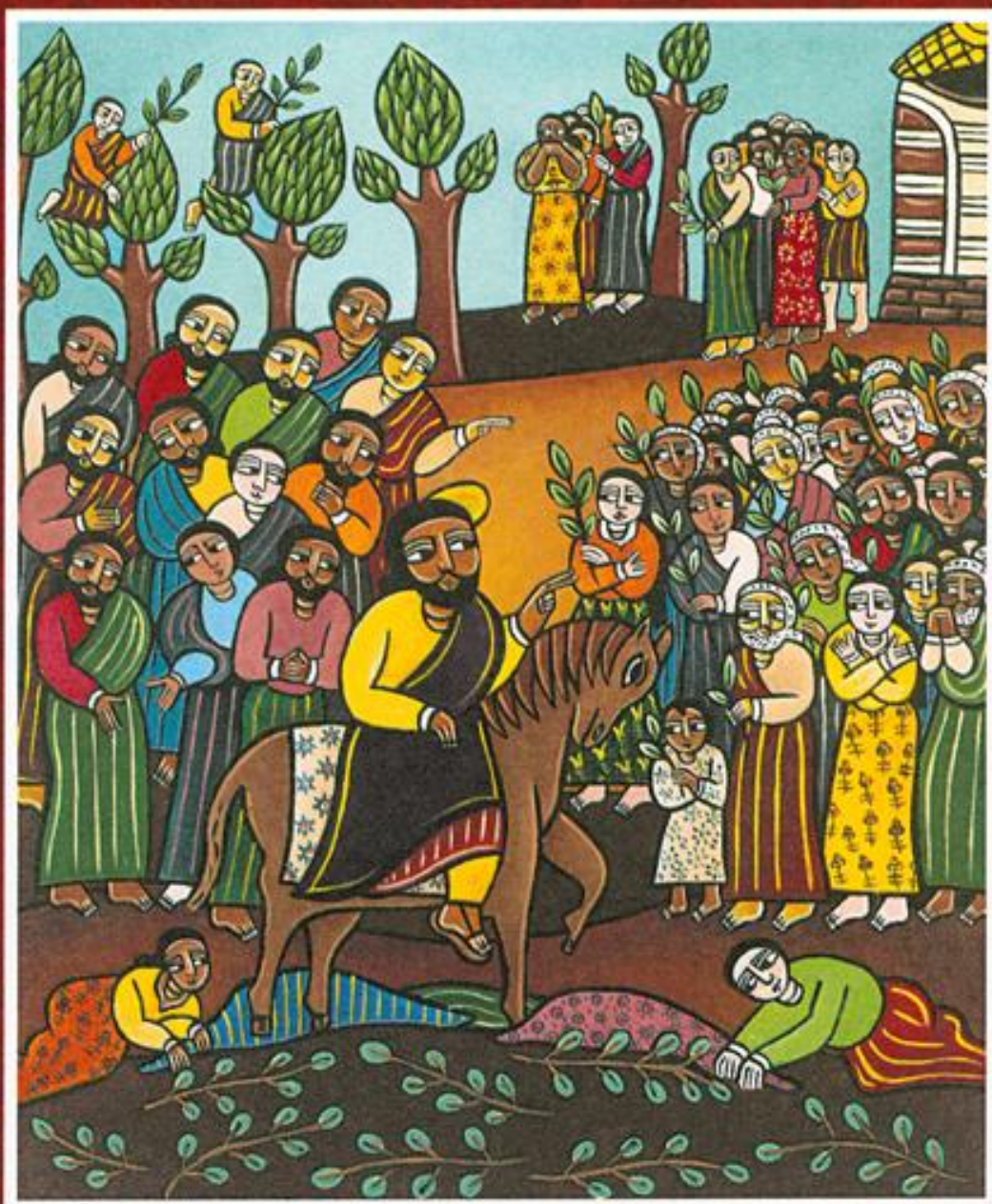


Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!

LUKE 19:38



Remember Us

On this Sunday of the Passion, the gathered church remembers the final days of Jesus' life. Once the celebratory palm branches are set down, the mood shifts as the somber tones of betrayal and crucifixion take over. The Lukan narrative draws us into the details, and we remember the extent of God's passion for us as Jesus enters into the depths of suffering through divine selfless love poured out for the sake of the world.

