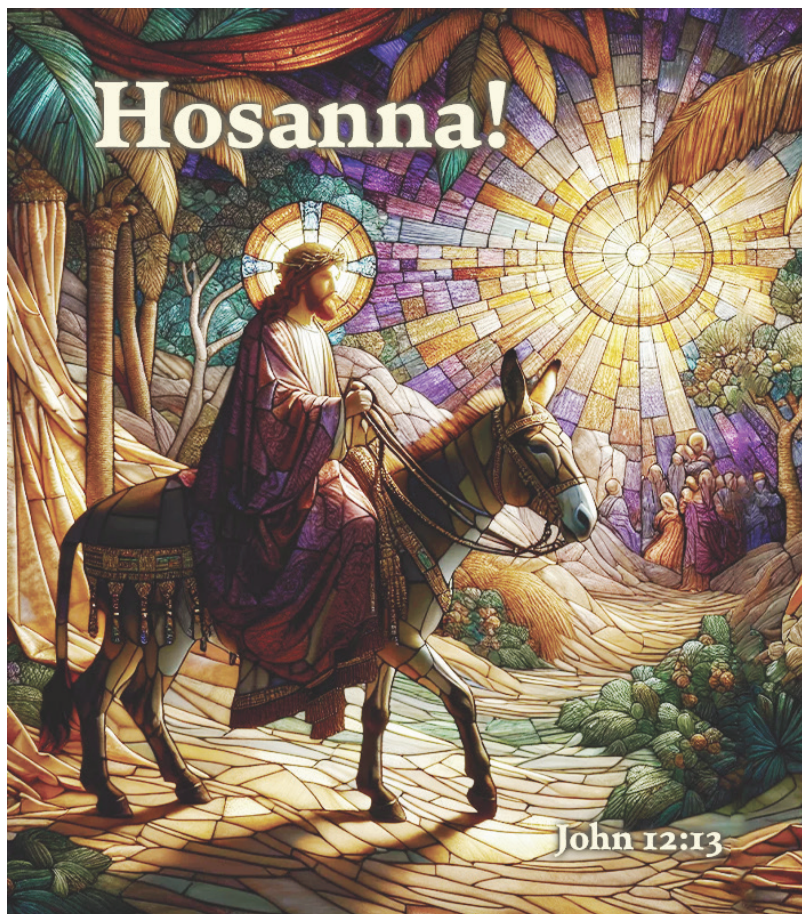




Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Palm Sunday Procession”

Phil Lehenbauer

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor's house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor's.**

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

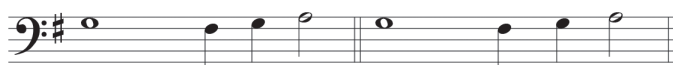


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

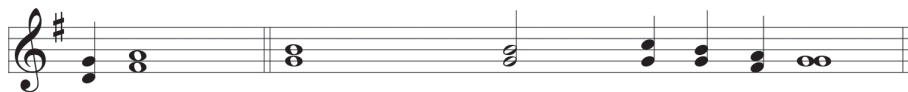


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
 on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
 For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection— through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. *Please be seated.*

A - men.

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰**“This is the gate | of the LORD;
he who is | righteous may enter.”**

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me
and have become | my salvation.

²²**The same stone which the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.**

²³This is | the LORD doing,
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴**On this day the | LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.**

²⁵Hosannah, | LORD, hosannah!
LORD, send us | now success.

²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the LORD;
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.**

²⁷God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.

²⁸**“You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.”**

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;
his mercy en- | dures forever.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

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

The word of the Lord.

Offering: Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.



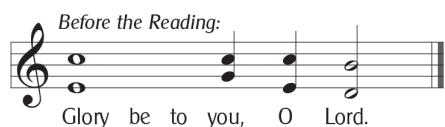
Anthem: “He Comes in the Name of the Lord” Adult Choir
and Children’s Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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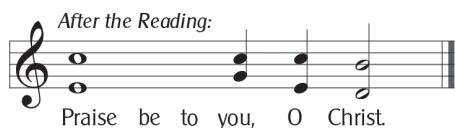
The Holy Gospel is written in the 12th chapter of John.



Gospel: John 12:12–19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Prisoners of Hope"

Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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The musical notation is written on three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Leader and Congregation, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it". The second staff is for the Leader, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts.". The third staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics "We lift them to the Lord.".

