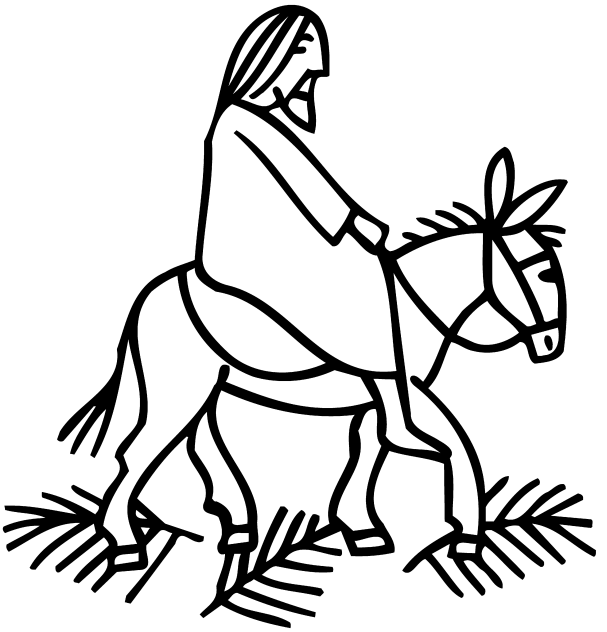
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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

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The congregation is invited to assemble outside.

On this day, united with Christians around the world, we mark Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation. We follow in his footsteps as we enter the church, our Jerusalem, acclaiming the one whose throne was the cross. In today's gospel reading we hear the passion narrative of Jesus' suffering and death for our sakes.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: 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 through which you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Gospel — Mark 11:1-11

[1]When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples [2]and 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. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" [4]They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, [5]some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. [7]Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. [8]Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

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Processional Gospel continued…

[9]Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
[10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
[11]Then 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.

The congregation lifts their palms up high for the blessing of the palms.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.
We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.



Processional Hymn ELW #334 "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*"



Congregation lifts up their palms.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna in the highest.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

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 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.
C: Amen.

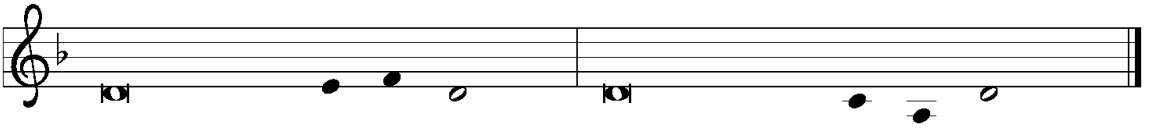


First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-9a

4 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.
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
6 I 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.
7 The 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;
8 he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
9a It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 *chanted antiphonally; congregation chants bold text*
choir sings refrain



9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
10 **For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;**
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.
11 I 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.
12 **Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;**
I am as useless as a | broken pot. R
13 For 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.
14 **But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.**
I have said, "You | are my God.
15 My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
16 **Let your face shine up- | on your servant;**
save me in your | steadfast love." R

Second Reading — Philippians 2:5-11

[5]Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
[6]who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
[7]but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
[8]he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
[9]Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
[10]so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
[11]and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

ELW #602 "*Your Heart, O God, is Grieved*"

verses 1 & 2



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel — Mark 15:1-39

[1]As 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. [2]Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He
answered him, “You say so.” [3]Then the chief priests accused him of many things.
[4]Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring
against you.” [5]But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

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

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

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Gospel Reading continued…

[21]They 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. [22]Then they
brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).
[23]And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. [24]And they
crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what
each should take.
[25]It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. [26]The inscription of
the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." [27]And with him they
crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. [29]Those who passed
by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy
the temple and build it in three days, [30]save yourself, and come down from the
cross!" [31]In 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. [32]Let 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.
[33]When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the
afternoon. [34]At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema
sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
[35]When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for
Elijah."
[36]And 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." [37]Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. [38]And the curtain of
the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. [39]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!"
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Pg. 10, verse 3)

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day

ELW #353 "*Were You There*"

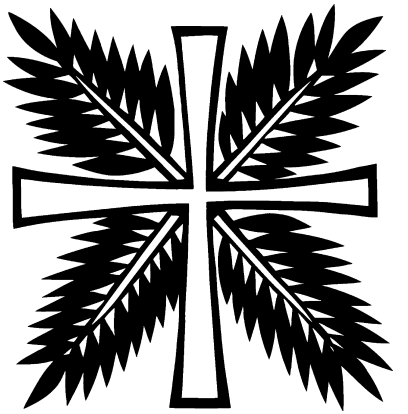


Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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



The Prayers

A: Remembering the Church, the world, and all those in need, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: Mighty and loving God, you make us your children through your word of promise in the water of baptism. For Jesus, the Word of life, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You wash away our sin and make us clean and new. For the peace of forgiveness, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For strength to follow Jesus, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. For those who seek your healing presence, especially Lupe, Sandy, Lucas, Alice, Dan, Mike, and for those we name before you or silently in our hearts *[pause for names]* ….we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

