



# CROSS OF CHRIST

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

12099 Lowell Blvd. Broomfield, CO 80020



**March 24, 2024**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m.**

## Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran Church body. We invite you to join us for worship, and for a variety of opportunities for growth and service. If you are new here, welcome! If you are newly returned to church, we rejoice with you! If you are a member, we celebrate your involvement in this faith community! You do not need to be a member to participate in our ministry and mission.

### Mission Statement

*Cross of Christ Lutheran Church invites all to join in celebrating Christ's love as we worship, learn, and serve.*

**Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is mounted on the right (north) side of the main hallway, just before the restrooms.

**Prayer Requests** may be phoned to the church office (303-469-4004), emailed to [churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org](mailto:churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org), or put in the prayer box located in the Narthex. Our Prayer Team is made up of people who are dedicated to pray for others.

**Children's Worship Space:** We invite you and your children to use:

**Carpeted area:** Feel free to use items in this space or take them to a "pew seat."

**Booster cushions:** Please take a booster cushion to your seat and return it to the hooks in the narthex after worship.

**Reusable Worship Bags:** Pick yours up from the church office and **Take & Keep Worship Bags:** Activity bags are available in the narthex for visitors.

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Closed Fridays.



**Online Giving:** Many of our members give online at [www.cross-of-christ.org](http://www.cross-of-christ.org) or by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera, however, you may also place your offering in the offering plates.



**First Time Guests:** We're glad you are here! Be sure to tell us about yourself by using this QR code.

If you'd like to learn more about us, please visit our website at [www.cross-of-christ.org](http://www.cross-of-christ.org).

### Pastors and Staff

Kathleen Armstrong Lead Pastor

Aly Kohlmeier Associate Pastor

Amy Pallas Director of Children's Ministry

Joseph Noelliste Director of Music Ministry

Nikki Leverone Financial Secretary

Jessica Wanecek Office Administrator

Scott Elvington/Shannon Hazler Audio & Visual Ministers

Church Council [council@cross-of-christ.org](mailto:council@cross-of-christ.org)

Amy Goodmanson Preschool/Kindergarten Director

*To contact the Church Staff, please email:*

*[churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org](mailto:churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org)*

## We're Happy You Are Here!

### Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall  
Seeds of Joy Cross Generation Event

11:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion  
(Contemporary Service)

### Holy Week Schedule

#### Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship with First Communion Celebration

#### Good Friday

Noon Spoken Service  
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

#### Easter

Worship with Holy Communion  
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

# Palm Sunday

## Sunday of the Passion

*Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear all of Mark's account of the passion today. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.*

***We will begin our service outside in the Prayer Garden on the north side of the building.***

*The pastors and assisting minister will read the normal print. Congregation responds with bold print.*

## PRELUDE

Hosanna (Praise in Rising), Baloché

## WELCOME

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Mark 11:1-11

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

*(Repeat as we process around the building, waving our palm branches)*

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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 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.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

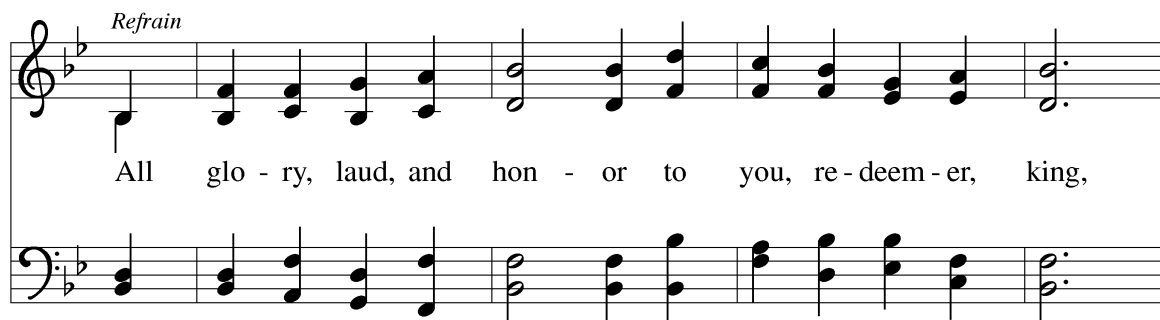
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong, trumpet

