

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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Lutheran Church

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Palm / Passion Sunday
March 29, 2026
10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,
please tune your radio to 98.7 FM or join us for the
livestream via Facebook or our website, elcbow.org.

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Holy Communion

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If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

PRELUDE

BELL TOLL

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

- setting, G.F. Kaufmann/ed. Hal H. Hopson
For the TEXT, see Processional Hymn, p. 5.

OPENING LITANY

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the son of David!

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◆ PROCESSIONAL PSALM:

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² **Let Israel say,**

‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.



◆ BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

◆ PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace.

C in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Congregation follows the ministers into the church singing the processional hymn.
Go to your pew and remain standing while singing and for the Prayer of the Day.*

◆PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ELW 344
All Verses

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635



◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM 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.

C **Amen.**

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me

a trained tongue,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens,

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious;

I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like 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 in court together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.



SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Hosanna"

- Carlton R. Young

TEXT: (Based on Matthew 21:9)

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna!

◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus enters Jerusalem, celebrated by crowds who will call for his crucifixion just a few days later.

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

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“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

SERMON

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READING OF THE PASSION

Matthew 27:11-54

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴ 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, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ Then the

people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ 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, “Hail, King of the Jews!”³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him.³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads⁴⁰ and saying, “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.”⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,⁴² “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.⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ”⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

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⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ 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. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ 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, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Welcome New Members

We celebrate our newest members:

*Lora Andersen, Jules Parker-Ramirez, Jesse Ramirez,
and Joshua Parker.*



◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "Were You There"
All Verses

ELW 353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual



◆ 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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM Hear us, O God. **C** Your mercy is great.

Meal

THE OFFERING *The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation's ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!*



◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,
“The peace of the Lord,” or similar words.*

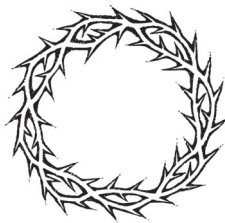
OFFERTORY Choral Anthem: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

- Choral Setting, Joel Raney Violin: David Benson

Congregation remains seated while offering is collected.

TEXT: O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
yet though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.



◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

**C Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

COMMUNION *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

If you desire to commune at the altar rail: Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

If coming forward is difficult: Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 1

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.

