

JESUS SAID

Do what  
with my  
other  
cheek?

GRACE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH



Seventh  
Sunday  
After  
Epiphany  
February 23,  
2025

## Prelude & Entrance Hymn

Dm D<sub>2</sub> Dm/C Gm/B<sub>b</sub> C Fmaj<sub>9</sub> Dm/F Gm Gm/B<sub>b</sub> Asus Am<sub>7</sub> Dm

1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?  
2 Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice know?  
3 Still down the a - ges ring the proph - et's stern com - mands:  
4 How shall our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?

B<sub>b</sub> Gm<sub>6</sub>/B<sub>b</sub> F/A Gm C Am<sub>7</sub> F/A B<sub>b</sub>maj<sub>7</sub> C Dm/F G<sub>7</sub>/D Am Dm Cm Cm<sub>6</sub>/E<sub>b</sub>

What sac - ri - fice, de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring? Do just - ly,  
Will God your plead - ing hear while crime and cruel - ty grow? Do just - ly,  
to mer - chant, work - er, king, he brings God's high com - mands: do just - ly,  
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy. Then just - ly,

Cm6 Gm Bb Gsus Gm6 1-3 Dm Dm G B A 4 Dm Bb Gm6 D

love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.  
 love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.  
 love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.  
 in mer - cy, we'll hum - bly walk with God.

## Greeting

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

**C: Amen.**

*A: Arise, shine for our light has come.*

**C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!**

*A: And the Glory of the Lord is upon us.*

**C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!**

*A: Where merciful kindness and love are,*

**C: God is there.**

*A: Christ's love has gathered us into one.*

**C: Let us rejoice and be pleased in Christ.**

*A: May we fear and love the living God.*

**C: And may we love each other with a delighted heart. Amen.**

*(Anonymous 10th cent. French Chant, "Ubi Caritas")*

# Hymn of Praise

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1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

## Prayer of the Day

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Heavenly Father, you have wisely reminded us that your ways are not our ways, for which we give you thanks and praise, and why we listen and repent. Send us the Spirit, that our hearts will be filled with compassion, our minds keen with new paradigms for how to live together faithfully. Set Jesus before us to teach and lead us on the Way of the justice of the cross, rather than along our way of the “justice” of pride and vengeance. Amen.**

## First Lesson

**Isaiah 55**

**L**isten! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me. Listen, so that you may live. . . Seek “Adonai” while our God may be found. Call upon God while God is near. Let the wicked turn away from their ways, and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them return to Adonai, that God may have mercy on them, and to our God, for God will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says Adonai. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but it will accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!*

## Psalm

**29**

*A: Ascribe to Adonai, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to Adonai glory and strength.*

**C: Ascribe to Adonai the glory of due this name;**

**worship Adonai in holy splendor.**

*The voice of Adonai is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders -  
Adonai, over mighty waters.*

**The voice of Adonai is powerful;  
the voice of Adonai is full of majesty.**

*The voice of Adonai breaks the cedars;  
Adonai breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*

**Adonai makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

*The voice of Adonai flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of Adonai shakes the wilderness;  
Adonai shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

**The voice of Adonai causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

*Adonai sits enthroned over the flood;  
Adonai sits enthroned as king forever.*

**May Adonai give strength to his people!  
May Adonai bless his people with peace!**

## **Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

**S**t. Paul wrote: The word of the cross is, on the one hand, to those perishing now, moronic. But to us, who are being saved now, it is the power of God. For it is written,

*"I will utterly destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the cleverness of the clever I will reject." [Isaiah 29:14]*

Where is the "wise?" Where is the "teacher?" Where is the "professor" of this age? Hasn't God made foolish the "wisdom" of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through Wisdom, God was pleased through the foolishness of the preaching of the Gospel to save those who believe its word. For Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, which to the Jew, on the one hand, is a scandal – undermining the Faith - but to Gentiles it is foolishness – pure nonsense. But to those of us who are called by God, both Jews and Greeks, the word of the cross is heard as God's power and God's wisdom. The reality is that the "foolishness" of

