

Palm Sunday



*"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!" -Mark 11:9-10*

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HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

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Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

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Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."

Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am
in person or on Facebook "LIVE"
at [facebook.com/holynativitynewhope!](https://facebook.com/holynativitynewhope)

The nursery is available during worship for families with kids ages 3 and under.

Staff Members:

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom	Pastor
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Lisa Stockert	Organist & Communications Coordinator
Kristen Chamberlain	Sunday School Director
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Wendy Grimes	Youth Ministry Associate
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Kara Holt	Financial Coordinator
Amy Laite	Sunday Nursery Coordinator (September through April)
Tawn Hanson	Wedding Coordinator
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Mark Chamberlain
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Chris Daniels
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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

“Do one thing every day that scares you.” -Eleanor Roosevelt

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.

GATHERING MUSIC

“My Song is Love Unknown”

setting, Benjamin M. Culli

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD

GATHERING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Red Hymnal #344

1) ALL 2) Women 3) ALL 4) Men 5) ALL

ANTHEM

“Hosanna, Hosanna”

Natalie Sleeth

Sunday School Choristers; Kari Johnson, director; Kara Holt, accompanist

*Hosanna, Hosanna, O blessed is He. Hosanna, Hosanna, our Savior to be.
Who lives now among us for you and for me. He comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, with joy let us sing. A message of love to the earth He will bring.
Hosanna, Hosanna, now hail Him the King. He comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Be glad this day, let every heart rejoice! Prepare His way, with heart and soul and voice!
Hosanna, Hosanna, we greet Him with praise. Hosanna, Hosanna, our song let us raise.
And follow His truth for the rest of our days. He comes in the name of the Lord.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison) 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.

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 31:9-16 (tone 4) (sung responsively)



(first line of each verse)

(second line of each verse)

Leader: ⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I ¹ am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ¹ and my belly.

**All: ¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief, and my ¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹ are consumed.**

Leader: ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street ¹ they avoid me.

**All: ¹² Like the dead I am forgotten, ¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot.**

Leader: ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.

**All: ¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in ¹ you, O Lord.
I have said, "You ¹ are my God.**

Leader: ¹⁵ My times are ¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.

**All: ¹⁶ Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant;
save me in your ¹ steadfast love."**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE*“Return to God”*

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-11

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark... Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord... Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON*“It's Getting Late”*

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

MOMENT TO REFLECT (*We pause in silence.*)**WE RESPOND****HYMN OF THE DAY***“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”*

Red Hymnal #345

APOSTLES' CREED

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C: 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.

OFFERING/CHILDREN’S TIME

(If you are worshipping at home, you are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at holynativity.net and click on “Make Donation.” Thank you!)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

LORD’S PRAYER (unison) **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.**

BENEDICTION

P: Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen**

MISSION HYMN

“Ride On, Ride on in Majesty!”

Red Hymnal #346

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

“Ride On, O King, Ride On!”

Gilbert M. Martin

WEEKLY INFORMATION

<p>Sunday, March 24th Palm Sunday 8:30 – 9:15am Breakfast 9:00am – 12:00pm Silent Auction 9:30am Worship 10:30am – 11:30am Breakfast 12:00pm – 3:00pm Holy Ghost Church</p>	<p>Thursday, March 28th Maundy Thursday Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Worship w/Communion</p>
<p>Monday, March 25th Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 6:00pm New Hope Women of Today 7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>Friday, March 29th Good Friday Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm 9:00am – 1:00pm Easter flower dropoff 7:00pm Worship</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 26th Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 10:00am Bible Study 3:45pm Staff Meeting 5:00 – 7:00pm Holy Ghost Church (Annex) 6:00pm Treble Tones (lounge) 6:00pm Treble Tones 7:00pm Bingo at Outtakes</p>	<p>Saturday, March 30th 9:00am Nativity Choir 9:00am – 12:00pm Easter flower dropoff</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 27th Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 9:30am Lounge reserved 1:00pm Sarah Circle 7:00pm Nativity Choir</p>	<p>Sunday, March 31st Easter 9:30am Worship w/Communion 10:30am Fellowship Time No Education 12:00pm – 3:00pm Holy Ghost Church</p>

PRISM's food shelf need this month is pantry supplies.
March's Mission Offering is designated to PRISM for Minnesota March Food Share Month.