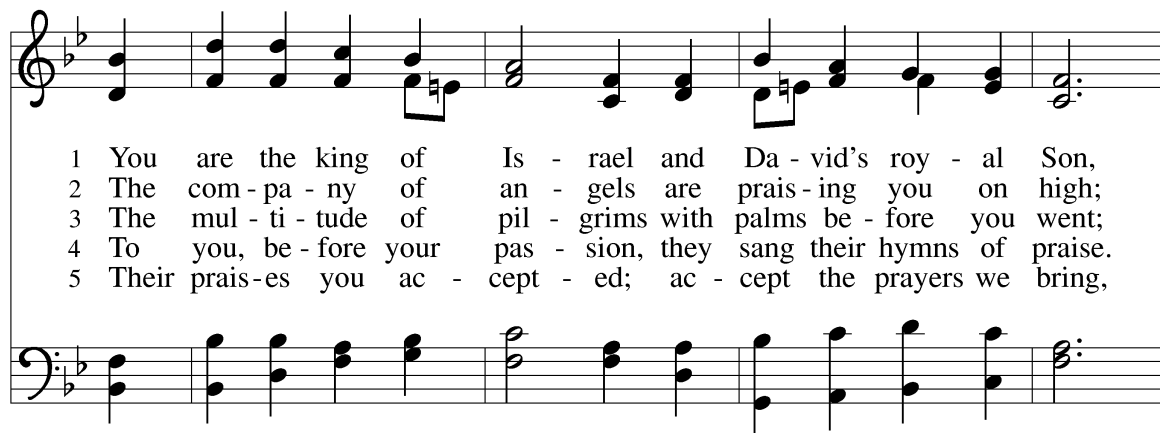
*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

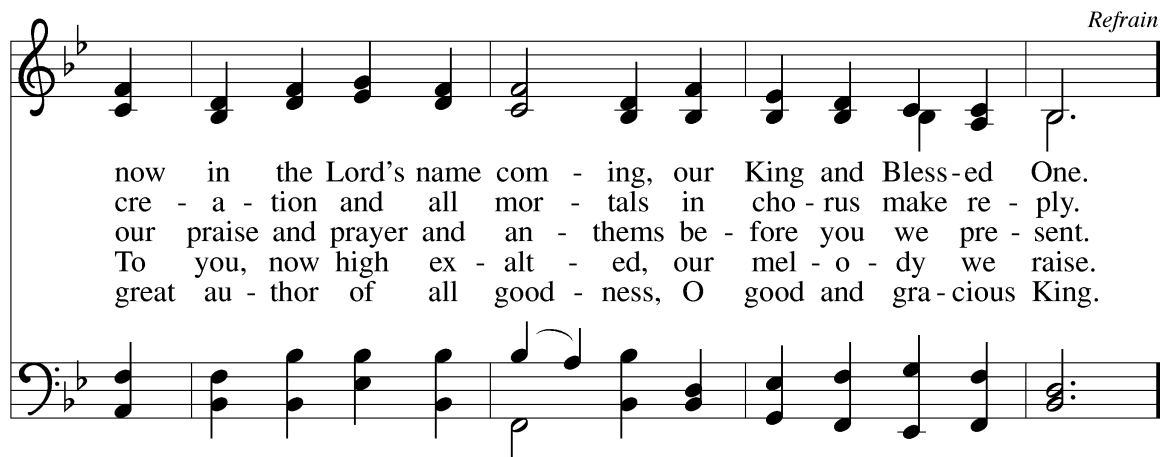


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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 prayers we bring,

*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 prayer 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Let us pray. God, this is the day when everything changes, and we are pulled along: bodies dancing, voices singing, calling for you to save us. In the heart of the whirl, there is no warhorse for you, only the quiet steps of a colt. Sweep us up with exuberance and still us with quiet joy. Prepare us to meet you again at the cross and the empty tomb.

**Amen.**

## ◆ WORD ◆

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### READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the book of Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

God speaks to us in many ways.

**You reach out to us in your spoken Word.**

# CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Gathering Song

Down in My Heart

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where?)

Down in my heart, (where?)

Down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart to stay!

