



# **NOT MY WILL**

**MATTHEW 26:30-46**

# Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!



We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Means of Grace” — God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ, God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!

March 29, 2026

*Palm Sunday*

*The congregation gathers in the narthex. Please take both a bulletin and a palm branch.*

## The Coming

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** Hosanna in the highest!

### The Triumphal Entry

*Matthew 21:1–11*

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

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**P** Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,

**C** “The Lord needs them,”

**P** and he will send them at once.”

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

**C** “Say to the daughter of Zion,

**‘Behold, your king is coming to you,**

**humble, and mounted on a donkey,**

**and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”**

**P** The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and

he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

**C** “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

**P**<sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying,

**C** “Who is this?”

**P**<sup>11</sup>And the crowds said,

**C** “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

### Blessing of Palms

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

*The people raise their palm branches.*

**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.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** In the name of the Lord.

*The people follow the cross and minister in procession into the sanctuary and may be seated. Palm branches may be laid around the altar or kept and waived in praise.*

**Processional- Lift High the Lord**

*Choir*

*Stand*

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

**C** Hosanna in the highest!

## *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

LSB 442 st. 1,3

1 You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and Blessed One.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

3 The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before you we present.

*Refrain*

## The Conflict

*Sit*

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:12–17*

**L**<sup>12</sup>And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “It is written,

**C** ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

**L**<sup>14</sup>And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup>But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple,

**C** “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

**L** they were indignant, <sup>16</sup>and they said to him,

**C** “Do you hear what these are saying?”

**L** And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

**C** “‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?’”

**L**<sup>17</sup>And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

### *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

LSB 443

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;

Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on his bidding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in his blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:23–27*

**L**<sup>23</sup> When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said,

**C** “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

**L**<sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying,

**C** “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

**L**<sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus,

**C** “We do not know.”

**L** And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I

do these things.

*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**☩ I believe in one God**  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day he rose again according to the  
Scriptures and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 21:28–32*

**L**<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’<sup>29</sup> And he answered,

**C** ‘I will not,’

**L** but afterward he changed his mind and went.<sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered,

**C** ‘I go, sir,’

**L** but did not go.<sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said,

**C** “The first.”

**L** Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.<sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

## Confession

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C** **Lord, forgive us for failing to serve your people. Forgive us also for stubbornly turning our backs on your commandments and promises.**

**P** Jesus brings the kingdom of God to a sinful creation. As God’s anointed one he destroys the barrier sin creates between God and humankind – between God and you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:33–46*

**P**<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants and went into another country.

<sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.<sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.<sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them.

<sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’<sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves,

**C** ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’

**P**<sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.<sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”<sup>41</sup>They said to him,

**C** “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

**P**<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

**C** “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

**P**<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.<sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.<sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

### *My Song Is Love Unknown*

*LSB 430 st. 3*

3 Sometimes they strew his way

*(tune 863)*

And His sweet praises sing;

Resounding all the day

Hosannas to their King.

Then “Crucify!”

Is all their breath,

And for his death they thirst and cry.

And for his death they thirst and cry.

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 22:15–21, 46*

**L**<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk.<sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,

**C** “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances.<sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

**L**<sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?<sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius.<sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and

inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>They said,

**C** "Caesar's."

**L** Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## Presentation of the Offering

*Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshiping and receiving communion with us today.*

### *My Song Is Love Unknown*

**1** My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

*LSB 430 st. 1&2  
(tune 863)*

**2** He came from his blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need his life did spend!  
Who at my need his life did spend!