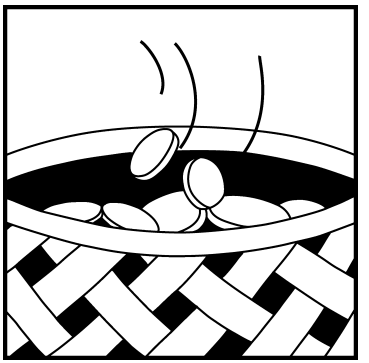
You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Offertory Anthem "*Ride on King Jesus, Lift Up Your Heads*"

The Offering

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

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Offertory Hymn W&P #35 *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray,
Merciful Father,
C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

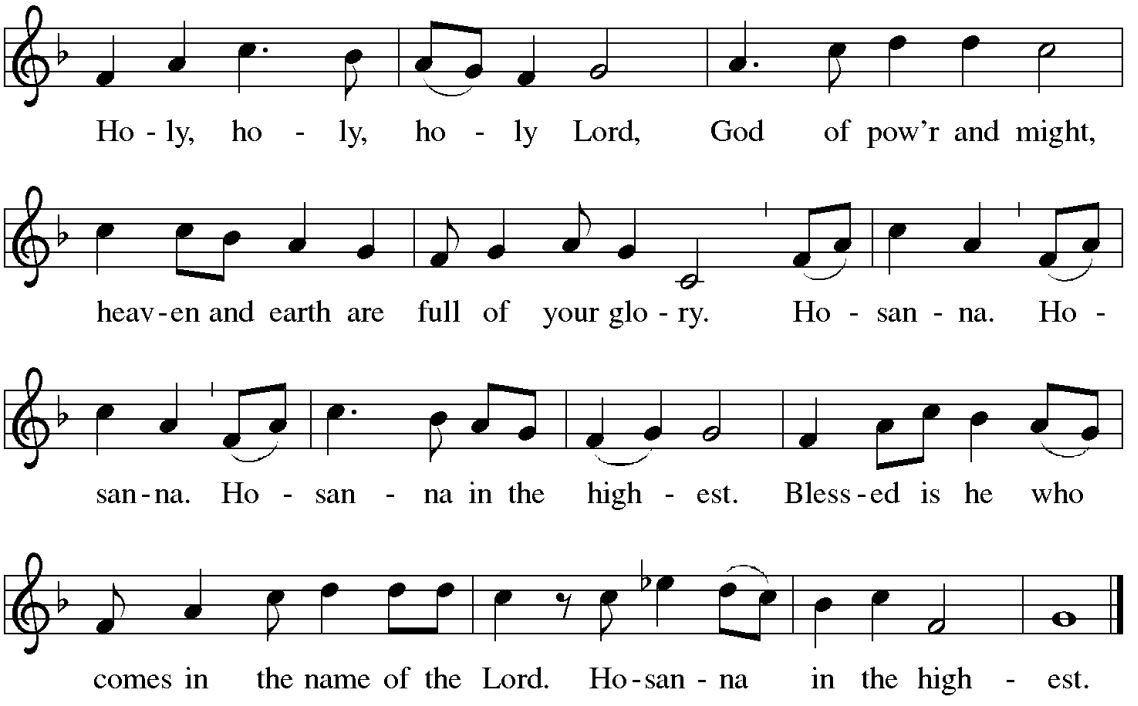
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus



P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
C: Amen.

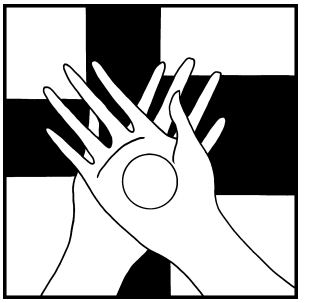
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