There is power in remembering. To be sure, this is an exercise of memory and recall for us. Yet Holy Week is much more than that. In our remembering of Jesus' passion, our reality is re-membered with God's reality. Like members of a body, we are re-membered onto Christ, formed into one through the Spirit, and drawn into the reality of God's saving love. Through scripture, song, and prayer, the liturgy of this day re-members us as God's people as we bear witness to Jesus' remembrance of us.

In the culminating moment of the crucifixion, only Luke's gospel reports the exchange between the two criminals and Jesus. The one criminal chastises the other before he addresses the crucified Jesus, saying, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). The request is for more than an act of recall; the criminal is seeking to be re-membered in the dominion of God, seeking a fusion of realities—his with Jesus'. Without hesitation, Jesus responds, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (v. 43). The criminal will be *with* Jesus, re-membered to Jesus.

This Sunday we remember Jesus' passion as together we are joined to God's loving action for the world. Jesus' last breath on the cross is the moment when our reality is re-membered with God's, for Jesus remembers us, and paradise's reign is realized.

Millcreek Lutheran Church
Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
April 13, 2025

A warm welcome to our church! We appreciate your presence here today and enjoy the new and the familiar faces as we gather together. If you are a visitor and believe that Christ is your Savior and present in the Sacrament, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. All children who have received Communion instruction and have been approved to receive Holy Communion either here or at another church are also welcome to commune with us. Any child may come forward for a blessing. Visitors, please sign our guest book, fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack, and introduce yourself to Pastor Scott as you leave. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: Eternal God, whose Son came victoriously to redeem your children: Conquer our lives with your forgiving love expressed in your Son, that we may refrain from our rejection of him, and witness to his controlling love in our lives. In his name we pray. Amen

Serving You This Morning:

Pastor,	The Rev. Scott J. Paradise
Lay Leader,	Jennifer Rosengrant
Organist/Pianist,	Debbie Tice
Lay Reader,	Julie Strickler
Ushers/Audio,	Scott Johnson & Frank Hoffman

The Service

Prelude of Entrance
Announcements
Prelude of Preparation
*Blessing of Palms (on blue insert)
*Hymn: *The Palms* (on blue insert)

- *Greetings: Pages 57, line 5
- *Prayer of the Day: (On the lesson insert, read in unison)
Choir Anthem, *Open Wide the Gates*
Children's Sermon
The First Reading
The Psalmody: On the lesson insert (read responsively)
The Second Reading
- *Sequence Hymn: **LBW (green) #102, On My Heart Imprint Your Image**
- *The Gospel: **The Passion of Our Lord according to Luke**
(see The Passion booklet)
Hymn of the Day: **NCH (red) #555, O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**
- *The Nicene Creed, Page 64
Choir Anthem, *Humble Cross*
- *The Prayers: Page 65, line 22
- *The Greeting of Peace: Page 66, line 23
- *The Great Thanksgiving: Pages 68-71, lines 28, 29 & 31
- *The Lord's Prayer, Page 71 (sung)
Holy Communion (tables)
- *Post Communion Prayer: Page 74, line 40
- *Benediction & Dismissal: Page 74, lines 42 & 43
- *Departing Hymn: **Ride On, Ride On in Majesty** (on blue insert)
Moments of Meditation: Congregation seated
Postlude
- ***Please stand**

*The flowers are given to the honor & glory of God,
and for a very happy 4th birthday to Skylar.
Love, Mom, Dad, & Maddie.*

*The bulletins are in thanks to Pastor Scott for his
service to Millcreek Lutheran Church from the
Sunday School teachers.*



Blessing of the Palms

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

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

The holy gospel according to _____.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The processional Gospel appointed for the year is read.
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