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 23:13-39*

**P** "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to." <sup>15</sup> "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are." <sup>16</sup> "Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means

nothing; but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.’<sup>17</sup> You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred?<sup>18</sup> You also say, ‘If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gift on the altar is bound by that oath.’<sup>19</sup> You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred?<sup>20</sup> Therefore, anyone who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it.<sup>21</sup> And anyone who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it.<sup>22</sup> And anyone who swears by heaven swears by God’s throne and by the one who sits on it.<sup>23</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.<sup>24</sup> You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.<sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.<sup>27</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.<sup>28</sup> In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.<sup>29</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous.<sup>30</sup> And you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’<sup>31</sup> So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets.<sup>32</sup> Go ahead, then, and complete what your ancestors started!<sup>33</sup> “You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?<sup>34</sup> Therefore I am sending you prophets and sages and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town.<sup>35</sup> And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.<sup>36</sup> Truly I tell you, all this will come on

this generation.<sup>37</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>38</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. <sup>39</sup> For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**C** ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

### *My Song Is Love Unknown*

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?

*LSB 430 st. 4&5*

What makes this rage and spite?

*(tune 863)*

He made the lame to run,

He gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries!

Yet they at these

Themselves displease and ’gainst Him rise.

Themselves displease and ’gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have

My dear Lord made away;

A murderer they save,

The Prince of Life they slay.

Yet cheerful He

To suff’ring goes

That He His foes from thence might free.

That He His foes from thence might free.

## Homily

### The Covenant

*Stand*

#### Preface

*Matthew 26:1-5,14-25*

**P** When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup>But they said,

**C** “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

**P**<sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went

to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said,

**C** “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?”

**P** And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.<sup>17</sup>

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

**C** “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

**P**<sup>18</sup>He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another,

**C** “Is it I, Lord?”

**P** <sup>23</sup>He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered,

**C** “Is it I, Rabbi?”

**P** He said to him, “You have said so.”

## Words of Institution

*Matthew 26:26–29*

**P**<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P**O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess your holy cross and passion, your blessed death, your rest in the tomb, your resurrection from the dead, your ascension into heaven, and your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Lord's Prayer**

***Lamb of God***

*LSB 550*

**1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.**

*Refrain*

***Refrain***

***O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

**3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God.**

*Refrain*

*Sit*

**Distribution**

*We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith. If you share our faith, and particularly if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit. If you do not confess the understanding of the Christian Faith as expressed by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, you may still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you will not be receiving the sacrament.*

*Were You There*

*Choir*

*When I Survey The Wonderous Cross*

*Bells*

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

*LSB 441*

*(tune 570)*

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,

With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin

O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The angel armies of the sky

Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes

To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.

The Father on his sapphire throne

Awaits His own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,

Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

*No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

*LSB 444*

1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet

With banners and with drums,

No sound of music's martial beat:

"The King of glory comes!"

To greet what pomp of kingly pride

No bells in triumph ring,

No city gates swing open wide:

"Behold, behold your King!"

2 And yet he comes. The children cheer;

With palms his path is strown.

With ev'ry step the cross draws near:

**The King of glory's throne.  
Astride a colt he passes by  
As loud hosannas ring,  
Or else the very stones would cry  
"Behold, behold your King!"**

**3 What fading flow'rs his road adorn;  
The palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn  
The King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,  
The streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies,  
"Behold, behold your King!"**

**4 Now he who bore for mortals' sake  
The cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant's form to take,  
The King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name  
Till heaven's rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim  
"Behold, behold your King!"**

## **Dismissal and Benediction**

### **Sending**

*Matthew 26:30–32*

**P**<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

*(People leave in silence)*

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# Serving in worship today

March 29, 2026

**Pastor:**

Jason Neel

**Elders:**

Kevin Zimmerman

Eric Skogerboe

**Reader:**

Wayne Chambard

**Usher:**

Randy Herschman

**Organist:**

Karine Platt

**Acolyte:**

Eden Miller

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Abby Schoenbauer 4/2, Jason Neel 4/2, Jennifer Williams 4/3, and Dyllon Degler 4/4.