God is wiser than our “wisdom,” and the “weakness” of God is stronger than our “strength.” Consider your own call, brothers and sisters! Not many of you were “wise” by human standards. Not many of you were “powerful.” Not many of you were considered to have exceptional character. But, the “foolish” of the world are the ones God chose so that God might shame the “wise.” And the “weak” of the world are the ones God chose so that God might shame the “strong.” And the “base” of the world and the things which the world despised - these God chose - things that did not seem to matter, so that God could reveal the unimportance of the things that did seem to matter. In this way no one can really boast about themselves on their own in the presence of God. But, we are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God. He became the true Way of righteousness and sanctification and redemption so that - as it is written - *"The one boasting in the Lord, boast!"*

*L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!*

**Verse**

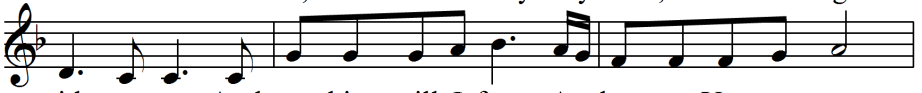
*Refrain (sing twice)*



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way. Still, You're there right be-



side me. And no-thing will I fear As long as You are near;



Please be near me to the end. *(to refrain)*



2. I will not for-get Your love for me and yet, My heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus be my guide, And hold me to Your side, And



I will love you to the end. *(to refrain)*

## Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel

**Luke 6**

**B**ut Jesus also told them a parable:  
"Someone who is blind does not have the power to lead along the way someone else who is also blind, do they? Won't both of them fall into a pit?"

A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone will be strengthened as their teacher is. But, why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but the log in your own eye you do not see? How do you have the power to say to your neighbor, 'Neighbor, allow me – that I may cast out the speck in your eye,' – you, yourself, the log in your own eye are not seeing? Hypocrite! First, cast out the log from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to cast out the speck from your neighbor's eye.

For, no good tree makes rotten fruit, nor again does a rotten tree make good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. For, it is not out of thorns that figs are gathered, nor from thorn bushes are clusters of grapes plucked. The good person, out of the good treasure of the heart, produces good, and the evil person, out of evil treasure, produces evil. For it is out of the abundance of the heart that our mouth speaks.

But, why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? Everyone who is coming to me and listening to my words and doing them - I will show you who that one is like. That one is like a man who, building a house, dug, and dug deeply, and laid the foundation on the rock. But, a flood rising, the river burst against the house of that one and it did not have the strength to shake it, because of its good construction. But, the one hearing and not doing, that one is like a man building a house on the ground, without a foundation. The river burst against it and immediately it collapsed in, and great was the destruction of that house."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.*

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

[tune; 886]

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

3. We welcome one world family  
and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity  
and gives our vision voice.

4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong,  
the foolish ones are wise.

Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,  
who perishes will rise.

5. O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.

## Apostles Creed

**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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace Offertory

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.



# Offertory Prayer

*A: Let us pray:*

**C: Accept, O Lord, these gifts that we bring in gratitude this day; offerings from the abundant blessings we have received. May they be pleasing in your sight, that you will continue to look kindly on us and our needs, and that they may serve the need of manifesting your Kingdom in this age. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

