



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

## **Palm Sunday**



**Blessed is the King who Comes  
in the Name of the Lord!**



**Welcome!** We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as “a joyful dialogue with God.” God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this “joyful dialogue” today!

**Restrooms** – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

**Parent’s Room** – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However, there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

**Assistance Getting Around** – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

**Offering Message** – The offerings gathered this morning supports the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give but certainly may if you wish.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

**Explanation of the theme of the day:** You are going about your daily business. There is a crowd. You are easily distracted by all the activity. It’s a holiday, and there are extra things to prepare. It is easy to focus on your personal task at hand and lose sight of the bigger picture.

Focus! Look up! There is a King who presents himself so humbly that you might miss the importance of his arrival. Hail the King who humbly comes to save us!

# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

March 29, 2026

## THE COMMON SERVICE

### OPENING ANTHEM

Hear the Children Sing “Hosanna!”  
Adult Choir & Sunday School Children

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us, Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us, Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men,

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody for "A - men," is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line.

## PRAAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*(Sing CW 308:5 &7)*

**The words which absolution give  
Are his who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent  
Is but his humble instrument.**

**Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
Forever and eternally.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10

- <sup>9</sup> *Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!  
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!  
Look! Your King is coming to you.  
He is righteous and brings salvation.  
He is humble and is riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*
- <sup>10</sup> *I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the horse from Jerusalem.  
The battle bow will be taken away,  
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,  
from the River<sup>[a]</sup> to the ends of the earth.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

Jerusalem, Behold Your King

## SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

*<sup>5</sup> Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup> Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, <sup>7</sup> but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That

lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared  
 an ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor  
 an - cient song we sing, For Christ is

court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them  
 palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and  
 our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our

rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close  
 loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode  
 King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With

fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their  
 on in low - ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle  
 heart and life and voice And in his roy - al

pris - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
 chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.  
 pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821-80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzog! . . . Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784, alt.

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.”

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**  
**Hosanna in the Highest!**

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## **GATHERING OF THE THANK-OFFERING**

*While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For hearts full of the mercy of Christ, that in these holy days we would lift our voices and bow our knees at his holy name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christ's Holy Church, that she may be defended against her enemies and kept faithful in the confession of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who govern, that God would preserve them in life and duty; and for us as citizens, that we may have the will and desire to honor authority as servants of Christ, living holy, upright and godly lives to the praise of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, distressed and needy, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that God would give them his abiding comfort in every circumstance, since in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare his works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who receive the Lord's Supper, that Christ who rode into Jerusalem to save us from sin would prepare our hearts to welcome him worthily in his blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of your great salvation, show us the answer to your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **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**

# THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - - men.

*BE SEATED*

## DISTRIBUTION





1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael  
 san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels  
 san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews  
 san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion  
 san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,



And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the  
 Is prais - ing you on high, And we with  
 With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and  
 They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now  
 Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of



Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.  
 all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
 prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: VALET WILL, ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.



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



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



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



greet what pomp of king - ly pride No  
 stride a colt he pass - es by As  
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries, The  
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name Till



bells in tri - umph ring, No ci - ty gates swing  
 loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ve - ry  
 streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
 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 © 1984 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Tune: NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET (CM D) David W. Music, b. 1949 © 2006 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

# THANKSGIVING

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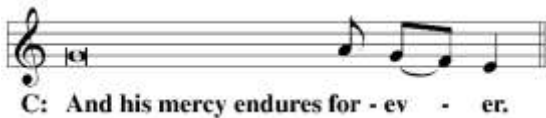
## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



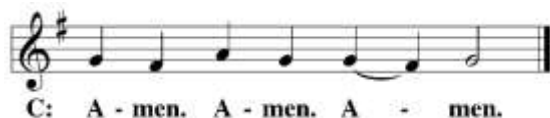
C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** 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.



**CLOSING HYMN (CW 133:1, 4-5)**

**Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty**



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and  
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs  
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his  
 pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - d'ring eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.  
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.