**Celebrating Baptism:** Tyler Mathiason 3/30, and Oliver Welle 4/1.

## This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Class
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:45 p.m.	Maundy Thursday
Friday	6:45 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday	6:45 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Easter Service 1
	8:15 a.m.	Easter Pancake Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Service 2

## **Notes of Information:**

**Thank you:** Thank you all who came to pack meals for FMSC.

**Book Club:** Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

April 27 – A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

May - NO BOOK CLUB

June 22 - Her Daughter's Dream by Francine Rivers

July 27 - The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

**NACE:** At this time NACE is taking winter clothes. Food needs are canned fruit, sides and peanut butter. For more information, reach out to Toni Peterson.

**Stewardship Messages:** “You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.” (Amy Carmichael)

**Looking for help:** We are looking for sewing volunteers for a project with Blaine High School, Northdale Middle School, and Ham Lake Lions Club. Volunteers who know how to use a sewing machine and can assist the middle and high school students in completing a project for a local non-profit. The students are sewing “bonding hearts” for micro preemies in the NICU. The sewing project is simple, and the first part is done. The students now need to finish the project by sewing the heart. Date and time: Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-5 p.m. Location: Northdale Middle school- 11301 Dogwood St. NW Minneapolis, MN 55448 If you are interested in helping with the project, please get in touch with Robin Chambers at Blaine High School- robin.chambers@ahschools.us or 763-506-6512.

**LWML: THANK YOU** - \$920 was raised through the bake sale! These funds will be sent to LWML MN South District to be applied to the Mission Grant Recipients! Thank you to the bakers, helpers, and shoppers who made this fundraiser such a success! Each of you are a blessing!

**Carl's Movie Minute:**

**He Calls Me Father:** A docudrama story about a women shaped by absent, distant or broken fathers and how the wounds follow to adulthood affecting their identity, self-worth, and their relationship with God. Through conversations in the film, the film points to a different kind of Father, one who Is present and faithful; a powerful and simple Truth a Heavenly Father changes everything. Mar. 17&18 only. Emagine White Bear

**The First Hymn:** Chris Tomlin and Ben Fielding reimagine an ancient hymn as a contemporary worship piece. A full-length documentary(1.5 hrs.) the story follows the origins in ancient Egypt with the papyrus of the first known Christian hymn presents a challenge the traditional views of Church history by revealing the rich musical practices of early believers. Emagine Wh. Bear Mar. 24&25 only.

**Reminders of Him:** A hallmark style film with more intensity. Story of a girl who causes the death of her boyfriend, the relationship had produced a child. The young mother is convicted for the death of her boyfriend, and the story unfolds as she tries to re-unite with her daughter upon release her release from prison; the struggle and the unlikely love she finds in the process....AMC Coon Rapids opens 3/13

**Ben Hur:** If you pine for Charlton Heston the original film is being shown Mar.29-April 2. AMC Coon Rapids and Emagine Wh.Bear.

**The King of Kings:** Animated a re-release of a father telling the story of Jesus to a rambunctious child. AMC Coon Rapids Mar. 20

**The Great Awakening:** Sight and Sound movie production story of one of the greatest Christian Orators in American history Rev. George Whitefield. He brought the Great Awakening the uniting of a populace in the Liberty in Christ. The story unfolds at the time of the American founding and Whitefield's relationship with Benjamin Franklin. The film depicts Franklin's discovery of the meaning of TRUE LIBERTY and cannot only be written into law- it must be awakened in the hearts of the people. AMC Mar.29-4/9



**Palm/Passion Sunday  
March 29, 2026 9 am**

**Maundy Thursday  
April 2, 2026 6:45 pm**

**Good Friday  
April 3, 2026 6:45 pm**

**Easter Vigil  
April 4, 2026 6:45 pm**

**Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026 7 am and 10 am**

**A pancake breakfast will be served from 8:15 to 9:30 by the  
SOC Youth Group.**

<i>Average weekly offering</i>	\$7393.00
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6730.28

**Readings for next week:**

Exodus 14:10-15:1, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18



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