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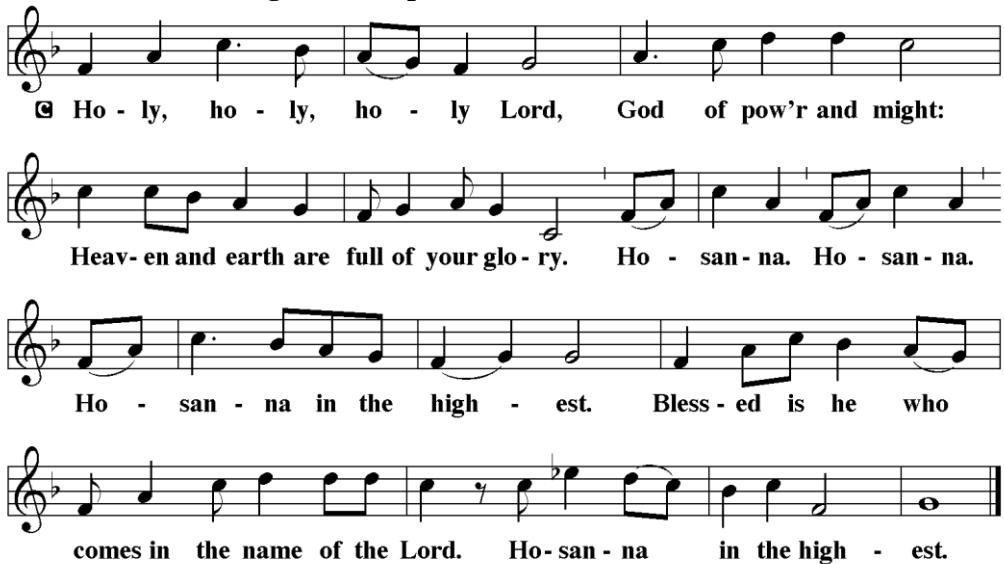
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

**P: It is indeed right and responsible . . .**



**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 - 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.

# The Lord's Prayer

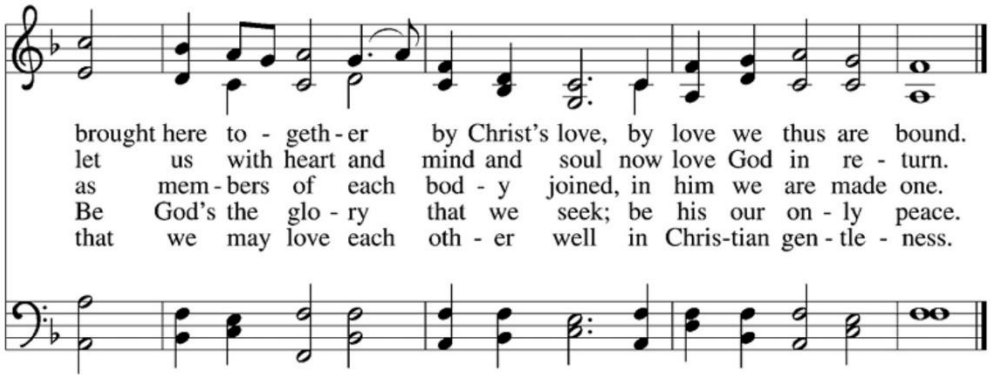
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## Distribution Hymns

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1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

## Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

### Benediction

### Recessional

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- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
- 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## Dismissal

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God by Art Schroder in loving memory of Carol Schroder.



### Sunday, February 23rd

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School &  
 Confirmation Classes

### Monday, February 24th

6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting  
 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

### Tuesday, February 25th

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast  
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid  
 3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite - 101 w/ Pastor Chris  
 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

4:00 p.m. First Communion Lower Class w/ Pastor Chris

5:00 p.m. First Communion Upper Class w/ Pastor Chris

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Transfiguration Sunday*

*First Communion at both services*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