Leader

Congregation

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to humankind, so when death arose, life also might rise again—and that the serpent who by a tree once overcame, might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

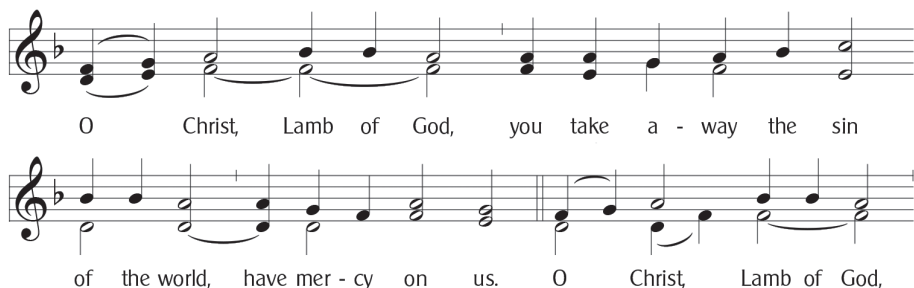
Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the 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; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and 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 forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittus

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**Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.**

Glory | be to the | Father,
 and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
 As it | was in the be- | ginning,
 is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "The Palm Branches"

J. Faure

We remain seated, worshipping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you
 and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Congregation:

A - men.

Devotions This Week

Video devotions for Holy Week will be posted daily on the church website (<https://stpaulslutheran.church/holyweek>) and Facebook, starting Palm Sunday and ending Holy Saturday. They will feature readings from the Daily Lectionary with comment from Pastor Ryman.

Holy Week

Supper is at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall Wednesday, followed by a brief Lenten service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday service is at 7:00pm, March 28th. Good Friday service is the next day at 7:00pm, with no meals on Thursday or Friday—services only. The last Lenten supper on March 27th, will be provided by the Tuesday Bible Study classes—soup and sandwiches.

*Special thanks to all who have volunteered their time
to prepare meals for our Wednesday suppers during Lent.
Our thanks to Helen Gordon for organizing the meals.*

Breakfast Set-up and Egg Hunt

On March 30th, at 10:30am, the middle and high school youth will set up tables, chairs, and decorations for the Easter breakfast. They will have lunch after the set-up. After lunch, they will help with the **egg hunt for the younger children beginning at 1pm**. *Each youth's family—please bring one dozen eggs that morning.*

It's Raffle Time

We ask for help from the congregation, and our women's circles to donate baskets again this year for the Cruise 'n Barbecue raffle. If you would like to donate a basket, or some items for a basket (gift cards are always a hit), please contact Terri Powlas or Susan Bernhardt.

The Cruise 'n Barbecue is April 27th, so baskets need to be in the church fellowship hall by Thursday, April 25th. The raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each, or 30 tickets for \$20.00. Let's generate a lot of interest in buying those tickets for our Helping Hands Fund.

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Susan Bernhardt: srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155

Sunday, March 24

- Palm Sunday
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, March 25

- Afterschool program, Faith Academy, 1-3pm
- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 26

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, March 27

- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- Lenten meal, 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Adult Choir practice, 7:30pm