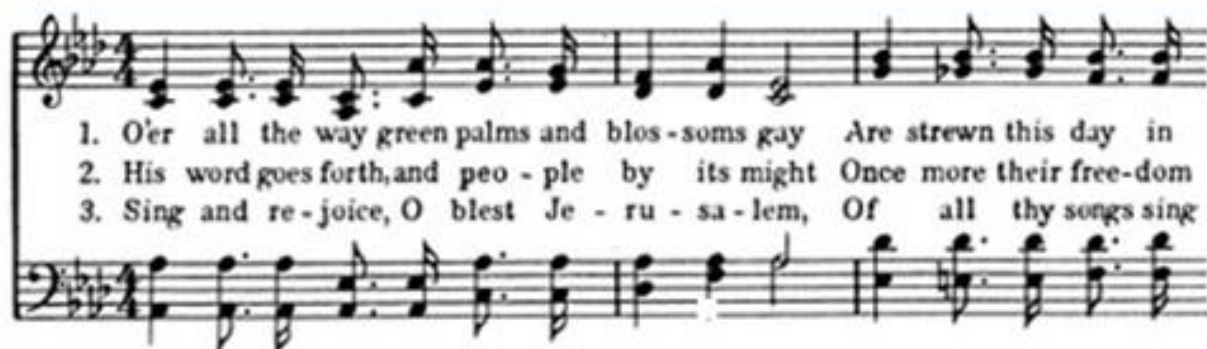
Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

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. **Amen.**

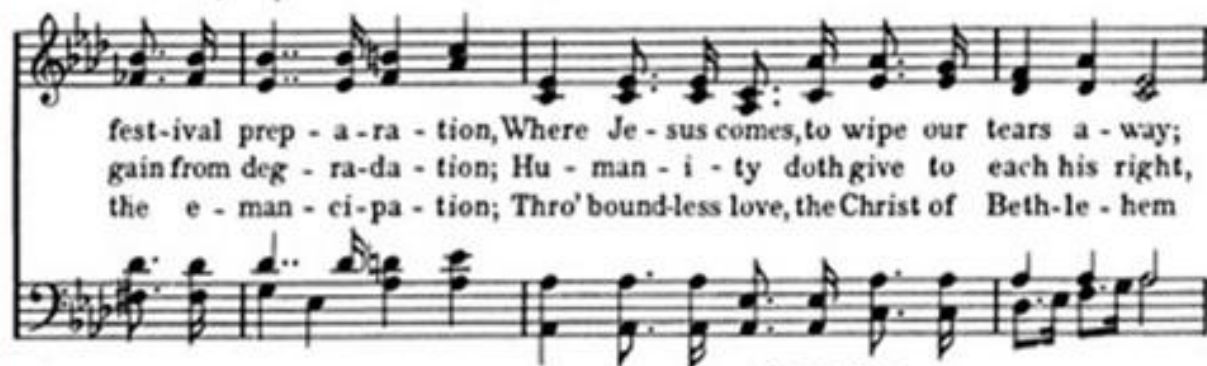
Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.



The Palms

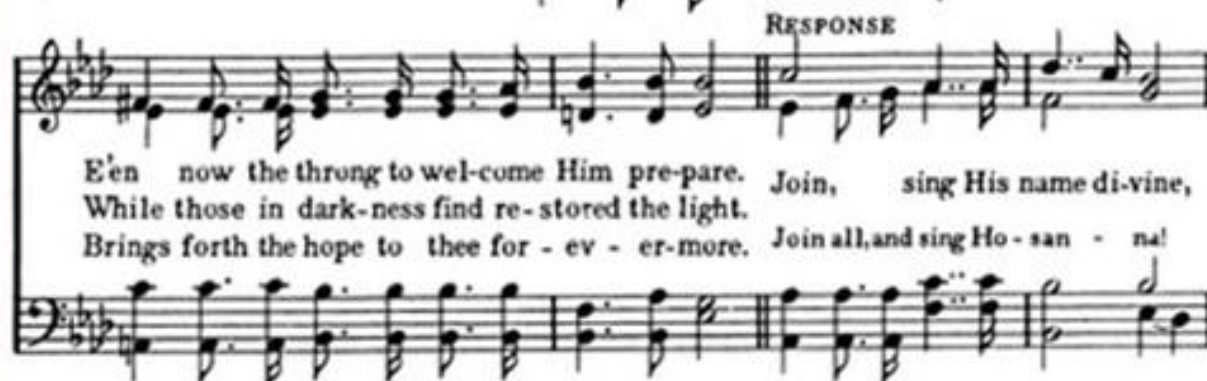


1. O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay Are strewn this day in
 2. His word goes forth, and people by its might Once more their freedom
 3. Sing and rejoice, O blest Je - ru - sa - lem, Of all thy songs sing

