

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.



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1. Welcome

2. Opening Hymn #279 "Hosannah Loud Hosannah" (Sunday School Children sing verse 1)

*1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.*

2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

3. Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

4. The Confession of Sin

Pastor Let us confess our sins:

Congregation Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

5. The Kyrie - Hymn #34 “Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above”

Kyrie, God Father in heav'n above, Great art Thou in grace and love

Of all things the Maker and Preserver. Eleison, eleison!

Kyrie, O Christ, our King, Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring.

O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Our Mediator at the heav'nly throne,

Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison, eleison!

Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most;

Do Thou our last hour bless; Let us leave this sinful world with gladness.

Eleison, eleison!

6. The Gloria Hymn - Hymn #35 “All Glory Be to God on High” verse 1

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!

To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;

O thank Him for His goodness!

7. The Collect for the Day

Pastor Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have caused Your beloved Son to take our nature upon Himself, that He might give us the example of humility and suffer death upon the cross for our sins: Mercifully grant us a believing knowledge of this, that we may follow the example of His patience, and be made partakers of the benefits of His sacred Passion and death; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns, with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

8. The Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 50:4-9b

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;

9. Psalm 92 (read responsively by whole verse)

¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

² to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

⁴ For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

⁵ How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

⁶ The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this:

⁷ that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever;

⁸ but you, O LORD, are on high forever.

⁹ For behold, your enemies, O LORD, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

¹⁰ But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.

¹¹ My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³ They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

¹⁵ to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

10. The Epistle – Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

11. Chief Hymn #49 “All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

7 O that, with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.

12. The Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:1-11

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

13. The Creed Hymn #37 “We All Believe In One True God”

1 We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present Help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host,
By whose mighty pow'r alone All is made and wrought and done.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore'er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blest and Holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

14. The Sermon “He Humbled Himself” Philippians 2:5-11

15. The Offering

16. The Prayers *prayer requests and general prayers for the needs of all people*

The Service of the Holy Communion

Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.

17. The Lord's Prayer *sung by all. Tune: ELH p. 53*

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.

18. The Words of Institution

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

19. The Distribution and Reception of The Lord's Supper

20. Distribution Hymns

#280 “Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty”

1 Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see th'approaching Sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, Thy pow'r and reign.

#278 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

1 O Jesus, King most wonderful, Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou Sweetness most ineffable, In whom all joys are found!

2 When once Thou visitest the heart, The truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart, Then kindles love divine.

3 O Jesus, Light of all below, Thou Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire.

4 May ev'ry heart confess Thy name And ever Thee adore
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame To seek Thee more and more!

5 Thee may our tongues forever bless, Thee may we love alone,
And ever in our lives express The image of Thine own!

#286 "Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me"

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil Thy Law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly--
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

#291 “Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light” (verses 1,4,8,9,12,14)

1 Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest
And sorely by my sins oppressed.

4 Oh let Thy sufferings give me pow'r
To meet the last and darkest hour!
Thy blood refresh and comfort me;
Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

8 Thy dying words let be my light
When death approaches as dark night;
Defend me in my dying breath
When then I bow my head in death.

9 Thy cross let be my staff in life,
Thy holy grave my rest from strife;
The winding sheet that covered Thee,
O let it be a shroud for me.

12 And when the last Great Day shall come
And Thou, our Judge, shalt speak the doom,
Let me with joy behold the light
And set me then upon Thy right.

13 Renew this wasted flesh of mine
That like the sun it there may shine
Among the angels pure and bright,
Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

14 Ah, then shall I most joyful be
And with the angels sing to Thee
And with Thy blessed, chosen fold
Fore'er Thy gracious face behold.

21. Collect of Thanksgiving

Pastor Let us give thanks and pray: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for feeding us with the most precious body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

22. The Benediction

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

23. Closing Hymn #8 “Christ Is Made The Firm Foundation”

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts today:
With Thy tender lovingkindness
Hear Thy people as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

4 Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

5 Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run.

Announcements

Lenten Theme – The Suffering Savior In Scripture - *The road to Easter begins in Eden*

Wednesdays 6:30pm with Supper starting at 5:15 pm.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 “From the Heart”

Wednesday Feb 25 - “The First Promise of a Wounded Savior” –Genesis 3:4-15

Wednesday Mar 4 – “A Substitute on the Mountain” – Genesis 22:1-14

Wednesday Mar 11 - “The Blood That Saves” Exodus 12:1-13

Wednesday March 18 – “Psalms of the Suffering Righteous One” – Psalm 22

Wed March 25 - “The Servant Who Suffers For Us” - Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Holy Week Services –

April 2nd - Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

April 3rd - Good Friday Worship at 6:30 p.m.

April 4th - No Saturday Evening Service

April 5th - Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast - The Inreach Board will be serving Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. - one hour before the church service. If you are unable to attend beforehand, you are welcome to enjoy any remaining breakfast after the service. Pancakes will be provided by the board, and they invite anyone interested in contributing to sign up to bring breakfast items such as meats, egg bakes (or other egg dishes), or fruit. There is a sign-up sheet for those who plan to attend posted on the volunteer board. As always, even if you don't sign up or are unable to bring food, please plan to join us for fellowship on Easter Sunday.

Women’s Bible Study – The Monday night Women's Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ruth for more information.

Men’s Bible Study – Men’s Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Choir – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, but this has switched to 7:30 during Lent. If you are interested in singing with the choir but don’t have time for the weekly rehearsals, please ask Klaudia or Julie about some of the easy-to-learn things in the works.

Cleaning Schedule – Help is needed to clean the sanctuary, narthex and gym. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board if you are able to help out. Thank you!

Budget Update – We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of February. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

<u>Member Giving Scorecard</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>
Member General Fund Giving	\$215,006	\$222,069	(\$7,063)	\$360,000
Estate Gift	\$42,200	\$0	\$42,200	\$0
School Deficit Reduction Giving Target	\$18,546	21,411	(\$2,865)	\$32,117
Hike for Heritage	\$17,517	\$0	\$17,517	\$0
Accrued Matching Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Member Giving	\$293,269	\$243,480	\$49,789	\$392,117

TLC – The Ladies Connection will meet on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.



Heritage Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL



Easter Breakfast

Hosted by the InReach Board!

Join us as we celebrate the joy
of Easter morning together!



**Easter Sunday –
Breakfast at 8:00 AM**

All members and guests are welcome.

Sign Up!

We need YOUR help
to provide food!

- Bring meat
- Bring egg bakes
- Bring fruit
- RSVP so we
plan accordingly

Please sign up in advance so we can prepare enough
food for everyone.

We look forward to celebrating the Resurrection with you!