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday

- Maundy Thursday service, 7pm

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

- Good Friday service, 7pm

Saturday, March 30

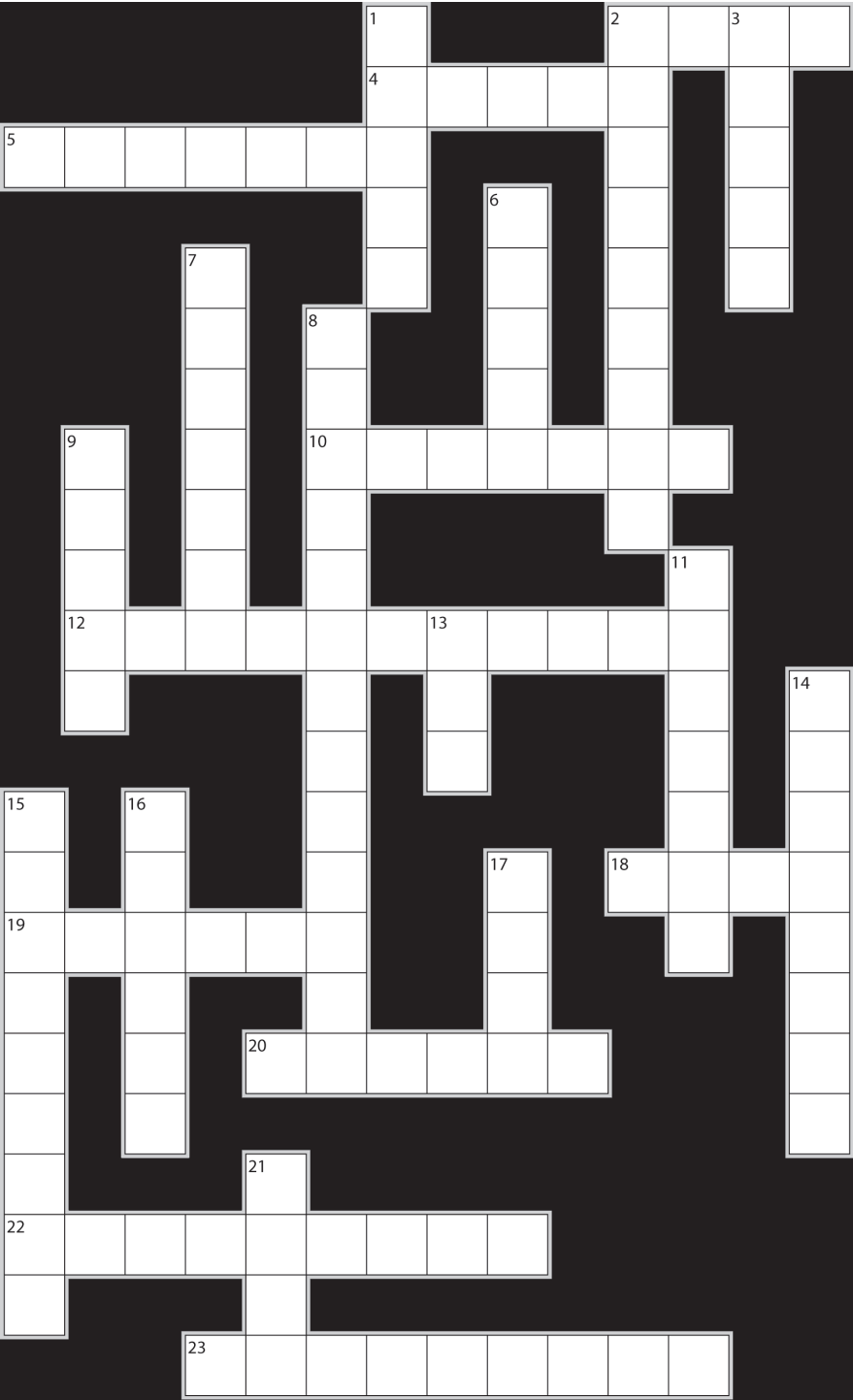
- Youth set up fellowship hall for Easter breakfast, 10:30am
- Youth assist with egg hunt for younger children after lunch
- Egg hunt for younger children, 1pm

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service in the cemetery, 7am
- Easter breakfast, fellowship hall, 8am
- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Easter Resurrection service, 10:30am
- No Vespers Easter Sunday

Monday, April 1—Easter Monday

- Church office is closed for the Easter Holiday



Palm Sunday

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

2. The people went out to meet Jesus with branches from this kind of tree.
4. The king would rule from the River to the ends of the...
5. What the crowds cried out
10. Though he was in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be...
12. The stone that the builders rejected has become the...
18. Every one will bend and bow.
19. Every one will confess that Christ is Lord.
20. The people acclaimed Jesus as King of..
22. The Lord has become our...
23. Jesus was coming into this city.

DOWN

1. Jesus became obedient to the point of...
2. They said the whole world had followed Jesus.
3. The Lord has made this shine upon us.
6. Jesus was obedient to the point of death on a...
7. The steadfast love of the Lord endures...
8. Open to me the gates of...
9. The coming king would speak this to the nations.
11. Jesus emptied himself and became a...
13. The king would rule from sea to...
14. Because of this, God would free the imprisoned.
15. The king would liberate those in this pit.
16. Jesus rode into the city on this beast.
17. Zechariah 9:12 depicts the people as prisoners of...
21. The righteous shall enter through the Lord's...

Recent Prayer Needs

- Amy Barringer – health concerns
- Perry Bernhardt – recovering from surgery
- Iverson Brendle – health concerns
- Carolyn Canup – health concerns
- Emerson Holder – health concerns
- Becky Lyerly – recovering at home
- James Lyerly – health concerns
- George Reese – health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Kitchen Refrigerator Use

If you use the kitchen, please do not leave food from your event in the kitchen refrigerator. Please remove items that do not require refrigeration (bottled water, soft drinks, etc.) so there is room for the next group using the kitchen.

If food items need to be stored for more than a day before or after your event, please use the refrigerators in the picnic shelter.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (3/17)	\$8,478
Other Offering (3/17)	\$2,774
Sunday School Attendance (3/17)	71
Worship Attendance (3/17)	192

Children’s missions change collections for the first quarter of 2024 will go to the Department of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte.

Last Sunday: \$112.50 First quarter so far: \$1,583.50



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Easter Sunrise: Exodus 15:1-11; Psalm 118:15-29; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-18
Easter 10:30am: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8