

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 29, 2026

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

*We Gather in God's Name . . .*

## PRELUDE

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

\*OPENING HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" #88

WORD IN SONG "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Children

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we

have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry" #362

**Singing:** I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise,  
I'll hasten to God's throne.  
I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair  
While I have breath to pray.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

. . . to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a p. 681

SECOND READING Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 p. 565

MATTHEW 18 SKETCH Youth

GOSPEL READING Matthew 26: 36-39, 45-50, 27: 11-14, 22-50 p. 30

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Healing the Wound" David Arends

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #298

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY "The Goodness of God"

**Singing:** All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

### \*OFFERING RESPONSE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #592

**Singing:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name

\*CLOSING HYMN "And Can It Be" Insert

## BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION "Go with God"  
Lt. Blue Songbook #138

**Singing:** Go with God. Go with God.  
As you leave this place, go with God.  
God will direct your way, God will light ev'ry day.  
As you leave this place, go with God.

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. March 30	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
	Handbells	6:30 PM
Tues. March 31	Prayer Ministry	12:00 PM
Wed. April 1	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
	Youth Sewing Class	3:30 PM
	Wednesday Night Adult Class	6:00 PM
	Children/Youth Group Program	6:00 PM
Thurs. April 2	Seder Meal	6:00 PM
Fri. April 3	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM
Sun. April 5	Bible Study	10:00 AM

*Welcome* to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

**Our thanks** go to our guest speaker David Arends, Youth Group & Church School children, and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

Today is **Palm Sunday!** Our Children and Youth will be joining David Arends as he preaches today with songs, Bible readings, and a sketch in honor of Palm Sunday. After the service, our Youth Group will serve Tacos in a Bag for lunch. Meals are by donation. Please join us whether you can give or not. Any funds raised will help us get kids to Glacier Camp this summer.

**Scholarships** are available for **Glacier Camp** for this coming Summer. Please contact Jane Arends for more information at 406-450-4163.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The Church Secretary will be out of the office Monday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>**. She will also be out the following week on **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Easter Sunday Meal April 5<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a lunch provided after church on Easter Sunday for anyone who doesn't have a place to go. If you don't have a family gathering to attend, then come join your church family. We're sure there will be Chocolate!

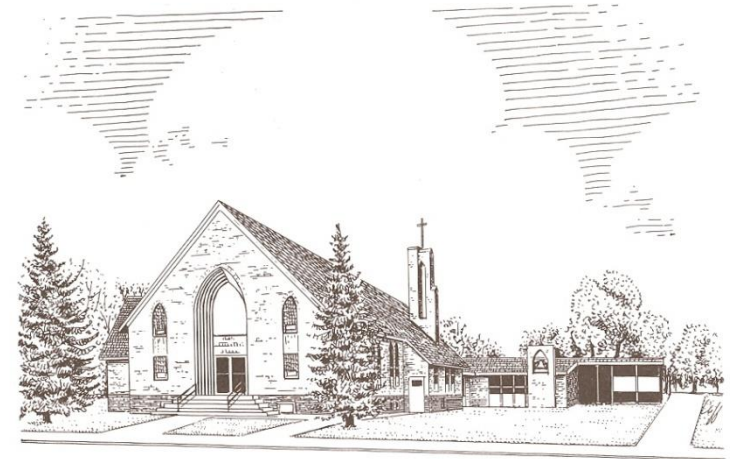
If you have any articles to contribute to the **May Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Thursday morning, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, which should provide enough time for article placement and proofreading if all articles are received by the due date. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with time sensitive articles.

**On Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day**, the church will recognize the births of babies born into the congregation's families since Mother's Day last year. The Worship Committee would appreciate your help by letting them know the full name, date of birth, and parents' names of the babies to be recognized this year. Please call the church office at 406-278-3043.

Last week, the combined giving was **\$538.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$3,104.00** per week.

**Please remember to pray for** Friends & Family of Edna Bergstrom, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Amy Zimbelman, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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