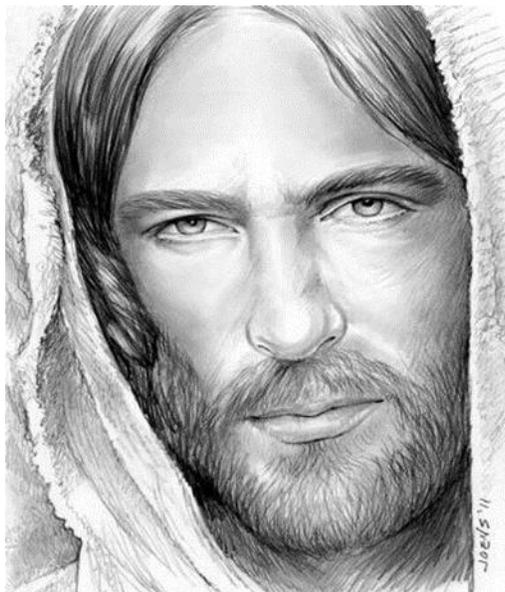


Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday / the Sunday of the Passion
Holy Communion

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
Rev. Karen D. Parsh, Pastor
Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music



WELCOME

We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.
(please silence your cell phones)

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*A Loving Family, Growing in Faith,
Sharing the Hope of Christ*

INTRODUCTION

The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

POSTLUDE – Choir Anthem: *Palm Sunday Welcome -A. Lovelace*

Please Stand

GATHERING

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

Amen

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28–40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The people raise their palm branches.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of the Lord.**

HYMN ELW 344 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

GREETING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER of the DAY

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. Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: 31:9–16 Spoken Response

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

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

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

For 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.

But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.

My times are | in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who |persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5–11

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re- turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and



mer - cy; come seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

Verse 1



1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of sal -



va - tion; come and learn now the way of our God.

The Passion Narrative
Matthew 26:14-27, 27:21-54

- Matthew: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
- Glory to you, O Lord**
- Matthew: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
- Judas: What will you give me if I betray him to you?
- Matthew: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.
- On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
- Disciples: Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?
- Matthew: Jesus said,
- Jesus: Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'
- Matthew: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
- Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.
- Matthew: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- Disciples: **Surely not I, Lord?**
- Matthew: Jesus answered,
- Jesus: The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.
- Matthew: Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- Judas: Surely not I, Rabbi?
- Matthew: Jesus replied,
- Jesus: You have said so.

Matthew: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus: Take, eat; this is my body.

Matthew: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

Matthew: Peter said to him,

Peter: Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

Matthew: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Matthew: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Matthew: And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Matthew: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

Matthew: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

Matthew: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Matthew: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

Matthew: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Matthew: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

Matthew: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas: Greetings, Rabbi!

Matthew: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Friend, do what you are here to do.

Matthew: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

Matthew: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Matthew: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest. In whose house the scribes and elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Witnesses: **This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'**

Matthew: The high priest stood up and said,

High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Matthew: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

Matthew: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Matthew: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

Matthew: They answered,

Priests: He deserves death.

Matthew: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Priests: **Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?**

Matthew: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant Girl 1 You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Matthew: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter: I do not know what you are talking about.

Matthew: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant Girl 2: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Matthew: Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man.

Matthew: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Crowd: **Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**

Matthew: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man!

Matthew: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Matthew: But they said,

Priests: **What is that to us? See to it yourself.**

Matthew: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Priests: **It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.**

Matthew: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

Matthew: Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Matthew: Jesus said,

Jesus: You say so.

Matthew: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Matthew: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time, they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Matthew: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Matthew: And they said,

Crowd: **Barabbas.**

Matthew: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: All of them said,
Crowd: **Let him be crucified!**

Matthew: Then he asked,
Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?
Matthew: But they shouted all the more,
Crowd: **Let him be crucified!**

Matthew: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,
Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.
Matthew: Then the people as a whole answered,
Crowd: **His blood be on us and on our children!**

Matthew: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,
Soldiers: **Hail, King of the Jews!**

Matthew: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

Matthew: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Crowd: **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**

Matthew: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Matthew: that is,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Matthew: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: **This man is calling for Elijah.**

Matthew: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Crowd: **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

Matthew: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Matthew: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Priests: **Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first.**

Matthew: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Matthew: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Please be seated

SERMON – Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY – ELW 336 *Lamb of God*

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

To each petition, Hear us, O God.

