



SAINT LUKE CHURCH



The SUNDAY *of the* PASSION

Palm Sunday

A WARM WELCOME to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

All **BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

The people of Saint Luke Ministries, called by God's grace in Jesus Christ, are committed to share God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, to care for one another, and to serve those in need. As a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION**, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. Saint Luke Ministries strives to be a place "where all are welcomed."

Saint Luke Ministries acknowledges that it is built on the land of which many First Nation people called their home. Members of this community continue to contribute to the life of this city and to celebrate their heritage, practice, traditions, and care for the land and waterways. Therefore, we **EMBRACE OUR COMMITMENT** to Indigenous rights, racial justice, and cultural equity.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. *Rocking chairs, floor cushions* and *children's booster seats* may be found in that area. *Church Activity Bags* with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

Sharing of the Peace is done in the way that is most comfortable to you.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.



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Sunday, April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants

*Patricia Grunde Christine Heck Dennis Hadden Joan Palumbo Anthony Leonard
Joyce Grosse Curtis Holland Mark Van Scharrel John Grosse Achen Moreno
Peter Bouboulinis Hannah Blessman Michael Kessler Barbara Lans Blakely Gurgul
Kelly Hamilton*

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

AS WE COMPLETE OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us as we complete our Lenten pilgrimage. At our journey's end, send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

*Nicholas Bakulinski Jeremy Strohmayer Ashley Bakulinski Lucas Kratz Nicky Relias
Megan Heesemann Matthew Heesemann*

Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Give us, O God, the vision which can see your love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts. And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace. Amen

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Palm Sunday

9:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: Chorale Fantasy on "All Glory Laud and Honor" J.S. Bach

Welcome

Stand Greeting

The congregation is invited to come to the Paradisum of the church for the blessing of palms. Please bring your bulletin.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Invitation

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing of Palms

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem 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 that we may follow him in the way of the cross, and that, dying and rising with him we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Processional Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT LUKE 19:28-40 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Procession

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen

The congregation receives their palms and follows the procession as it moves down the center aisle before returning to their seats.

Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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 pray'rs we bring,

to 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 pray'r 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.

At the conclusion of the procession: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city in triumph to claim the cross as his throne. As we begin the solemnities of this Holy Week, we enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 Hear all the tributes hosanna cry;
 O Savior meek, your road pursue,
 with palms and scattered garments strewed.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray ...

The congregation responds: Amen

WORD

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
according to SAINT LUKE

The congregation remains seated for the reading of the passion.

Before the reading, the congregation sings:

Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
 let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
 Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
 of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.

First Reading: *Saint Luke 22:14-27*
Hymn #659

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Second Reading: *Saint Luke 22:28-38*
Hymn #349

Ah, Holy Jesus

Third Reading: *Saint Luke 22:39-62*
Hymn #337

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Fourth Reading: *Saint Luke 22:63—23:1-25*
Hymn #347

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Fifth Reading: *Saint Luke 23:26-43*
Hymn #353

Were You There

Sixth Reading: *Saint Luke 23:44-56*

Stand Hymn of the Day #803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you.

MEAL

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Anthem: "Ride on, King Jesus"

arr. Moses Hogan

Ride on King Jesus, Ride on the conquering King
Oh ride on King Jesus, ride on,
No man can hinder thee
He's the King and the Lord
He's the first and the last
He's the Lord of Lords
Jesus is the Prince of Peace

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va-
tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

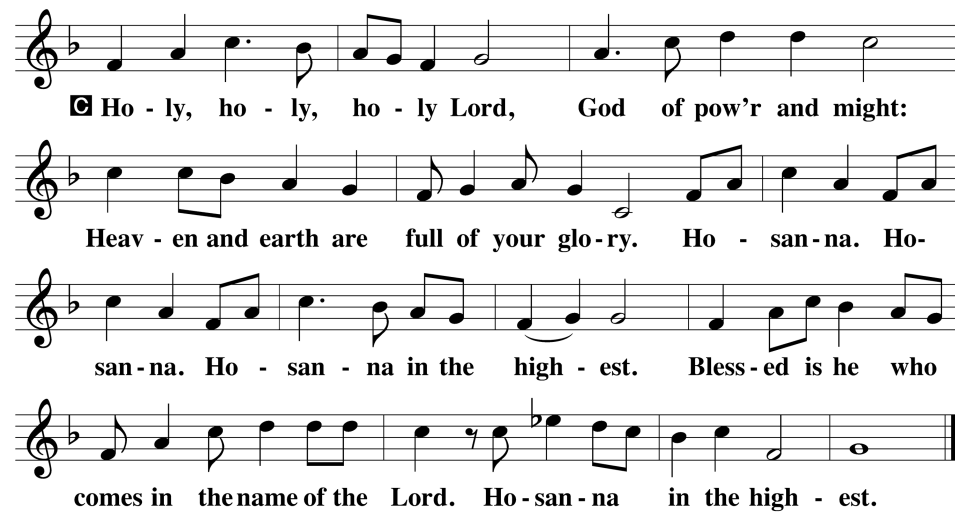
us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing

always and everywhere to give thanks ...

