



PRISONERS OF HOPE

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Hanover Lutheran Church
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Rev. Rod Benkendorf, Pastor

Welcome!

Welcome to Hanover Lutheran Church! What a blessing from the Almighty God that he calls us and allows us and desires us to be in worship together. We are pleased and thankful that you are here today to hear God's Word and receive His Gifts. As Redeemed Children of God, it is our goal to fulfill the "Law of Christ" (1 Corinthians 9:21) which is to Love God and Love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40). Again, thank you for joining us in worshipping the One True God who sent His Son to suffer, die, and rise for us! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. Pastor Rod Benkendorf (314-704-8202) or the church office (573-335-8583).

We invite you to join us in the Activity Center at 9:00am this morning as we continue our adult Bible study.

Office Hours

The church office will be open with the secretary present 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday

Pastor will be in the office Tuesday-Friday morning.

Pastor's day off will be Monday.

Vicar will be in the office Tuesday-Friday morning.

Vicar's day off will be Monday.

In case of an emergency, you may reach Pastor Benkendorf at (314)704-8202.

Calendar

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| Sunday 3/24 | 7:45 | Communion |
| | 9:00am | SS/Bible Study |
| | 10:15am | Communion w/Confirmation |
| | 11:00am | Meeting Room Rsvd |
| Tuesday 3/26 | 5:30pm | Elders Meeting |
| | 7:00pm | Potter's Clay-Hanover |
| Wednesday 3/27 | 9:30am | Bible Study |
| | 5:30pm | Handbells |
| Thursday 3/28 | 11:00am | Maundy Thursday Communion Service |
| | 6:30pm | Maundy Thursday Communion Service |
| Friday 3/29 | 6:00am | Men's Bible Study |
| | 11:00am | Good Friday Tenebrae Service |
| | 6:30pm | Good Friday Tenebrae Service |
| Sunday 3/31 | 6:30am | Easter Sunrise with Communion |
| | 8:00am | Pancake Breakfast |
| | 9:00am | Easter Activities |
| | 10:15am | Communion |

Palm Sunday

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7:45 & 10:15 am

Prelude/Ringing of Church Bells

Lighting of the Candles

Announcements

Prayer for Worship

(see inside cover of LSB)

Opening Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *LSB 442*

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered... and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father...through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 118:21–29

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

C **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

P This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

P Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

P The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

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

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie (sung)

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise [Omitted during Lent]

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

P [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,

C **thus securing an eternal redemption.**

P Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

C **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

P He sent redemption to his people;

C **he has commanded his covenant forever.**

Special Music

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse [Omitted during Lent]

Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

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

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” *LSB 441*

Sermon

“Prisoners of Hope” *Zechariah 9:9-12*

Nicene Creed

C **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 Christian 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.

Offering

Offertory

LSB 783, vs. 1,4

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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Rite of Confirmation (10:15am)

LSB 272

Mason Lynn Biri

“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13b-14

Garrett Ray Michael

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

Declan Russell Stevens

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:2

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus (sung)

LSB 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 209

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei (sung)

LSB 210

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The first three Distribution Hymns have been chosen by our confirmands.

Distribution & Hymns

- “The Lamb” *LSB 547*
“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” *LSB 451*
“Thine Forever, God of Love” *LSB 687*
“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” *LSB 437*

Nunc Dimittis (sung)

LSB 211

- C** O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord ...and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen. (sung)

Postlude

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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Those Serving in April

Ushers

7:45 am

10:15 am

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Acolytes

April 7

Mason Biri

Declan Stevens

April 14

Liam Kelley

Xavier Franks

April 21

Garrett Michael

Ian Petzoldt

April 28

Mason Biri

Declan Stevens

Altar Guild

Jane Sinn, Kathy Kirchoff, Jan Koenig, Diane Schweer

Sunday School Teachers

Little's

Middle's

Palm Sunday: Holy Week (also known as Passion Week) begins with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the celebration of Jesus riding into Jerusalem and the people waving palms and singing Hosanna. They thought He would become their triumphant earthly savior and king. We know Jesus is riding into Jerusalem five days before He becomes our Triumphant Eternal Savior and King through His Sacrifice on the Cross. The color red is used to indicate both the celebration of Jesus as King and the pouring out of His Blood which does indeed save us!

