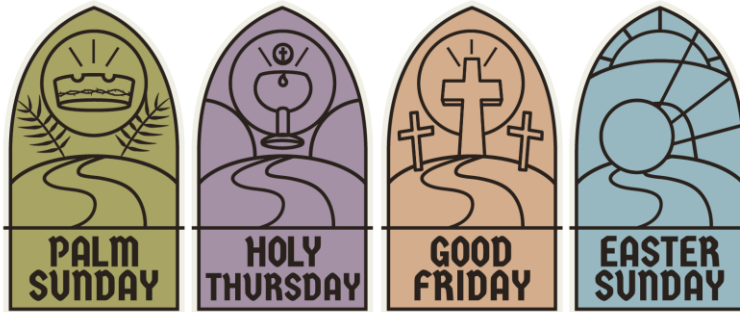




# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent) A



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## HOLY WEEK

LOOK UP

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### To See Your King

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Restrooms and a drinking fountain** are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary. We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service. If you are a parent with young children, we want you to know that we love having children worship with us since worship includes them, too. At the same time, we know that children sometimes like to make their presence known in spite of the best efforts to keep them quiet. For your convenience and in consideration of those seated near you, we have a **Family Room** located through the door in the back of the Fellowship Hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service. **Busy bags** are also available near the central sanctuary doors.

**Prayer before worship:** Suffering Servant of the Lord, we approach this season with mixed feelings. We feel crushed, knowing that our sins have caused your pains and suffering. We see your tortured body and know it was because of the sinful actions we did, the wicked words we said, and the evil thoughts that crossed our minds. We are deeply sorry for our sins, and we are deeply grateful to know that it was your undeserved love that led you to save us. If, in that love, you see fit to allow suffering in our lives, grant us the strength to bear it well and to glorify you through it all. Amen.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

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

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

### **Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem**

*Matthew 21:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

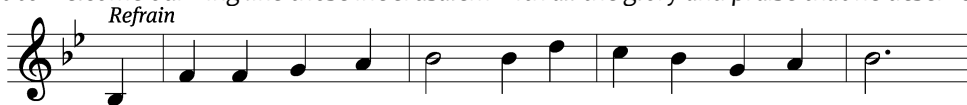
P: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: in the name of the Lord.**

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CW 412

We want to welcome our King like those in Jerusalem with all the glory and praise that he deserves.



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 is prais - ing you on high,
- 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
and we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

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## Confession of Sins

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**C: Amen.**

## In the Mind of the King

Questions to consider during the sermon:

- 1) How is this attitude both surprising and completely expected?
- 2) When did St. Paul himself first look up to see the exalted King?
- 3) What's the best way to let this attitude be ours and get into the mind of the King?

## Lord's Prayer

**C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Exult Today, Jerusalem

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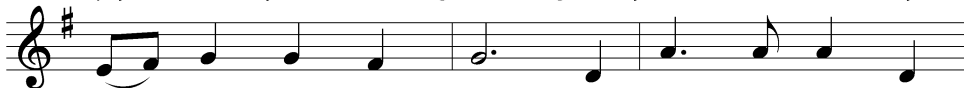
*Deeply scriptural with vivid pictures, this hymn paints Jesus' victory over all our greatest foes.*



1 Ex - ult to - day, Je - ru - sa - lem! God comes to  
 2 With joy, the cit - y res - o - nates! O Zi - on's  
 3 The Christ! A Proph - et great - er than that giv - er  
 4 Christ's glo - ry is not seen by those of - fend - ed  
 5 So wave your palms and fill the air with shouts of



set you free! This roy - al Son of Beth - le - hem ful -  
 daugh - ter, sing! Lift up your heads, you might - y gates, and  
 of the law; a Priest, not born from Le - vi's clan, but  
 by the cross, for world - ly wis - dom nev - er knows how  
 joy this day; the King of glo - ry comes to bear your



fills all proph - e - cy. This great - er Jo - nah  
 greet your com - ing King! He rides no horse with  
 born with - out sin's flaw; a King, one like that  
 gain could come from loss; yet, this the glo - ry  
 sin and death a - way! Ho - san - na, Lord! Your



of re - nown God's love and pow'r dis - plays; he comes to  
pranc - ing strides, as kings be - fore him came, but on a  
priest - ly king, Mel - chiz - e - dek of old, for Christ, as  
of the Christ: to claim our cross as throne— his per - fect  
peo - ple save! O come, Em - man - u - el, and by your



tear God's tem - ple down and raise it in three days!  
don - key hum - bly rides, his of - fice to pro - claim:  
thorn - crowned King will bring God's right - eous - ness fore - told.  
life he sac - ri - ficed that we might be his own!  
cross and shat - tered grave, tear down the gates of hell!