## Personal Prayers for Worship

### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

**Gluten Free communion wafers:** Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

**In Our Prayers:** Donna Cotter, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Mary Mundt, John Schueman, and Bonnie Gotzion who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

## Weekly Bible Studies

**Sunday 9:15 am:** Exodus, *sanctuary*

**Tuesday 9:00 am:** Kings and Prophets of Israel, *lower level*

**Friday 6:00 am:** Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | **The Book of Proverbs**, *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*

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### **Sunday March 29: Palm Sunday**

**Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion**

**9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Teen Class**

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Mike Wilson 10:30: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Gene Freund and Bob Degnan
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Mandy, Vie, Lia, and Wyn Miller
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Sue Jenswold

### **Sunday April 5: Easter Sunday**

**Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion**

**9:15 am: Easter Breakfast in the Lower Level**

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Cathy Gresens
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Mike Wilson 10:30: Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Steve and Sef Fox, Gene Freund and Bob Degnan
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold and Donna Cotter
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Easter Breakfast in the lower level at 9:15 a.m.

**Happy Birthday** We wish God's blessings to Kevin Hill (4/3) as he celebrates his birthday this week.

**Happy Anniversary** We have no anniversaries to share this week.

## **COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE**

**March 22 – April 12:** Annual Christian Book Fair | Fellowship Hall

**April 4:** Easter Altar Flowers Collection Ends

**April 4:** Easter Egg Hunt | 10:00 am

**April 4:** Easter Breakfast Set-up | 11:45 am – Lower Level

**April 5:** Easter Breakfast | 9:15 am – Lower Level

**April 9:** Sunday School Teachers Meeting | 6:00 pm – Lower Level

**April 9:** Elders and Deaconess Meeting | 6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

**April 13:** Council Meeting | 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

**April 16:** Ladies Friendship Circle | 6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

**April 26:** Quarterly Congregational Meeting | 9:15 am – Sanctuary

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### **Easter Egg Hunt - Volunteers Needed | April 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt is a cherished tradition and a wonderful opportunity to welcome families from our community. A lot of time and preparation goes into hosting this event each year. Ideally, 17-20 volunteers would make everything run smoothly. Volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and will be done by 11:30 a.m. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of church. For questions, please contact the Church office at (608) 846-9036 or [lolchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:lolchurchoffice@gmail.com).

### **Easter Altar Flowers:**

Your generous donations of potted lilies, tulips, daffodils, or other spring blooms will add to the joy and reverence of our Easter Services. As Pastor says, “There can never be too many flowers!” If you prefer to donate there are envelopes available on the back table. Please have all flowers at the church by April 4th, so our altar guild can prepare the altar. Thank you for helping us create a beautiful space to worship and rejoice in Christ’s victory over the grave!

### **Easter Breakfast | April 5th 9:15 am:**

All are invited to come be part of a joyful morning of fellowship and service as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior! We need volunteers to help with setting up, preparing food, serving, and cleaning up for our Easter breakfast. Your helping hands will make this a special time for our church family! If you are willing to serve, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact Julie Doyle.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to all who participated in the 2026 Chili Cook Off! For the first time, we had a tie! Congratulations to Karen Stakun and Roger LaGrange, our 2026 Chili Champs!!

**Free Wood:**

The Church property has a lot of Box Elder Trees on it. We would like to remove these. If you or someone you know would like this wood for free, let Joe Hornbeck know.

**Annual Christian Book Fair | March 22 – April 12- Come be Inspired!**

Join us for our Annual Christian Book Fair, where you'll find a wonderful selection of books to strengthen your faith, deepen your understanding of God's Word and encourage spiritual growth. From Bibles and devotionals to Christian living and children's books, there is something for everyone! Come browse the selection in the fellowship hall. If your preference is to order online, the website is:

<https://online.nph.net/nph/virtualbookfair> or use the QR code below and use code V228C122334 for the 20% discount. For questions, please see Tess Weinheimer



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## **Holy Week Worship Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30 pm - Communion

**Good Friday – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1:00 pm

6:30 pm

**Easter Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am

10:30 am

(Easter Breakfast served between services at 9:15 am)