COMMUNION GUIDANCE: We rejoice in this celebration of the LORD's Supper. Indeed, the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself*" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Confirmed members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. We practice "Close Communion" and it is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the Lutheran, Christian faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament refrain from communing until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor Benkendorf. As you are comfortable, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing as you cross your arms in front of you. Please respect our position of love in this matter of Christian and Pastoral care.

Serving in Worship

Ushers **7:45am** -Dwayne Kirchhoff, Steve Miller, Todd Roth, Clay Vangilder, Scott Vangilder, Mark Aufdenberg, Ian Roth
10:15am -Larry Hale, Mark Koerber, Ron Seabaugh

Serving in Sunday School

*Teachers for March – "Littles", Travis & Katie Roth, "Middles", Sandy Lowrey,
5th-8th grade, Tom Hadler*

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| <i>Acolytes</i> | Garrett Michael | Ian Petzoldt |
| <i>Maundy Thursday (3/28)</i> | Garrett Michael (11am) | Declan Stevens (6:30pm) |
| <i>Good Friday (3/29)</i> | Declan Stevens (11am) | Liam Kelley (6:30pm) |
| <i>Next week (3/31)</i> | Garrett Michael (6:30am) | Ian Petzoldt (10:15am) |

Announcements

THANK YOU to ALL who helped with and participated in the Holy Week Festival last Saturday. We learned about Jesus' 'walk' from Palm Sunday to Easter morning, and had fun with games, a servant event, a special snack, parades, and trivia. A special shout out to the confirmation and high school kids for helping with this event, too! -from the Sunday School team.

TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY FOR THE SANCTUARY Lilies will be available at a cost of \$10.00 per plant. Please consider placing a lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. An order form can be found in the office window. Please fill out your order and deposit your check in the envelope provided. All money must be collected by Palm Sunday.

"Free" Money! Are you a Thrivent Member? If you have any investment or insurance products through Thrivent Financial, there is a good chance that Thrivent is giving you an opportunity to give away money. Thrivent has a program called "Choice Dollars" in which many members are able to allocate monies to charitable organizations. This is done on a yearly basis and the deadline for this year is March 31. If you have any Thrivent products, please check, and see if you have Choice Dollars to allocate. If you have any questions, please contact your Thrivent Rep and/or talk with Pastor Benkendorf.

Children's Mental Health Tip

Studies have shown that providing a positive, supportive, and loving relationship to a child is the single biggest way you can help improve their mental health. For more mental health tips, please visit LFCSMO.org or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

Open Positions at Trinity Lutheran School for the 2024-2025 school year.

Teaching Positions

- Science 5 - 8th grade with 7th grade homeroom
- Part-time computer/typing teacher K-8

A degree in education is required with synodical training and experience preferred. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church or other Lutheran affiliated churches are invited submit names for prayerful consideration to Anthony Boren, call, at 573-986-1746 or tboren23@gmail.com. Names may also be submitted to Mr. Cory Crosnoe at the Trinity school office at 573-334-1068.

Trinity Lutheran Church-Egypt Mills-Spring drive-thru dinner, Sunday, April 14, 2024. Drive-thru only: chicken and dumplings, corn, green beans, slaw, bread, and dessert. Serving from 11:30am-3:00pm. (Cost: Free will donation to be collected). See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

Saxony Lutheran Annual Fish Fry-Dine in or Carry Out, Sunday, April 28, 2024. 11:00am-1:00pm. Fish Hush Puppies, fries, slaw, and dessert. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in the church office, Saxony Lutheran or see Lynn Petzoldt.

Weekly Catechism and Scripture for Reflection

We are Lutheran! Why are we Lutheran? We are Lutheran because we are people of God's Word - the Bible. We Believe teach and confess that Lutheranism

is the absolute best explanation of the Bible.

God wants us to be in His Word and listen to Him (Luke 11:28). With that in mind, each week there will be a teaching from the Bible and a Bible verse upon which to reflect. You and your family are encouraged to discuss, memorize, and own the teaching and the Bible verse. (Note: Some teachings and Scripture will repeat from week to week.

That is intentional.)

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve, and obey them, love and cherish them.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Bible Story for the Week

“Jesus in Gethsemane and The Death of Jesus”

A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories pp. 130-131/135-136

Luke 22:39-53/Matthew 27:32-66; Mark 15:21-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:16-42

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