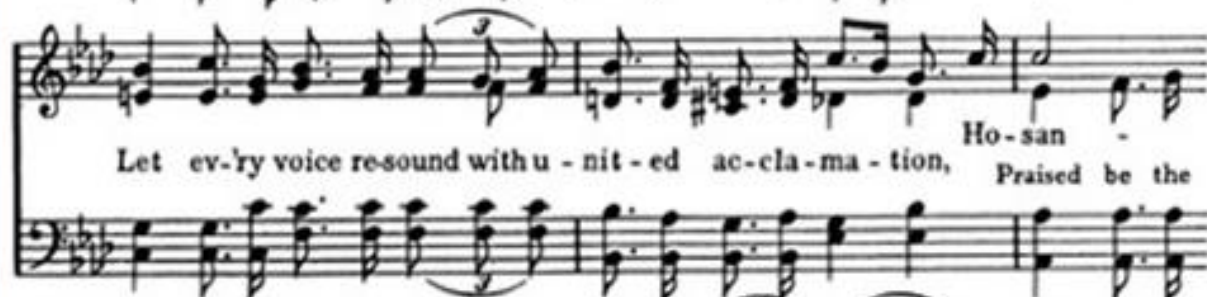


fest-ival pre - a - ra - tion, Where Je - sus comes, to wipe our tears a - way;
 gain from deg - ra - da - tion; Hu - man - i - ty doth give to each his right,
 the e - man - ci - pa - tion; Thro' bound-less love, the Christ of Beth - le - hem

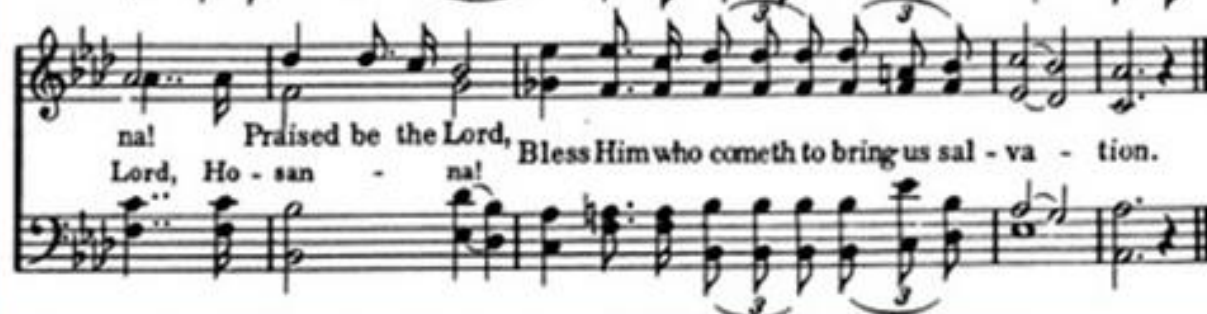
RESPONSE



E'en now the throng to wel-come Him pre-pare. Join, sing His name di-vine,
 While those in dark-ness find re-stored the light.
 Brings forth the hope to thee for - ev - er - more. Join all, and sing Ho - san - na!