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## The Passion History I

Matthew 26:1–35

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. <sup>4</sup>They plotted together how to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup>But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.”

<sup>6</sup>When Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman approached him holding an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was reclining at the table. <sup>8</sup>But when his disciples saw this, they were upset and said, “Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor.”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus was aware of this and said to them, “Why are you causing trouble for this woman? She has done a beautiful thing for me. <sup>11</sup>You are always going to have the poor with you, but you are not always going to have me. <sup>12</sup>When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Amen I tell you: Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.”

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the Twelve, the one named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>From that time on Judas was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>18</sup>He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him the Teacher says, ‘My time is near. I will observe the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”

<sup>19</sup>The disciples did as Jesus commanded them and prepared the Passover. <sup>20</sup>When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

<sup>21</sup>As they were eating, he said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup>They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

<sup>23</sup>He replied, “The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man is going just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”

<sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, replied, “Surely, not I, Rabbi?”

He said to him, “Yes, you are the one.”

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.” <sup>30</sup>After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ <sup>32</sup>But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>33</sup>Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight before the rooster crows you will deny me three times.”

<sup>35</sup>Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

CW 420 st. 1

*We meditate on Jesus' sufferings because in him alone is our hope of life and salvation.*

1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
with your Spir - it me en - dow for such 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats, and a common time signature. The notes are: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The third staff continues: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The fourth staff concludes: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4.

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P: Loving Lord, as you prepared your disciples for your suffering and death, you gave them the gift of yourself. Equip us with your presence and your peace so that they may guard us while we ponder your passion.

**C: Amen.**

## The Passion History II

Matthew 26:36–56

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and distressed. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death. Stay here, and keep watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup>He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed. He said, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

<sup>40</sup>He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “So, were you not able to stay awake with me for one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>42</sup>He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.” <sup>43</sup>Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before. <sup>45</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near.”

<sup>47</sup>While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him.” <sup>49</sup>Immediately he went to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, “Friend, why are you here?”

Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>Suddenly, one of the men with Jesus reached out his hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?”

<sup>55</sup>At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

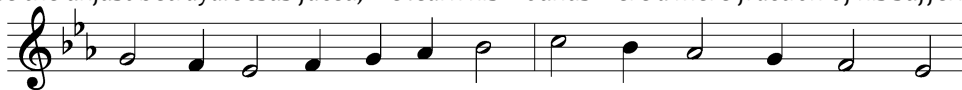
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C: Thanks be to God.

## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

CW 420 st. 2

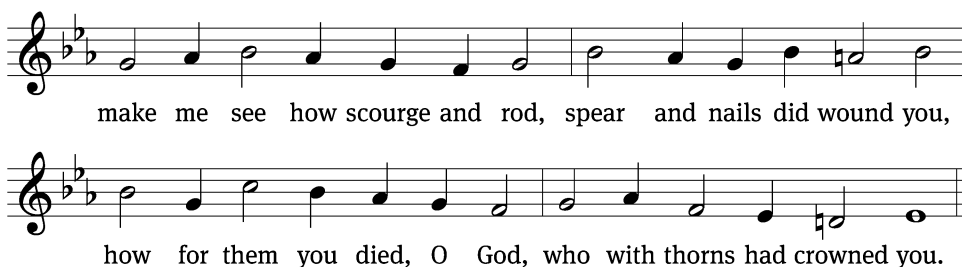
*As we see the unjust betrayal Jesus faced, we learn his wounds were a mere fraction of his suffering.*



2 Make me see your great dis-tress, an-guish, and af-flic-tion,



bonds and stripes and wretch-ed-ness and your cru-ci-fix-ion;



make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,  
 how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.

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**P:** Faithful Savior, you have never left us abandoned, though we scatter so quickly and so often. Help us stand firm in the face of fear and persecution, for you stand with us.

**C: Amen.**

## The Passion History III

*Matthew 26:57–75*

<sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the experts in the law and the elders were assembled. <sup>58</sup>Peter was following him at a distance and went as far as the courtyard of the high priest. He went inside and sat down with the guards to see how it would turn out.

<sup>59</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup>They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

<sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said to him, “Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!”

<sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, “It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! <sup>66</sup>What do you think?”

They answered, “He is deserving of death!” <sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and punched him. Some slapped him <sup>68</sup>and said, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?”

<sup>69</sup>Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to him and said, “You were also with Jesus the Galilean.”

<sup>70</sup>But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, “I don't know what you're talking about.”

<sup>71</sup>When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>72</sup>Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, “I do not know the man.”

<sup>73</sup>After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, “Surely you are also one of them because even your accent gives you away.”

<sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know the man!” Just then the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

CW 420 st. 3

*The crushing realization is that the cause of the sufferings of Jesus is my sin and guilt.*

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Ah! I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
this in - deed the cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.

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P: Lord of Truth, though you were betrayed and denied by your closest friends, you proved yourself to be the ever-abiding Friend of sinners. Conquer our doubts and remove our fears so that we always remain true to you and one another.

C: Amen.

## The Passion History IV

Matthew 27:1–26

<sup>1</sup>Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to put Jesus to death. <sup>2</sup>They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

<sup>3</sup>Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders <sup>4</sup>and said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.”

<sup>5</sup>He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.” <sup>7</sup>They reached a decision to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. <sup>8</sup>So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter’s field, just as the Lord commanded me.

<sup>11</sup>When Jesus stood in the presence of the governor, the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.”

<sup>12</sup>When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are testifying against you?”

<sup>14</sup>But he did not answer him—not even one word, so that the governor was very surprised.

<sup>15</sup>At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, “Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup>For Pilate knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

<sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate’s wife sent him a message. “Have nothing to do with that righteous man,” she said, “since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him.” <sup>20</sup>But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. <sup>21</sup>The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

“Barabbas!” they said.

<sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Crucify him!”

<sup>23</sup>But the governor said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

But they kept shouting even louder: “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup>When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this righteous man's blood. It is your responsibility.”

<sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

<sup>26</sup>Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

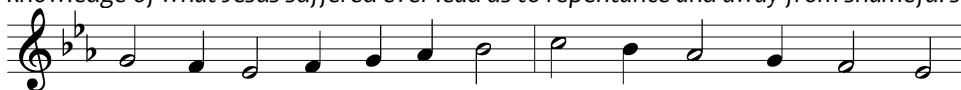
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## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

CW 420 st. 4

*May our knowledge of what Jesus suffered ever lead us to repentance and away from shameful sins.*



4 Grant that I your pas-sion view with re - pent - ant griev - ing;



let me not bring shame to you by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



How could I re - fuse to shun ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



since for me God's on - ly Son suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

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P: Suffering Servant of God, you took the place of a murderer...of all murderers...of all sinners, in exchange for giving us your holy robe of righteousness. Silence the shouts of hateful hearts and replace them with perfect praise for you.

C: Amen.

## The Passion History V

Matthew 27:27–54

<sup>27</sup>Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. <sup>29</sup>They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head.

<sup>31</sup>After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they were going out of the city, they found a man from Cyrene named Simon. They forced him to carry Jesus' cross. <sup>33</sup>They came to a place called Golgotha, which means "The place of the skull." <sup>34</sup>They offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>After they had crucified him, they divided his clothing among themselves by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>Above his head they posted the written charge against him: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

<sup>38</sup>At the same time two criminals were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!"

<sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him. They said, <sup>42</sup>"He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he's the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with him kept insulting him.

<sup>45</sup>From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land.

<sup>46</sup>About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>47</sup>When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "This fellow is calling for Elijah."

<sup>48</sup>Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. <sup>49</sup>The rest said, "Leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

<sup>50</sup>After Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. <sup>51</sup>Suddenly, the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split.

<sup>52</sup>Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. <sup>53</sup>Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus' resurrection and appeared to many people. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, "Truly this was the Son of God."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

CW 420 st. 5

*In the compassionate Passion of Jesus, we find our full assurance of full forgiveness.*

5 If my sins give me a - larm and my con-science grieve me,  
let your cross my fear dis - arm, peace of con-science give me.  
Help me see for - give - ness won by your ho - ly pas - sion.  
If for me he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

The musical score is written on four staves in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '5' indicating the start of the verse. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615

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P: Lord of life, your death put death to death. Let us meditate on the price our sins demanded so that we may never take their removal for granted. May our lives be a thank offering dedicated to you, who gave your life to give us life.

C: Amen.

## The Passion History VI

Matthew 27:54–66

<sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, “Truly this was the Son of God.”

<sup>55</sup>Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served him were there, watching from a distance. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered that it be given to him. <sup>59</sup>Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock. He rolled a large stone over the tomb's entrance and left. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, “Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise again.’ <sup>64</sup>So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples might steal his body and tell the people, ‘He is risen from the dead.’ And this last deception will be worse than the first.”

<sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how.” <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

CW 420 st. 6

*As we ponder Jesus' cross more, our faith grows, our love spreads, and our praises rise to him forever.*

6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; help me bear my cross - es,  
learn - ing hum - ble - ness from you, peace mid pain and loss - es.  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,  
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

The musical score is written on four staves in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are: '6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; help me bear my cross - es, learn - ing hum - ble - ness from you, peace mid pain and loss - es. May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior, that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.'