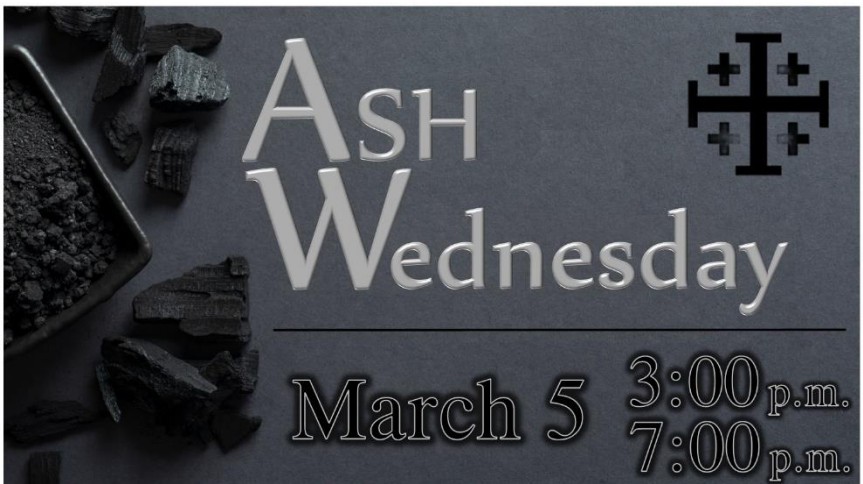
9:45 a.m. Mardi Gras Potluck Brunch

A graphic for a Mardi Gras Potluck Brunch. It features a yellow background with a large, colorful Mardi Gras mask in shades of purple, green, and gold. The mask is surrounded by Mardi Gras beads in purple, green, and gold. The text "Mardi Gras Potluck Brunch" is written in a large, purple, cursive font. Below the text, it says "Sunday, March 2nd, 9:45 am" and "Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee" with a small red cross icon and the text "GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH".

**Mardi Gras  
Potluck  
Brunch**

**Sunday, March 2nd, 9:45 am**

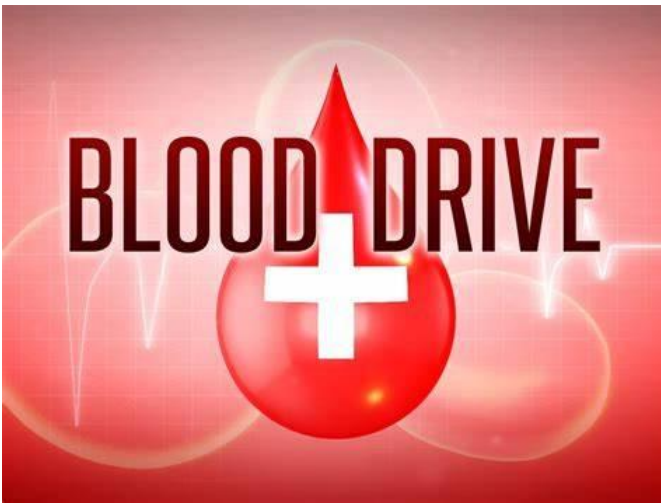
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A graphic for Ash Wednesday. It features a dark grey background with a tray of ash on the left and several pieces of wood. The text "ASH Wednesday" is written in a large, white, serif font. To the right of the text is a black cross with four smaller crosses at the ends of its arms. Below the text, it says "March 5" and "3:00 p.m." and "7:00 p.m." in a white, serif font.

**ASH  
Wednesday**

**March 5** 3:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.





**Ash Wednesday Blood Drive**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 – 7:00 p.m.**



**Lenten Wednesday Evening Prayer begins March 12.**  
**Bring your own dinner at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Worship at 7:00 p.m.**

# Popular Parables of Jesus

*The Good Samaritan*

*The Seeds  
Harvest  
Sower*

*The Prodigal  
Son*

*The Rich Man  
& Lazarus*

*Talents Given  
Talents Returned*

Sundays in Lent



# Palm Sunday PARADE

*Kids! Grab a palm and lead the parade from Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary!*



April 13 8:30 or 11:00

## Holy Week 2025 Schedule

Palm Sunday	April 13	8:30 & 11:00 am
Maundy Thursday	April 17	12:00 & 7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 18	12:00 & 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil	April 19	7:00 pm
Easter Sunday	April 20	8:30 & 11:00 am

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