TODAY...

Palm Sunday Breakfast & Silent Auction! Please join us from 8:30-9:15am and after worship from 10:30--11:30am for a delicious breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, juice and coffee! Free-will offering. And you are invited to shop our Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall as well! It is from 9:00am – 12:00pm. All \$ is being raised for our youth mission trips.

No Education Hour today (come and enjoy the breakfast and silent auction!).

THIS WEEK...

You are invited to help plant our Easter Garden! Please bring in cut flowers, flowering plants, or green plants (it's your choice!) to decorate the altar area for Easter. Items should be dropped off Friday, March 29th from 9:00am – 1:00pm, or Saturday, March 30th between 9:00am – Noon (there's a choir rehearsal at 9:00am so drop off in welcome area if you're here then). Be sure you put your name on your plant so you pick up the correct one. You may also turn in an Easter Flowers envelope with your money (\$20) to the office or in the basket in the Narthex (not the offering plate please!) and we will order flowers for you. Be sure to let us know by this Monday, March 25th if your flowers are in honor and/or memory of someone so we can put the list in our Easter bulletin. Feel free to pick up your flowers after the 9:30am Easter Sunday service so they can decorate your own home!

Holy Week and Easter Worship! All services are in – person and online. Join us:



MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 28th

7:00pm
(with communion)

GOOD FRIDAY – March 29th

7:00pm

THE RESURRECTION of OUR LORD (EASTER)

March 31st

9:30am (with communion)
10:30am Fellowship Time

Maundy Thursday worship assistants needed! Sign up to help as an usher, communion assistant or reader.

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS...

Thrivent members! Have you directed all your 2023 Thrivent Choice dollars to Holy Nativity? Thrivent members can still direct funds earned last year through March 31, 2024. To see if you have any 2023 dollars remaining, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice online, or call 800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice." Holy Nativity appreciates your support!

March is Minnesota Food Share month and PRISM is our March Mission Support effort. Your financial gifts allow PRISM to purchase in bulk and focus on the items most needed. Your gifts of food and funds help families as they deal with school spring breaks when in school meals are not available to help stretch the food budget.

Soup Surveys! Did you like some soups more than others during soup suppers? Any other feedback? We have a survey for you to fill out! Pick one up on the welcome desk and return to the church office.

Books for the Division of Indian Work - Thank you for your donations of used books for the Little Free Library at the Division of Indian Work, located on East Lake Street in Mpls. We will continue to collect books through Easter Sunday.

Kickstarter Campaign! Director of Music and Worship, Iver Hubert, is running a Kickstarter Campaign for a large musical work he's written called *Becoming Earth*. Please check out the campaign by clicking on the link below and consider donating. At the campaign page you can watch the videos and read the story of how this work came about. Any amount helps, even if you can only donate \$1 that creates traffic and activity which is vital for keeping the campaign alive and getting it up on "what's hot" lists and such. <http://kck.st/3uWpR4v>



GARAGE SALE: Save the dates - and your stuff! Holy Nativity youth will be running a garage sale again this summer to raise money for our trip to the National Youth Gathering taking place in New Orleans. The sale will run **June 13, 14, 15**. Please consider donating items for this sale. We will begin accepting donations on Monday, May 13th.

Thank you for your continued financial support! If you are worshiping with us at home, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

- **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
- **Scan this QR code with your phone to make a donation online.** Or go to our website at holynativity.net and click on "Make Donation."
- **Contact the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals



*People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:
Ruth Berquist*

If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group, please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or office@holynativity.net.

<i>Thank you to today's worship assistants!</i>	
Council Host	Lori Cowman
Cantor	Brian Eklund
Scripture Reader	Harper Chamberlain
Greeter	Lori Cowman
Ushers	Karen Levenson, Elizabeth Schmitz, April Umana
Social Hour Hosts/Coffee Servers	Youth are serving breakfast! Join us!
Acolytes	
Altar Guild Assistants	Nora Levenson, Karen Levenson