

***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace on our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***Blessing**

Pastor: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn:**

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LBW 97

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave Lamar Walter Maul Carolyn Pinos Ava Stancovich Emma Rosman
Beni Krisko

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This morning, Jack Seymore, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

All are invited to St. Luke this week for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services at 7:00 pm.

April 12—Easter Egg Hunt: 11:30 –1:00 pm. Pizza and drinks provided. Church basement. It will be outside if weather permits. Contact Dan Kerch with questions.

April 19—There will be an Indoor Yard Sale sponsored by KRFRD (Cresson/Lilly) Volunteer Fire Company from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at Cresson Fire Hall, Ashcroft Avenue in Cresson.

May 5—Council Meeting 6:30 pm.

Church officers for 2025 are Tom Cordwell, President; Bill Cooper, Vice President; Sharon Cordwell, Secretary; and Dan Kerch, Treasurer.

We are still in need of the following 1 Council Member, 2 volunteers for Synod Assembly, and 3 volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Please see Tom Cordwell or any council member if interested.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.

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**Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
Worship Sundays at 9:00 am**



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Communion Hospitality

Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune..

Altar palms are in memory of Brue and Stella Brunett by Bruce Mark and family. Distribution palms are given in memory of Bruce and Stella Brunett by Bruce Mark and family. Sanctuary candle is in memory of Michael Pinos by Ruth Elaine. Tall candles are in memory of Michael Pinos by Ruth Elaine. Small candles are in memory of Michael Pinos by Ruth Elaine.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting I

Parish Announcements

Prelude

*= Stand (The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

*Announcements:

*Opening Prayer

Pastor: I invite all to stand as you are able....Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.....Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

The Processional Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Processional Hymn with Palms:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LBW 108

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. C: Hosanna in the highest.

*Prayer of the Day: Pastor: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

(Read Responsively)

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

*The Lenten Tract

"Return to the Lord"

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Reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Please leave the Passion Reading on the pews or place them on the desk in the Narthex, so they may be used again. Thank You.

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

My Song Is Love Unknown

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*Nicene Creed

*Prayers of the Church

Pastor: God in your mercy, C: Receive our prayer.

*Passing of Peace Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.

Offering

The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

*Offertory

"Let the Vineyards"

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*Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. C: Amen.

Liturgy of Holy Communion

*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus

*When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered for worship, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and we shared the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

Gathered at the Lord's table, we celebrated with thanksgiving that "In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; is my body given to for you. Do this in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you.

*The Lord's Prayer

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*Invitation to Communion:

Pastor: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

*Agnes Dei

"Lamb of God"

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*As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:
"The body of Christ, given for you.' & 'The blood of Christ, shed for you.'
After each, the communicant may say: 'Amen.'*

Distribution

Communion Hymn:

*Post Communion Blessing

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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