Children's Message

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

Children's Church

*Children may follow the children's church leader to the Fellowship Hall. They will return during the Hymn of the Day.*

# THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 14:1 – Mark 15:47

The Plot to Kill Jesus

The Anointing of Jesus

## HYMN

We Fall Down

We fall down  
We lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of  
Mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
Is the lamb

The Betrayal of Judas

The Last Supper

## HYMN

Eat This Bread

The musical score for the hymn 'Eat This Bread' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:  
Vocal: Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.  
Piano: Accompaniment for the first system.

System 2:  
Vocal: Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.  
Piano: Accompaniment for the second system.

Peter's Denial Foretold

Gethsemane

# Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

## HYMN

### Man of Sorrows

#### Verse 1

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God  
By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused  
Beaten, mocked, and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will  
He took a crown of thorns

#### Chorus

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out, "Hosanna"  
"Praise and honour unto Thee"

#### Verse 2

Sent of heaven God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed Him to that tree

#### Chorus

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out, "Hosanna"  
"Praise and honour unto Thee"

## Jesus before the High Priest

### Peter's Denial

## HYMN

### Ah, Holy Jesus (Verses 1 & 2)

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.



## **Jesus Brought Before Pilate**

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. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

“You say so.”

Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

## **Barabbas of Jesus?**

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

**Congregation:** “Crucify him!”

Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?”

**Congregation:** “Crucify him!”

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

## **The Soldiers Mock Jesus**

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); And called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**Congregation:** “Hail, King of the Jews!”

They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 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.

## HYMN

### Amazing Love How Can It Be

I'm forgiven, because you were forsaken,  
I'm accepted, you were condemned  
I'm alive and well, your spirit is within me  
Because you died and rose again.

Amazing love how can it be  
That you my King should die for me  
Amazing love, I know its true  
And its my joy to honor you, in all I do to honor you

You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus you are my King  
you are my King

Amazing love how can it be  
That you my King should die for me  
Amazing love, I know its true  
And its my joy to honor you, in all I do to honor you

### The Crucifixion of Jesus

### The Death of Jesus

# HYMN

## O Sacred Head Now Wounded (*verses 1 & 4*)

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite  
Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612;  
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

## The Burial of Jesus

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lamb of God (Your Only Son)

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have  
sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and  
*Refrain*  
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God. God.  
God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me  
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: Twila Paris

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YOUR ONLY SON

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Refrain:

God of unending joy,

Answer us.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The sign of Peace is not the same as saying "hello" to our neighbors. Rather, the Peace of Christ is a sign of forgiveness and love we receive in Holy Communion and our hope to be able to share that with each other in this community.*

The peace of Christ be with you always,

And also with you.

# ◆ MEAL ◆

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## OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

*Children are invited to come forward with their offering and place it in the basket in front of the altar while the offering plates are being passed.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

Hosanna to the Son

Soli Dei Choir

David Halls

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, you give us so much; our passions and talents, the food we eat, the homes we know, and a place to worship. Receive the gifts we offer back to you today. Bless them and bless us, that we will give generously, love boldly, and share widely, our offering reflecting your joyful gift. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to 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 in remembrance of me."

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

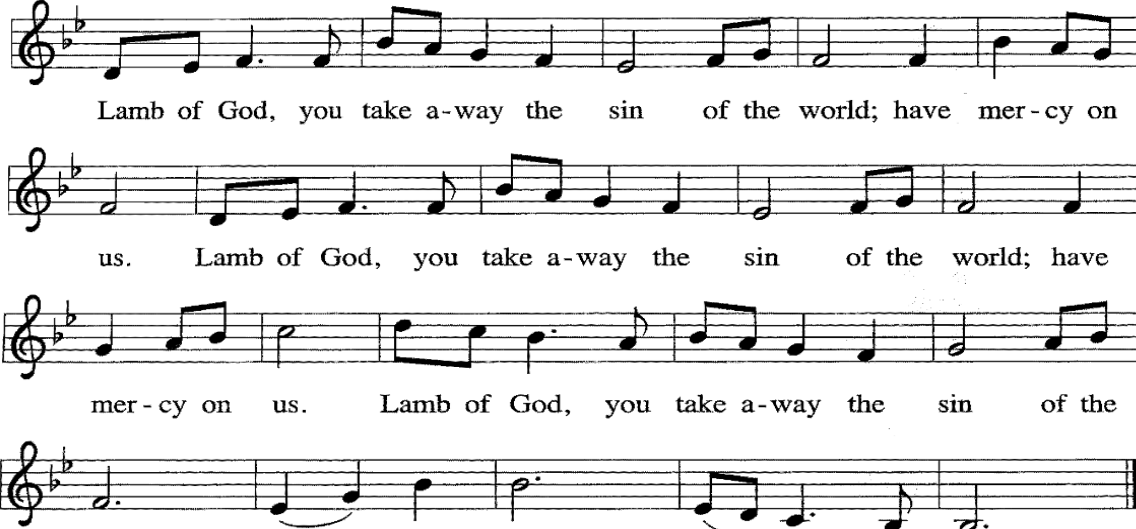
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin.*