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P: Lord of Sabbath rest, you rested in the tomb that should have been ours so that our rest would bring true refreshing, renewal, and the assurance of our resurrection. Dry the tears of all who weep at the graveside of a loved one, and be our hope and light in the darkness.

**C: Amen.**

P: As we leave this place and Holy Week continues, keep our eyes and hearts fixed on what we heard again today: Our humble King gave himself to prepare the disciples that would abandon, betray, and deny him. He faced injustice, suffering, and death to save us. Let us cling to him who gave his life up to death, even death on a cross so that we would have life and have it to the full. May we find true, Sabbath rest in your cross and the tomb that should be ours and will be revealed as empty when Easter morning dawns.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

# No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

CW 414

Look up to see: Jesus is a King like no other and his conquering work is equally extraordinary!

1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn;  
4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake

with ban - ners and with drums, no sound of mu - sic's  
with palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
the palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
the cross and all its pains and chose a ser - vant's

mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
cross draws near: the King of glo - ry's throne.  
on - ly thorn the King of glo - ry's crown.  
form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
A - stride a colt he pass - es by  
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name

no bells in tri - umph ring, no cit - y gates swing  
as loud ho - san - nas ring, or else the ver - y  
the streets with tu - mult ring, as Pi - late to the  
till heav - en's raft - ers ring, and all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

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## + Ministry Notes +

### **Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.**

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today Pastor Tim will continue the Examples in Exodus study in the Fellowship Hall, while Pastor James leads the BIC in the choir area of the sanctuary. Sunday school for the children will be at the same time.

### **St. Paul's Picnic**

Mark your calendars with **Saturday, April 18**, when we will have our next church & school picnic! All are welcome for this day of food and fun and fellowship. We will have lots of games to play and other fun activities for the children. So bring some comfortable seating and a dessert/side dish to pass (grilled meats will be provided), and let's have a picnic!

### **Call Updates**

**Mrs. Michelle Most** continues to deliberate where she can best serve in God's kingdom. If you would like to reach out to her personally, her contact information is below:

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Our next call meeting for the 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom will be on Holy Thursday (4-2) following the service.

## Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

*Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2*

**PREACHER:** Tim Rosenow

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**ACCOMPANIST:** Cindy Lendt

**STREAMING:** Mark Meyer

**USHERS:** Bill Hoeltke and Dan Cerney

**FLOWERS:** Teller 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary

### Let's pray this week!

*birthdays* | **Amelia Draeger** (3-29 – 10 years old!)

*anniversaries* | **Randy & Bette-Jo Tarnowski** (4-4 – 45 years!)

*comfort for loved ones* | **John Hambel** (called home to heaven)

*holding calls to our school* | **Mrs. Michelle Most**

*homebound members* | **Dave Brandt, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo**

*health* | **Tom Colwell** (home hospice care); **Sharon Cummons** (health and strength); **Shia Gabourel** (kindergarten student, surgery on his hand); **Kay-Lynn Johnston** (recovering from surgery); **Rick Robinson** (recovering at Diamond Ridge); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (continued recovery)

### Serving in worship next week

*Streaming:* (Thu) 4/2 Bill Hoeltke; (Fri) 4/3 Bill Hartman; (Sun) 4/5 Tony Moore

*Ushers:* (Easter Sun) 4/5 Dan Cerney and Wendy Crary

### This Week | March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>

**WED** – Isaiah Bible study 10:00 AM

**THU** – Holy Thursday Service 6:00 PM; Call meeting (after the service); Choir (following the meeting)

**FRI** – NO SCHOOL (K-8); Tenebrae Service 6:00 PM

**SAT** – Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM

### Upcoming Events

**April 5** – Easter Service 9:30 AM; Breakfast & Egg Hunt 11:00 AM

**April 13** – Kingsway Birthday Celebration 1:00 PM

**April 14** – Council of Ministry 5:15 PM

**April 17** – Soccer Tournament (Tampa, 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**April 18** – St. Paul's Picnic

# Who We Are

## (Our Mission)

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. Like any family, we have our strengths and we have our weaknesses. We experience successes and we experience struggles. These are the things which unite us. For we know that we aren't perfect, but our Heavenly Father is; and he has loved us with a perfect love, sending his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and to give us eternal life in heaven. With that same love, he comes to us through his Word, the Bible, to equip us and encourage us as we live in a world which can leave us feeling discouraged and hopeless at times. So, as a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them. We want as many people as possible to know the joy and hope which we have as members of God's family.*

*If you would like to learn more about our church family or the ministries we offer through our church, school, and preschool, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.*

*Thank you for being a part of our church family today!*



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