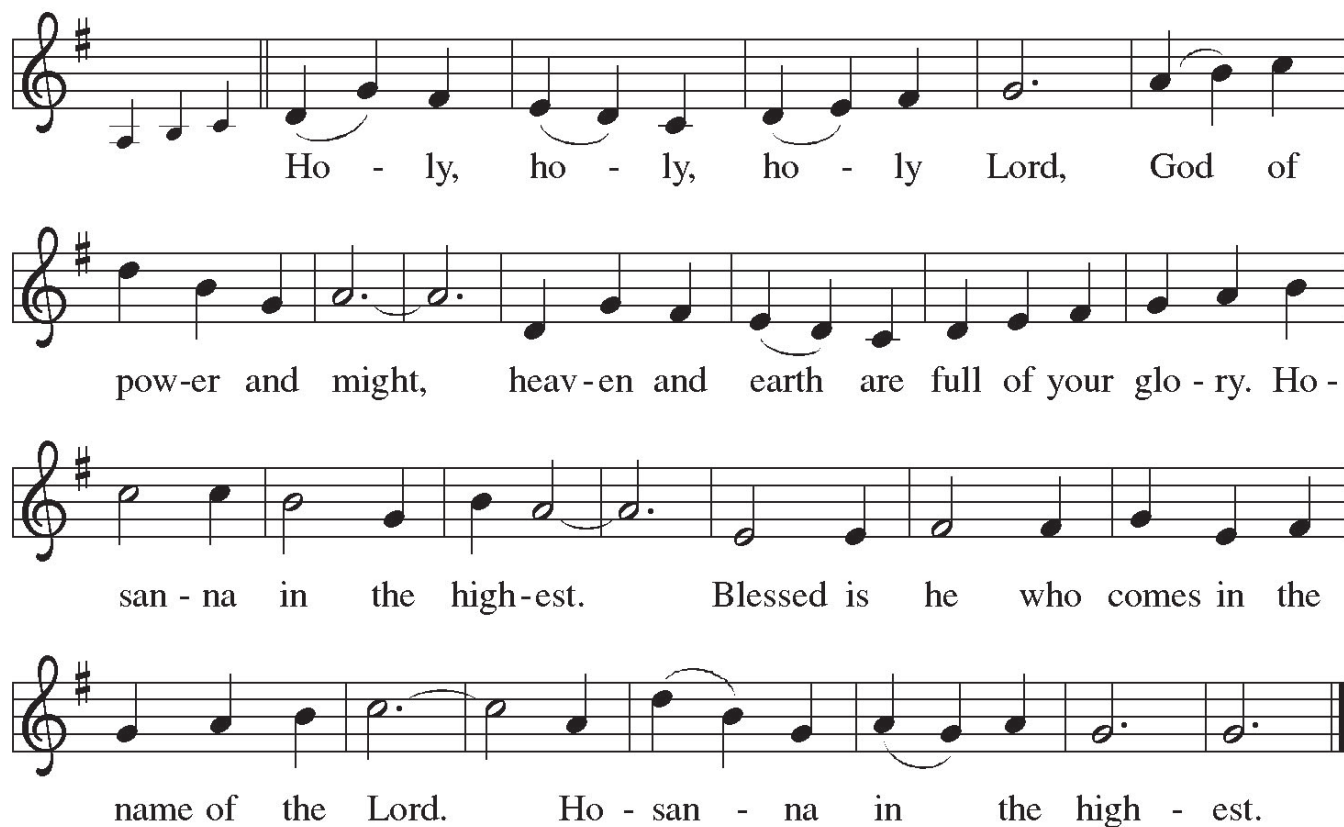
P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

.... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:....."

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◆ Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 1



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed

Do this for the remembrance of me.

◆ 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.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 1

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.

- "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" - **ELW 324**
- "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" - **ELW 326**
- "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land" - **ELW 333** ALL sing Refrain;
Leader sings the stanzas.
- "Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross" - **ELW 335**
- "Lamb of God" - **ELW 336**
- "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" - **ELW 337**
- "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" - **ELW 338**
- "Ah, Holy Jesus" - **ELW 349**
- "Go to Dark Gethsemane" - **ELW 347**

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BENEDICTION

- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

- ◆ POSTLUDE: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - Max Reger

Congregation remains standing, but sits as the cross passes them by.



SENDING

- AM Go in peace. Believe the good news.
- C **Thanks be to God.**



Maundy Thursday April 2

7:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion at
Edison Lutheran Church

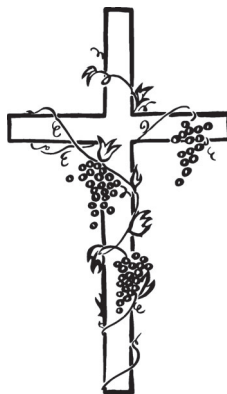
Good Friday April 3

7:00 PM Worship at Edison Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday April 5

8:45 AM Easter Breakfast
(no Sunday School)
*All are Welcome. Breakfast served in
Fellowship Hall.*

10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion





Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	Serving Sunday March 29	Serving Next Sunday April 5
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
Music Ministers	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
Assisting Minister	Mark Johnson	Darla Jensen
Acolyte	Drake Conner	Drake Conner
Lector	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb	Kristin Caldwell
Greeters	RuthAnne Pocock Shirley Brick	Linda Johnson Judy Bendtsen
Ushers	Gordy Dahl Nancy Nygren	Mark Johnson Cathy Smith
Altar Guild	Debbie Conijn Kathy Shoop	Julie Rousseau Amber Lagerlund
Fellowship Hosts	Linda & Dave Vague Mark & Linda Johnson Darla Jensen	Parish Life Committee
Flowers	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Council Member of the Day	Larry Forsythe	Keith Peterson



Scripture Readings for next Sunday, April 5th, are:

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10

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