



Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church

A place of healing and reconciliation in Christ



everything [in] between shouting & silence

PALM SUNDAY

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

✠ April 13th, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. ✠

✠ GATHERING ✠

*THE ASTERISK INDICATES WHEN THE ASSEMBLY RISES THROUGHOUT THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

PRELUDE

Selections for Piano

Tyler Pyle

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One On this day, Jesus marched

Many **in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

One On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

Many **So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.
May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.**

One Hosanna in the highest!

Many **Hosanna in between!**

*PALM PARADE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

*CALL TO CONFESSION

One Friends, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession. We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress. We tell the truth of our lives. We lay it all out before God. But this moment of prayer isn't just about us. In the prayer of confession we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful. Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One Great Creator, forgive me

Many **when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.**

One Creator God, forgive me

Many **when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news,
but I do not listen to you.**

One Creator God, forgive me

Many when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.
Forgive me.

One Create in me a heart like yours.

Many **Amen.**

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year, whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time, whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice, God listens to you. God is merciful. God is abounding in steadfast love. There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Many **We are seen.**
We are heard.
We are loved.
We are forgiven.
Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone.
Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

Bring Your Best to Our Worst



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

One The Lord be with you.

Many **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One Speaking God, Most days we are inundated with noise.
Some of it is good—laughter, music, storytelling.
Some of it is hard—arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes.
Every day we live between silence and shouting,
rotating through quiet and noise.

So in the midst of this messy middle,
help us to hear what is yours.
Help us to hear your song,
your story,
your good news.
Help us to hear your voice,
your Spirit,
your will.
And show us how to release the rest.
We are listening. Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



One The holy Gospel according to Luke.
Many **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL: LUKE 19:29-40

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

One The holy Gospel of our Lord.
Many **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Grant Vanderford

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth | ELW 727

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Many We believe that many years ago
a peaceful parade
wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.
We believe that on that day
the people cried out,
longing and praying for a better world.
We believe that these longings
came from a place of deep hope,
and we believe that hope cannot be silenced.
So we listen for the Spirit.
We sing Hosanna.
We pay attention.
For in between the silence and the song,
we believe the Spirit is speaking. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One Hear us, loving God.
Many **We lift our hearts to you.**

PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you always.
Many **And also with you.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

✠ **MEAL** ✠

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MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart | ELW 188

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

One Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Many Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One The Lord be with you.

Many **And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

Many **We lift them to the Lord.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

One ... the earth is full of your glory.

Many **The earth is full of your glory.**

One Amen, and amen.

Many **Amen, and amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN

The Lamb

TFF 89 | *see insert*

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

There, In God's Garden

ELW 342

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One

God of the mountain, the valley, and every step in between, may this meal be a fresh start.

May this moment, where all are fed and all are welcomed, be the start of something new.

Show us how to carry the love we experience here from the walls of this church into the world we encounter in the days ahead.

Show us how to leave breadcrumbs of good news along our path and everywhere in between.

With deep hope we pray.

Many

Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

One

As you leave this place,
may you find God in every messy middle.

May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.

May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.

So may you move through this world with an open heart,

with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.
 God is with you in the mountains,
 in the valleys,
 and everywhere in between.
 Believe that good news, and go in peace.

Many **Thanks be to God!**

✝ **SENDING** ✝

*SENDING HYMN *Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now* ACS 930 | see insert

POSTLUDE Tyler Pyle

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ APRIL 13-19 ✝

TODAY:	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
MONDAY:	10 A.M. 3-5 P.M.	LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY:	9:30 A.M.- 4:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	OFFICE HOURS COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY:	9 A.M. 4:30P.M.-6:30P.M. 5:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. 7 P.M.	QUILTING OFFICE HOURS LENTEN SUPPER PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY:	9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. 3:45	OFFICE HOURS BAS CHAPEL
FRIDAY:	ALL DAY 9 P.M.	OFFICE CLOSED NA MEETING