



He humbled Himself
to death on a cross

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

“Connecting People to Christ in the Tri-County Area”

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March 29,2026

Palm Sunday

Worship Service at 10:30 am

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Prelude
Announcements

Opening Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honor #442

Sermon Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name #549

- Theme The Mindset of Christ**
- 1. Includes a daily renouncing of the enemies of the faith.**
 - 2. Includes faithfulness to vows already taken.**
 - 3. Knowing that our story has a happy ending.**

Closing Hymn: Hosanna/Praise is Rising Handout

Closing Words

- P: When we follow Jesus at home**
- C: Our families get stronger**
- P: When we follow Jesus together**
- C: We get the support we need**
- P: When we follow Jesus into our neighborhood**
- C: Our neighbors get the care they need.**

We welcome all members and visitors to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (LCMS) on this Palm Sunday! We are delighted that you are with us this morning and pray for God’s Word to encourage and guide your hearts and minds. All are urged to fill in the fellowship Register located at the end of each pew.

Holy Communion: Before communing at our altar, all communicants are invited to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of Christian Faith.

1. I am sorry for my sins and believe that Jesus is my Savior.
2. I believe that Christ’s body and blood are truly present in the Sacrament.
3. I desire to amend my sinful ways and live for the glory of God.

Week at a Glance

Monday March 30	10:30 am TOPS
Tuesday March 31	9-10 am Cardio Drumming
Thursday April 2	9-10 am Cardio Drumming
Friday April 3	11:00 am Good Friday Service
Saturday April 4	7:00 pm AA Mtg
Sunday April 5	9:30 am Easter Sunday Breakfast
	10:30am Easter Worship Service

All men are invited to a Men’s breakfast on Saturday April 11, 2026 at 9 am.

Memorial Service for Dexter Hughes is Saturday April 25,2026 at 11:00 am

Memorial Service for Cecil Robinson is Monday April 27 at 1:00 pm

Thank you to Walter Wobig, Bernie Upschulte, Marcus Mitchell and Michael Kavanaugh for cleaning up the yard, trimming bushes and laying mulch.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9a

- ⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
- ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
- ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the
beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
- ⁷ But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
- ⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
- ^{9a} Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Epistle: 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 made himself nothing, 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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:1–27:66

... ^{27:38}Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come

down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.'" ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.



About the Cover: Christ came to us in humility, taking the form of an obedient servant. On Palm Sunday, He again came in humility, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Then, the ultimate sign of His humility was shown on Good Friday. Paradoxically, it was His being lifted up on the cross that was the greatest sign of His glory and exaltation. It is through His death on the cross that Christ has won for us the forgiveness of sins. This alone is the power of God for salvation for all who believe (see 1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 1:16). We proclaim today, "Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11).