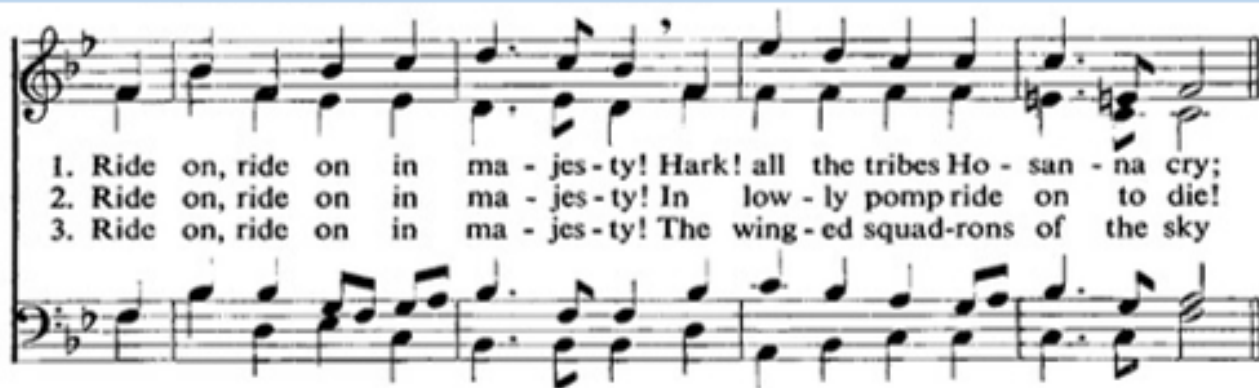


Let ev'-ry voice re-sound with u - nit - ed ac - cla - ma - tion, Ho - san -
 Praised be the

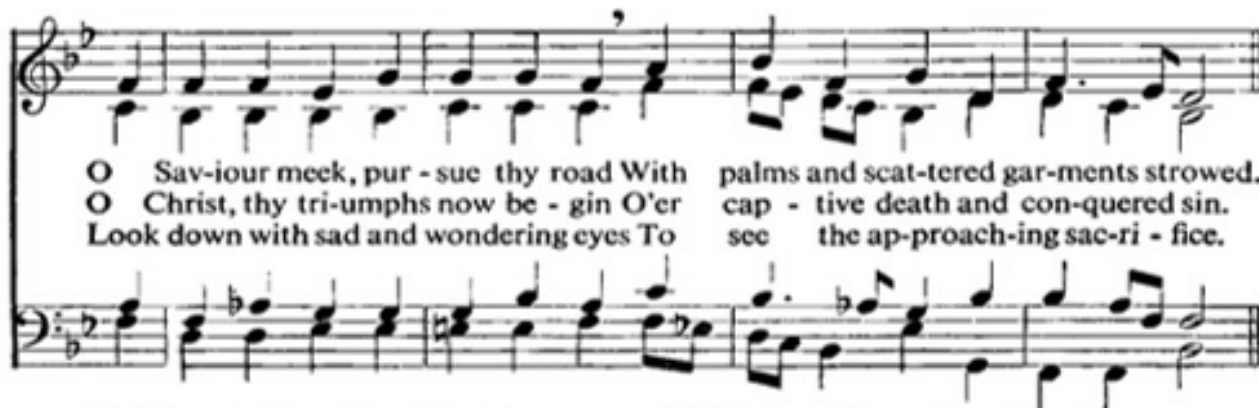


na! Praised be the Lord, Bless Him who cometh to bring us sal - va - tion.
 Lord, Ho - san - na! na!

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes Ho - san - na cry;
2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die!
3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons of the sky



O Sav - iour meek, pur - sue thy road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects 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 power and reign.

Henry Hart Milman, 1791–1868 a.

The temptation of the church from the New Testament on has been to make Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and Palm Sunday a day of earthly triumph, but, as the American theologian William Stringfellow says so well, "Easter is the day of triumph." He goes on to say that Palm Sunday "represents in the ministry of Christ the same temptations with which he was confronted by the power of death during his forty days in the wilderness."

Though the church often succumbs to the temptation to triumphalism, it knows better in its liturgy and hymnody. This hymn is one of the best examples. Like the reading for the passion narrative on Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, this hymn is about Christ riding on in lowly pomp to die.



Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Processional Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As

he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the
Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Prayer of the Day

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.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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 awakens—
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.

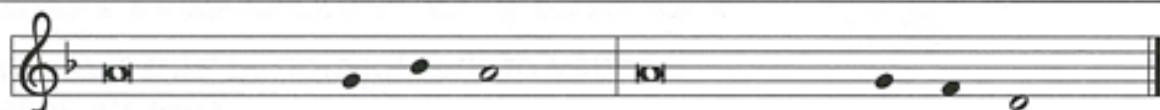
Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16; tone 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.
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.
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.
¹² Like the dead I am forgotten,
¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot.

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.
¹⁴ But as for me,
I have trusted in ¹ you, O LORD.
I have said, "You ¹ are my God."
¹⁵ My times are ¹ in your hand;
rescue me
from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who ¹ persecute me.
¹⁶ Let your face shine
up- ¹ on your servant;
save me in your ¹ steadfast love."

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of
God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point
of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted
him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of 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.