... and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, . . .

. . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour our your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, . . .

. . . Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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,

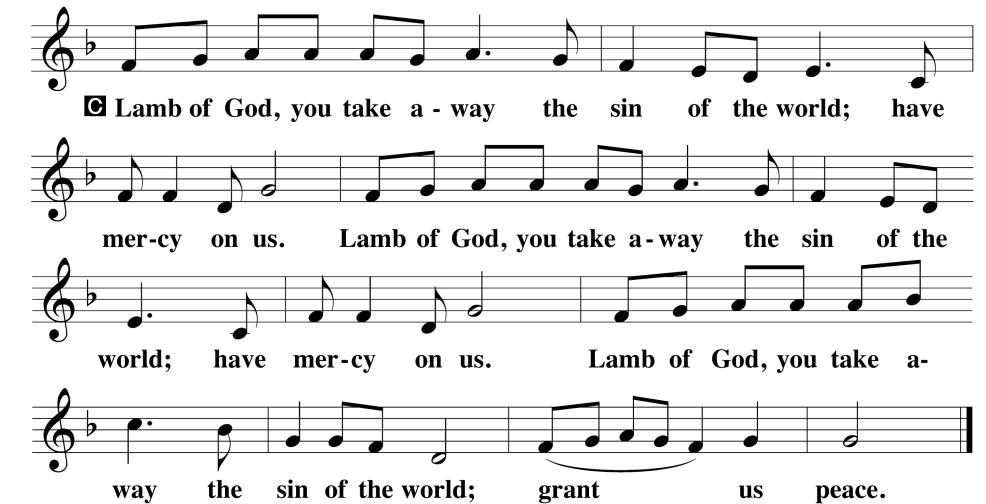
now and forever. Amen

Sit

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

Lamb of God

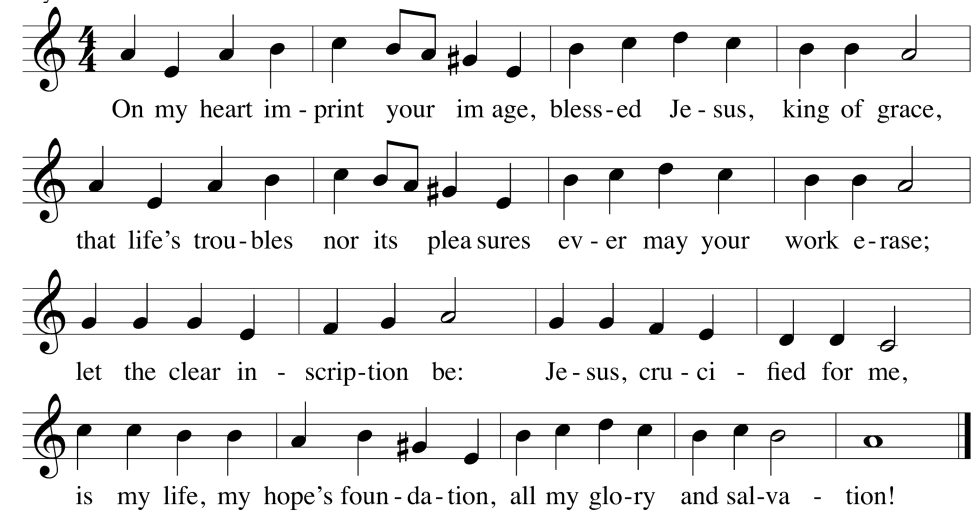


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

SENDING

Stand Table Blessing

Hymn after Communion



On my heart im - print your im age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,
 that life's trou - bles nor its plea sures ev - er may your work e - rase;
 let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
 is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Prayer after Communion

**We thank you, O God, for this heavenly food. Make straight our road,
 guard our life, make firm our steps, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 May his baptism protect us, his cross be a bridge for us, his body and
 blood guide us on the path to heaven. Amen**

