


**Welcome to Messiah!** We worship in the liturgical tradition of the Lutheran church. This means that we consider worship to be a participatory event.

All present participate in offering praise to God; for this reason, the worship service includes opportunities for every person to take an active part, including hymns, responses, and sharing in the Lord's Supper.

Please follow the order of service below. The green *Lutheran Book of Worship* is divided into pages, found in the first part of the book, and hymns, which compose the last three-fourths of the book.

In the order of service, "Page" with a number refers to the front of the hymnal; "LBW" with a number refers to that numbered hymn in the latter part of the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. "WOV" refers to the blue soft-bound supplemental hymnal, titled *With One Voice*.

The asterisk (\*) denotes a portion of the service where those who are able are asked to stand.

 **The Holy Communion** is open to all who have been baptized in the Triune Name of God and who believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion are provided in the box with the cup icon in this bulletin.

Parents are welcome to bring infants and young children forward to receive a blessing.

Worship begins with silent prayer and preparation as the people enter the nave and during the Prelude.

### COMING BEFORE GOD

In reverence to God and with respect to fellow worshippers, please turn off all cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.

*(Please note: many use the time prior to worship to engage in prayer and contemplation. Out of reverence and consideration for others, please refrain from conversing.)*

The Prelude Swedish Folk Tune  
*Prepare the Royal Highway*

**The congregation will stand and face the rear of the nave.**

\*Liturgy of the Procession and Blessing of Palms

\*P: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

\*C: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

\*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 whereby You have given us life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*The Processional Gospel John 12:12-19  
Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

\*P: The Lord be with you.

\*C: **And also with you.**

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

\*C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

\*P: We praise and thank You, O God, for the great acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path.

We ask that You bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: Let us go forth in peace.

\*C: **In the name of the Lord.**

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\*The Processional Hymn LBW 108

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

\*P: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

\*C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

\*The Prayer of the Day

### HEARING THE WORD

The First Lesson Zechariah 9:9-12

The King who commands praise

The Psalmody Psalm 31:9-16 Page 229

The Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

The humility and abuse of Jesus

\*The Lenten Verse Page 63

The Holy Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion according to St. Mark

A dramatic reading

The Sermon

\*The Hymn of the Day LBW 106

*In the Hour of Trial*

\*The Apostles' Creed Page 65

\*The Prayers of the Community of Faith

\*The Sharing of God's Peace

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Musical Offering Wesley

*O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done*

\*The Offertory Page 67

\*The Offertory Prayer "Merciful Father" Page 67

### THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION



Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. At the front pew, please take a Communion cup, then approach the rail. Plates are also located on the first-row pew for your offering.

If for reason of health, you prefer not to receive wine, it is perfectly acceptable to commune by receiving bread only; simply decline the wine when it is offered.

You are welcome to remain standing at the rail if kneeling is difficult for you. Deposit used cups in the dishpan (front pew).

If you would like to receive the Sacrament but cannot walk easily, please indicate to your usher that you would like to receive Communion in your seat, and the ministers will bring it to you.

\*The Great Thanksgiving Page 68

Eucharistic Prayer No. III (not in pew edition)

Our Father, Who art... Page 71

The Distribution of the Meal

The congregation sings:

*Lamb of God* Page 72

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* LBW 107

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God* LBW 103

\*The Post-Communion Blessing Page 72

\*The Post-Communion Canticle Page 73

\*The Post-Communion Prayer for Passion Sunday (not in pew edition)

\*The Benediction Page 74

\*The Dismissal Page 74

\*The Recessional Hymn LBW 109

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

\*The Postlude König

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

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The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of our departed loved ones by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hatt.

The **COMMUNION GIFTS** are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Harold & Margaret Cramp by Nancy Cramp.

### SERVING TODAY:

SUPPLY PASTORS: The Rev. Michael Tamorria  
The Rev. Karen Tamorria

ASSISTING MINISTER: Deborah Lutz

ACOLYTE: Deborah Lutz

CRUCIFER: Sandra Smith

PIANIST: Dianne Winters

GREETER: Karen Zivic

HEAD USHER: Eugene Martin

COUNTING TEAM: Team 4 (Hoffman, Lutz, Zivic)

**VISITOR INFORMATION:** We welcome you in the Name of Christ. Please sign the guest register located in the narthex near the greeter and give the pastor an opportunity to meet you.

If you would like a tour of the facility, the pastor will arrange for a guide. If you would like to know more about the ministries and life of Messiah, we invite your questions.

REST ROOMS are located in the corridor to your left as you exit the worship space. Pass through the coat area then look to your right. An infant changing table is available in the Ladies' Room.

**Next week's lessons: Resurrection of Our Lord**

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

**PARENTS** – You are encouraged to bring your small children to worship. Should you decide they need a break from pew seating, you are welcome to make use of the area outside the nave. They can crawl or play while you continue to worship.

Also, parents: Please make use of the paper strips for your young child to draw on during worship, rather than the Communion cards. These cards are needed for their intended use. Your consideration is appreciated.



**Parents and Kids!** Beside the guest register stand (at the Greeter Station), "busy bags" are available for your young children's use during worship. You are welcome to take them into the nave. Please return these items to the basket after worship for use again next week. Encourage your children to take their artwork home with them. ENJOY! From the Welcome Team.



**MOVING?** Please remember to notify the church office if you have moved or are planning to move. The church must pay double postage every time we are notified of a change of address by the post office. Thank you for helping us be good stewards.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to spend an afternoon learning about the Muhlenberg family and the Lutheran Church in colonial Pennsylvania presented by Lisa Minardi on **Sunday, April 7 at 3 PM** at **Salem Lutheran Church** (8th & Willow Sts.). The event will be preceded by an organ recital on the historic Miller Organ at 2:30 PM. Please RSVP by March 27 to 717-272-6151. All are welcome to attend!



*Thank you*

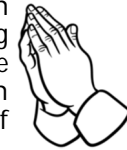
Thank you to **Pr. Michael and Pr. Karen Tamorria** for leading us in worship this morning and for giving us the dramatic reading of the Passion according to St. Mark. We appreciate you introducing this new way of the hearing this life-giving story. **A big thank you** is also extended to all who read parts in the dramatic reading of the Passion this morning.

**Easter Breakfast is next week (March 31)!** Tickets are on sale today for our Easter breakfast. They are \$4 each (children under age 5 are free). Breakfast will be served at **8:30 AM** and features a variety of egg casseroles, fruit, coffee, tea and juice. Please see Harry or Karen Hatt **after worship** to get your tickets!



**In your Holy Week insert** you will see a list of hymns and Scripture for a time of personal prayer and contemplation for the Eve of Easter (Saturday). One of the readings is from **Baruch**. Copies of this particular reading are available for you on the oak table outside the nave. You may pick up and keep a copy.

**PRAYERS FOR A PARTICULAR CONGREGATION** within the Atlantic Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church are being offered each week during the liturgies of the forty-three congregations of the mission region. This week we are remembering in prayer the people, ministries, and congregation of **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Joppa, MD.**



**The Sunday of the Passion  
The Holy Communion  
at 10:30 AM  
March 24, 2024**

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**Our Mission:  
To bring Christ to people and people to Christ.**

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