Time of the school year will welcome in Spring! Join us for pizza and a movie plus Spring-themed activities this Wednesday, April 12th beginning at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU, Snow Plowers!

We've had quite a few snowy weekends this winter, and a team of faithful volunteers have worked hard (and at all hours) to keep our parking lot clear of snow. *Thank you* to all who quietly take on this stewardship task so that we may safely worship together.

Camping with Memorial September 23rd - 24th

Planning for our annual camping outing at Hickory Grove is in the works! It's not too early to reserve your spot for the weekend of September 23/24: **please note that if you intend to stay the night, you must secure your own campsite by contacting the campground.** Stay tuned for more details for this fun weekend!

Attention! Memorial Members Wanted for Synod Assembly!

Our Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly is coming up May 15-16. This year's business proceedings will be conducted entirely virtually on a Monday and Tuesday evening from 5:30 -8:30 PM. Memorial needs two lay members to attend virtually on our behalf. Please e-mail Pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org or call the office to ask any questions or to let us know if you are interested in serving as a voting member. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in some unique work of the church and it's made a bit more accessible by nature of being online this year.

Unused Tennis Balls Needed

Do you have unused tennis balls that need a home? Please bring a few to the church office—our custodian, Mike Coverdale, will use them as a cleaning tool. Thank you!

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

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Save the Date

Welcome Celebration for Ewan Peter Lotz

When: Sunday, April 2nd, 2-4pm

Spring-themed Faith Time

When: Wednesday, April 12th, 6:00pm

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

When: Sunday, April 30th during 9:00am worship service

Synod Assembly (online)

When: Evenings of May 15th and 16th

Camping with Memorial

Please note that if you intend to spend the night, you must reserve your own campsite by contacting the campground.

When: September 23rd - 24th

Holy Week Services

April 2 **Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday | 9:00am***
Egg Hunt to follow

April 6 **Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm***
Holy Communion Celebration

April 7 **Good Friday | 7:00pm***
Meditative harp music will be provided 30 minutes before worship begins


April 9 **Easter Dawn | 7:00am****
Easter - He is Risen! | 9:00am*

**This service will be held in-person as well as livestreamed through YouTube and Facebook*

***This service will be held in-person only*



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