

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026



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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the following people:

Dave Haldeman, Pat McQuate, Tim Harting, Stacey Emberger, Mike Leed, Ruth Hollinger, Barb Moyer, Fay Weitzel, Shannon Brown, Shirley Sweigart, Molly Brown, Carl Mohler Jr., Jay Weaver, Vivian Gehr, Tom Parrish Sr, Elaine Haldeman, Clair Miller, Skip Hutchinson, Jay Stoltzfus, Theda Raffauf, Mary Weidman, and Marty Leed & Family.

Artman Lutheran Home, Ambler: Sally Wealand (Hospice Care)

Ephrata Manor: Iris Weaver, Dorothy Hutchinson, Shirl Tobias and Pauline Sawyer

Gardens at Stevens: Pat & Nevin McQuate

Keystone Villa: Betty Firestine & Janet Hirneisen

Luther Acres Health Care: Judy Meckley

Neffsville Rehab & Nursing: Pauline Martin

Phoebe Berks: Nick Rampolla

Please pray for those in the Armed Forces: Chris Weidman in Qatar

Peggy French, Mary Lou Crum, Marion Gideon, Darlene Datras, George Wolf, Bonnie Weinhold, Gale Fassnacht, Candace Stoudt, Bob Harker, Merrill Fisher, Jimmy Vincent, Mary Stewart, Lisa Wing, Cocalico Builders of Hope (finding a house for housing program), Lorna Buohl, Richard Sockriter, David Taimuty, Helen Blank, William Sockriter, Doug Cody, Ron Neidigh, Mary Morton, Brenda Sweigart, Nancy Bolotine, Karen Leonhard, Mary Sanger, Andy & Brenda Gabig, Brian Kerns, Bob Bos, Curtis Townsley, Robyn Redcay, Margaret Weller, Cynthia Peters and Priscilla (last name only).

Pray also for the grieving families of:

Bob Farr, Cheryl Nixon, Bea Hassler, Mary Moore, Orvilla Oberholtzer, Lowell Haws, Mary Jane Goshert, Ed Sieber, Nancy Leh, Darrell Buchter, Jack Poole, Sharlene Miller, Joyce Pannebecker, Barb Mertz, Beverly Sweigart, Maggie Kiralfy, Dale Firestone, Yvonne Walters, Larry Rabold, Zach Caflin, Bob Weaver, Pastor Conrad Youse, Karen Krater, Vesta Reber, Jean Shober, Joyce Boyer, Joan Wentzel, Jeff Moyer, Anna Weinhold, and Kenton Shaffer.

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude: *"What Wonderful Love is This?"* – Southern Harmony 185
Kristi Leonhard - Flute

†GATHERING†

*INVOCATION

(The service will begin at the back of the church Congregation raises their 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

*PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

P: 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut

in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then 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.

***GATHERING HYMN #344: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**
Bell Choir & Trumpet – Andy Leonhard

CHILDREN PROCESS WITH PALMS WITH PASTOR TIM

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Palms" -Gabriel Faure'

THE PSALMODY

PSALM 31:9-16



⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my
belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are
consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;

I am as useless as a | broken pot.

**¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.**

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.

I have said, “You | are my God.

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who | persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love.”

READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Lay Reader (Bonnie Stafford): A reading from Philippians the 2nd chapter.

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *“Return to the Lord Your God”*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 23:1 - 49

*Please be seated for the reading. Look up text in pew Bibles or just
listen as the Gospel is read.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 23rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: “*Destination Glory*”

-Pastor Craven

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. * On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

† WE OFFER TO GOD †

*P: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

P: O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally (*here local bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers may be named*). Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for (*Hans Nielsen Hauge and*) all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen

***THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

***OFFERING HYMN:**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross The emblem of suff'ring and shame And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross Till my trophies at last I lay down I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it some day for a crown

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER †

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

*THE PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

*THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,' and the second staff contains the melody for 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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 and gave thanks and gave it for 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 for the remembrance of me.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***TRADITIONAL 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

***DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***THE AGNUS DEI**

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.

All Baptized Christians are welcome for Communion.

(If you would like baptized, see Pastor Tim.)

We ask parents to bring their non-communing children with them for a blessing. To receive the sacrament wine, take an empty cup from the tray. A grape juice option and gluten free communion wafers provided. If you cannot come to the Chancel, Communion will be taken to you.

Please notify an Usher.

Those in the parking lot partake of Communion at this time.

During Communion

Hymn #330: *“Seed That in Earth is Dying”*

Hymn #349: *“Ah, Holy Jesus”*

Hymn #608: *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”*

Hymn #616: *“Jesus, Remember Me”*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***Post Communion Cantic: Hymn #210: "Blessed Be God"**

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation,
The spirit of mercy.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

C: Amen

†WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen Amen Amen (sung responsively)

***SENDING HYMN #803: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Postlude on St. Theodulph"

-Douglas E. Wagner

Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Timothy Craven

Church Secretary: Ashley Weinhold

Organist: Vickie Kissinger

Lay Reader: Bonnie Stafford

Communion Assistant: Tess Freeman

Psalmist: Choir

Videographer: John Biles

Soundboard: Joe Brubaker

Ushers: Randy Brubaker, Troy Adair and Alternate Jill Showalter

Weekly Receipts Report as of 03/26/26

Attendance (Inside / Parking Lot)	81
Online Attendance	211
General Receipts	\$2,760.00

EGG HUNT

This Year's Mellingers Egg Hunt will be held on
Palm Sunday, March 29th
DURING the Sunday School Hour

We will meet in the Nursery classroom and then proceed
outside (weather permitting) or down to the Social Hall to
begin the hunt!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

(There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday)