Prayer for Peace

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #342

There in God's Garden

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

 Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Minister*
Terry Duchow, *Assisting Minister*Barbara Zimmer, Grant Godecke, Philip Estes, Kathryn Kleisch, Robert Kleisch, *Readers*Maia Surace, *Cantor*Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND INFORMATION

April 13, 2025



Worship Space

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, that final portion of the Lenten discipline in which we follow Jesus to the cross. During this period, the events of the week are observed in “real time”— in the same time frame that Jesus experienced them. This morning we trace his path into Jerusalem. Then with special services and daily devotions we mark the hours through the Last Supper (Thursday), the trial and crucifixion (Thursday night and Friday) and ultimately to his resurrection (next Sunday).

During Holy Week the environment will change to reflect the events in Jesus’ final week. The palms this morning recall his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and in the procession we become the people of the city, waving our branches and crying “Hosanna” as the Son of David passes.

Introduction to the Day

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus’ compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love.



During Holy Week

The worship service with the children of Saint Luke Academy will be held Thursday, April 17, at 9:00 a.m. (not Wednesday). Coffee and Chat will meet immediately following the service.

Bible Class

There will be NO Bible Class on Thursday, April 17, 2025.
Bible Class will resume on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Thank you!

Many thanks to *Chris Comella, Kathy and Bob Kleisch, Paul and Barb Zimmer, Virginia White and Lisa Bury* for preparing delicious soups for the Wednesday evening service. Every offering was delicious and ‘hit the spot’ on a cold evening.

Help Needed

- If you are able to stay **today** after church, help is needed to remove the Lenten items and change the altar. Can you stay for a few minutes?
- Help create the Easter environment **Saturday, April 19** beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please leave your name in the **church office or on the sign-up sheet in the Lobby** if you would like to help move lilies, branches, textiles and all the Easter elements.

More Help Needed

Saint Luke needs to clean out the archive space in Greenview Place. Help is needed to sift through the boxes to determine what to save. This project must be completed by May 23rd. If you think this will be an interesting job put your name on the list, indicating when you are available to help. Dates and times will be determined after everyone has signed up. The sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Get your name on the list today!

Needs at Home

Please return **Coin Folders** to the church office by May 4, 2025. The monies collected will be donated to *World Central Kitchen*.

During the month of April our monthly collection focuses on **baby food** – cereal, canned or powdered formula, juices and jars of prepared food -- all items needed by growing babies. Donations help the Lincoln-Belmont Pantry provide good nutrition for infants from low-income families. Please leave your donations in the collection barrel in the church lobby.

Parish Administrator Wanted

Saint Luke, a Reconciled in Christ congregation, an active, multigenerational ministry in Lakeview with Church, Academy, Cemetery, and Housing divisions, is looking for a parish administrator who would oversee the administrative, communications and building support functions for the Ministry. Please go to stlukechicago.org/apply for a complete Job Description. Interested candidates should submit their resumes, cover letter, and references to apply@stlukechicago.org by May 1, 2025.

Academy Service Project

The students of Saint Luke Academy are collecting personal hygiene products for **The Night Ministry**, a Chicago-based non-profit helping the unhoused and marginalized throughout the city. If you would like to help with this project, they are collecting: toothpaste (travel size), toothbrushes (individually packaged), washcloths, bar soap (unscented), and shampoo (for curly or textured hair). Please bring items to church by Sunday April 27. Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
HOLY WEEK 2025



BEGINNING THE HOLY WEEK

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY

O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

FRIDAY

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ORDER TODAY - EASTER FLOWERS

Complete the form below to help underwrite the cost for the adornment of the chancel on the Day of Resurrection.

You are invited to place flowers in thanksgiving to God, in remembrance of a departed loved one, or for blessings God has given you.

We list donors in a special Easter bulletin. Please be sure that you make your donation **today** so that your name may be included.

These flowers are a most beautiful reminder of our Lord's Resurrection and, by God's grace, our own.

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR _____

IN HONOR OF _____

FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED _____

Please indicate the amount you wish to donate for Easter Flowers:

200.00 \$100.00 \$50.00 other _____

Please make checks payable to Saint Luke Church.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

As an added convenience you may use your VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express card

Number _____

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025



PALM SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Blessing of Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 17, 2025



9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18, 2025



7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 19, 2025



7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 1218 W Addison Ave, Chicago, IL



THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection

Easter Egg Hunt - Immediately following the service! (weather permitting)

All Services are broadcast live! Go to www.stlukechicago.org