Gospel

Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49 [not printed]

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Our Mission

Helping God restore and renew our community, our congregation, and ourselves.

Sunday, April 13, 2025

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at **10:15 AM**. Just dial **717-628-0125**. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on the line. You may also watch the service later on You Tube.



Helping God Restore and Renew our Community

EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 AM. (Registration starts at 10:15 AM.) A sign-up sheet for gift cards and egg fillers/candy is on the table in the Narthex. We are also looking for prize donations for ages 0-12. Please place the prizes and egg fillers/candy on the table in the Sunday school room at the end of the hall just past the library. Thank you all so much for helping to make this egg hunt successful every year!

PULLED PORK DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER FOR MLC: We will be holding a pulled pork drive-thru fundraiser on Saturday, May 3 from 11 AM – 1 PM. Tickets are \$13 and include pulled pork, roll, cheesy potatoes, baked beans and 2 cookies. Our goal is to sell 400 tickets. We are asking the congregation to help sell these tickets to family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Envelopes of 10 tickets are available to pick up after Sunday service. We will need volunteers to help with the event. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Jen Rosengrant with questions.

Helping God Restore and Renew our Congregation

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sunday, April 6, 2025, Current Offerings- \$1,543, Plate-\$140, Flowers- \$30, Bulletins- \$10, Memorial Fund- \$2372.72, Easter Flowers- \$9, Building Rental- \$715, Coffee- \$6. **Total-\$4,825.72** Attendance- 73 Sunday School- 24.

FLOWER AND BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS FOR 2025 are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers-\$30, Bulletins- \$10

EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY will be April 20th. Contact Carol Sova 717-507-4721 with questions.

Helping God Restore and Renew Our Selves

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:

Paul Zimmerman
139 Sweetwater Lane
Newmanstown, PA 17073

PRAYER LIST: If you asked for someone to be put on the prayer list, please tell the church secretary when our prayers have been answered so this list can be kept current. For non-member requests, please contact Jen M. with your requests by noon Wednesday each week.
secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call: 610-589-2570.

MILLCREEK MEMBERS:

Chub & Peg Auman, Bryan Breidigam, Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Frank Hoffman, Abbie Keath, The Leibig Family, Barbara Potteiger, Brian Ream, Norm Sharp, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Michael Yiengst, Jr., Greer Zellers

NON-MEMBERS: Mike Nelson (friend of Kristin Bender), Jane Yocum (friend of Debbie Hartman), JoAnn Deahl (Brandy Gahres' mother)



APPLE DUMPLING SALE from Sycamore Spring. As this business is being sold, it could be one of the last. See order form on the narthex table. Orders are due April 14 & will arrive April 22/23.

LUMINARIA ORDERS can be taken anytime. Check with Deb for details. There are times when they are on sale for \$5 each instead of the normal \$10. Lanterns are also available for \$30.

As always, thanks to all supporting Relay for Life as the American Cancer Society strives to find a cure. **See Debbie Buffington or Debbie Tice for more Relay details.**

Future Services/Events for Lent and Holy Week 2025

Healing Service Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 PM

Millcreek Lutheran Church

A simple, quiet service that includes time for personal prayer for yourself or someone else.

*Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 PM

United Christian Church, 2 Memorial Boulevard, Newmanstown

Topic: "Giving Up Expectations" – sermon by Pastor Bill Wink, Richland Community Bible Church

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 PM

Millcreek Lutheran Church

On this night we remember Jesus' gift of Holy Communion & his new commandment to love one another.

*Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 PM

Grace United Church of Christ, 22 Church Street, Richland

Topic: "The Story of the Cross" – sermon by Pastor Mario Madden, Tulpehocken Trinity United Church of Christ

Easter Egg Hunt, April 19, registration 10:15 AM, hunt 11:00 AM

Millcreek Lutheran Church

This annual tradition is for children ages 0 – 12 yrs old. Rain or shine!

Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:15 AM

Millcreek Lutheran Church

Communion, special music, & activities for the children.

*Offering taken will go to the Newmanstown/Richland Ministerium Emergency Fund to assist local families facing unexpected financial challenges. Please make checks payable to "Newmanstown-Richland Ministerium." Light refreshments and fellowship will follow.

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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