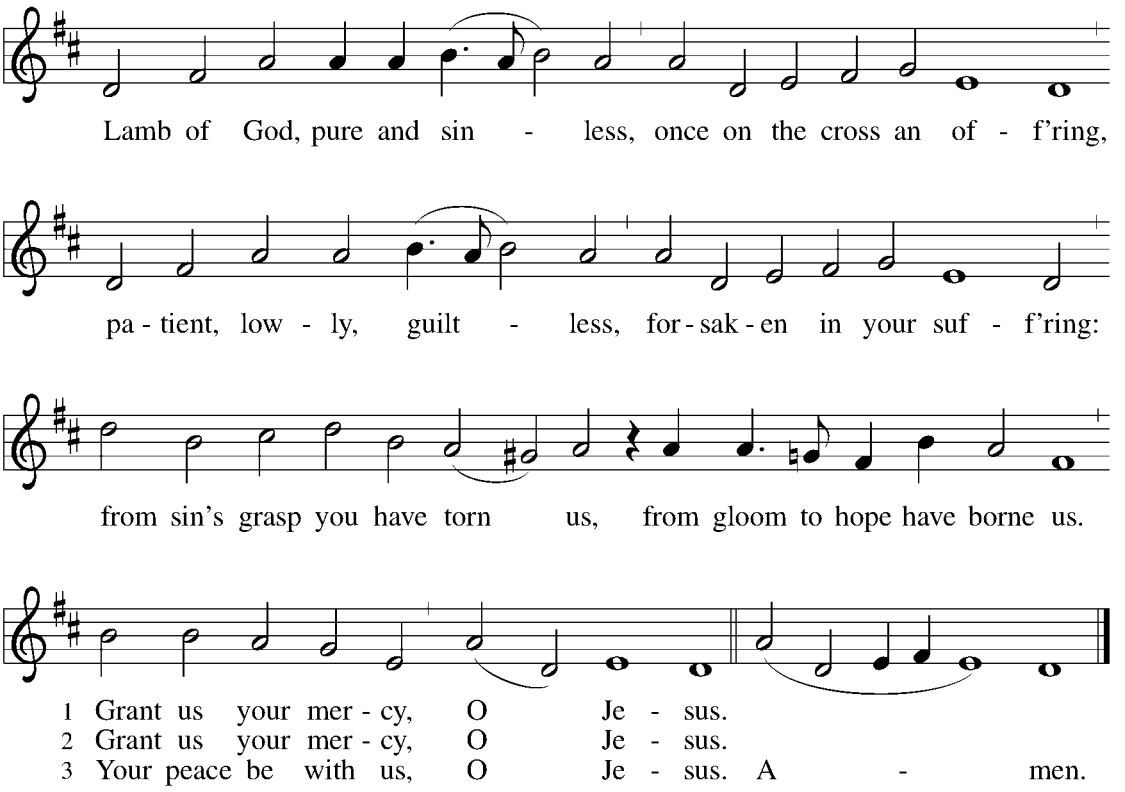
Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.



Communion Hymn ELW 357 "*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*"



Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Lead us in our Lenten pilgrimage: that our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn ELW #351 "*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*"



Announcements

Dismissal

P: 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.
C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

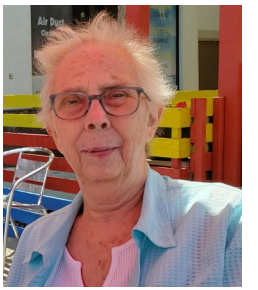
We thank today's celebrants:

Deacon: Jen Phillips & Chris Formeller
Lector: Mary-Ann Lupa
Greeter/Usher: Bob Chandler
Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Announcements

Fellowship Today—11am in the Gym

Join us for a special fellowship hour following worship today.



We are delighted to honor Sandra Robertson on her 90th birthday. Sandy, and her family, have been actively engaged members of Concordia Lutheran Church across 4 generations. Sandy was a founding Board member of Concordia Place when it was launched in 1981, and has served in numerous church organizations including the Women's organization, Choir and Altar Guild. Please join us this morning for our fellowship following worship in her honor.

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Buy a cute rock and support a good cause!



Grace Lindsay will be offering her one-of-a-kind specially painted rocks for purchase after church this Sunday. Each rock will cost $2-$3. The proceeds from her sales will go directly to supporting our migrant support project. Bring a few dollars on Sunday and support this worthy cause and get a cute rock (or two!) to take home with you.

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Good Friday Soup Supper

Before the Good Friday service on March 29th, join us for a soup supper at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. A variety of soups and bread will be available. Following the meal, we'll gather in the sanctuary at 7pm for the Good Friday service which will include reflections on the 7 last words of Christ.

Important Dates to note:

- **March 24th:** Fellow Hour 11am | Holy Week concert 12pm
- **March 29th:** Good Friday soup supper 6pm | Worship service 7pm
- **March 31st**: Easter Sunday
  Easter Concert at 9:30am
  Easter Worship at 10am

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We invite you to donate **new** items from the list below to be shared with migrant families in our community.



- Toothbrushes
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- Hand sanitizer
- Feminine products
- Band-Aids
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  - decongestants
  - antacids
  - laxatives
- Thermometers
- Body Wipes
- Body Lotion
- Lice Kits
- Bras (sizes A-D for adults)
- Bralettes (preteens & teenagers)
- Leggings
- Undershirts & tank tops
- Sandals (adults & children)
- Thick blankets
- Pillows





Please bring donations to Concordia Church or any Concordia Place location by Sunday, March 24th.

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Scan or click the QR code to shop the Amazon Wish List & have your item(s) automatically delivered!

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March 24th Palm Sunday

10:00am Worship

Join us in the Procession of Palms and hear the story of Christ's passion



Good Friday March 29th



6:00pm Soup Supper

Fellowship together over a light meal of soup & bread

7:00pm Worship

Reflections on the 7 last words of Chris on the cross

March 31st Easter Sunday

9:30am Easter Concert

10:00am Worship

Join us as we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!



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Communion Hymn **ELW #357 "*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*"**

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