*Please form two lines in the aisle as you come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each tray of communion glasses for those who desire it; and gluten-free wafers are available from those serving. If you need communion brought to you, please tell an usher. Children and adults who would like a blessing instead of receiving communion, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.*

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come with joy!

## 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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Great Are You Lord

All Sons and Daughters

*Verse*

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord

*Chorus*

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

*Bridge*

All the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord

## BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one so we may feed the world in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life.  
Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# ◆ SENDING ◆

## BENEDICTION

The One who wove joy throughout the whole cosmos weaves joy within your own heart. The One who experienced all our human joys and sorrows travels right beside you. The One who whispers joy to our hearts is present within you. You are blessed in the name of God, ✠ Holy Three in One. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869  
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

## SENDING

Practice Joy.

As you leave this place,  
go with the joy that fills with meaning.  
Thanks be to God.



# POSTLUDE

Hosanna to the Son (reprise)

Soli Dei Choir

David Halls

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## ◆ LEADERSHIP ◆

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### 9:00 AM

Assisting Minister

Brett Woodiel

Passion Readers

Jerry Jaggers

Eric Jaggers

Laurie Fobes

Communion Assistants

Kerri and Reagan Kraft

Jerry Jaggers

Laurie Fobes

Ushers

Bob Fobes

James Osenkowski

Altar Guild

Carol Tingley and Sharon McDaniel



With permission, we offer the first names of those among our community for whom we pray. These names will be shared here for up to three weeks. Let us pray for:

Tom

Judy

#### On-going prayers for:

Pastor Meghan, Pastor Gabi Aelabouni, and family serving in Jerusalem and the West Bank

Pastor Samm Melton-Hill serving with New Beginnings Worshipping Community in Denver

Bishop Jim Gonia, Rocky Mountain Synod

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication  
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

## Spread Joy!

Plant seeds to keep & to share.



### Seeds of Joy Event

Palm Sunday, March 24 @ 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us today in the Fellowship  
Hall for this Fun, Family  
Friendly,  
Cross-Generational event!



My name is William Rauh and I am a Life Scout in Troop 17, which is chartered by Cross of Christ. I am preparing to start my Eagle project on 4/1 to build four new garden beds for the preschool. *I am seeking donations for the project and need a total of \$2250 to cover the cost of materials for the project.*

Any amount donated will help! Thank you!

DONATE HERE



# HOLY WEEK

at Cross of Christ



## MAUNDY THURSDAY



MARCH 28  
7:00 P.M.

Worship with Holy  
Communion  
And  
First Communion  
Celebration

IN-PERSON AND STREAMED LIVE

[WWW.CROSS-OF-CHRIST.ORG](http://WWW.CROSS-OF-CHRIST.ORG)

## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES MARCH 29, 2024

Noon  
7:00 p.m.

Spoken Service  
Tenebrae Service

In-Person and Streamed Live

[www.cross-of-christ.org](http://www.cross-of-christ.org)







# Easter Worship

## March 31

7:30 a.m.

Traditional Service with Holy Communion  
and Special Music

9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Traditional Service with Holy Communion  
Special Music with Capitol Brass Ensemble,  
Proclaim and Soli Dei

In-Person and Streamed Live

[www.cross-of-christ.org](http://www.cross-of-christ.org)