*Please respond: **your mercy is great.***

PEACE - The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY – ELW 803 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross vs. 1, 4*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, **your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Please stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

Please stand

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.
Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

LAMB of GOD

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, grant us peace.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMNS - *The Old Rugged Cross*

1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, the
2. O the old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, has a
3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, a
4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev-er be true; Its
em-blem of suf-f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross, where the
won-drous at-trac-tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His
won-drous beau-ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus
shame and re-proach glad-ly bear. Then He'll call me some day to my
dear-est and best for a world of lost sin-ners was slain. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged
glo-ry a-bove to bear it to dark Cal-va-ry.
suf-fered and died to par-don and sanc-ti-fy me.
home far a-way, where His glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.
cross. till my tro-phies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rug-ged cross, and ex-
change it some day for a crown.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 338 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ELW 616 *Jesus, Remember Me (repeat as needed)*

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our † Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen**

STRIPPING of the ALTAR

Instrumental Meditation

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

Via Dolorosa (The Way of Suffering) -B.Sprague/B.Borop

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day, the soldiers tried to clear the narrow street; But the crowd pressed in to see the man condemned to die on Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon His back,
And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head; and He bore with ev'ry step the scorn of those who cried out for His death.

Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering
Like a Lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King.
But He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me
Down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.
The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men
Made its way to the heart of Jerusalem.

Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering
Like a Lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King.
But He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me
Down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.

PLEASE EXIT the CHURCH in SILENCE

Holy Week & Easter

New Hope Presbyterian
Maundy Thursday, April 2
Soup Supper & Worship
5:30pm

Abiding Hope Lutheran
Good Friday, April 3
Stations of the Cross
12noon
Service of Light & Darkness
6:30pm

Candlelight Easter Vigil
Saturday April 4
Silent prayer, Meditation, Readings
7:30pm

Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday, April 5
9:30am

PARISH NOTES ~ March 29, 2026

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Sunday, April 5: Choir: 9a, Worship: 930a, Coffee Hour to follow.

Monday, April 6: Office Closed

Monday, April 6: Prayer Shawl Ladies, 10a. Prayer, good conversation, knitting for the homebound. **Showing "how to" offered! All are welcome.**

Thursday April 9: Audit Team meeting 1030a

Thursday, April 9: Share & Care @ 1p. All are welcome to join this gathering for **meaningful discussions about God, Daily Life & Life Eternal.**

Saturday, April 11: Art Sale Committee @ 10a. Anyone who would like to help with this sale (in June) is encouraged to **attend this meeting.**

Sunday, April 12: Choir: 9a, Worship: 930a, Bible Study: 11a, Zoom Bible: 7p

Looking Ahead

Monday, April 13: Lecture @ 7p by **Master Gardener Sue Scholz** on the life cycle, migration, habitat and how to help the **Monarch butterfly** to survive.
Faith Lutheran, 5414 E. Lake Rd..

Wednesday April 15: Prayer Warriors 1-3p for silent intercessory prayer for our families, congregation, community, country, world. The Sanctuary and Quiet Room are both open for your use. Pray as long as you like at the church, or from anywhere you might be during that time.

Wednesday, April 15: A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood. Drawing on the theology of **Fred Rogers**, Rev. Dr. Clarence Wright highlights a vision of Christian life rooted in dignity, gentleness, truth-telling, and neighbor-love—one that takes emotional life seriously as a site of moral and spiritual formation. Everyone is invited to watch this **Livestream** presentation @ **7pm, Abiding Hope Fellowship Hall.**

Wednesday, April 15: Men's Night Out @ Noodles and More – 6:30p

Thursday April 16: Ladies Night @ Madeline's – 5:30p.

AHLC Income History **February 22-March 21**

2026 \$10,478

2025 \$10,665

2024 \$13,851

\$11,500 per month needed to meet budget

KAFP April Food Drive: Cereal. Basket in **Heritage Room.**

Little Library/Pantry: Thanks to the generosity of our members, we **currently do not need any** additional books or food snacks.

Little Jesus Project: Make a habit of taking a Little Jesus from the basket in the Narthex (under the monitor) to place somewhere on your 'travels' each week—waiting rooms, libraries, offices, elevators, restaurants are only a few of the places to leave Jesus to be found. Pray for the person who will find "a little Jesus".

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, 9:30a-3:30p. Wednesday, 9:30a-12:30p. For immediate pastoral needs, **Saturday-Thursday**, call **Pastor Karen, 814-881-3266.** **Friday's** please contact **Rick Penn, 814-737-9974**

Worship Leaders ~ March 29, 2026

Videographer	Andy Saska
Greeter/Coffee	Cindy Filson
Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Damian Santabene
Lector/Prayers	Jacque Holmberg
Communion Cups	John Holmberg
Communion Tray	Connie Kerr-Vogt
Presenter	Carolyn Hayes
Presenter	Diana Stoker
Usher	Rick Penn
Usher	Andy Saska
Counters	Lois & Rich

