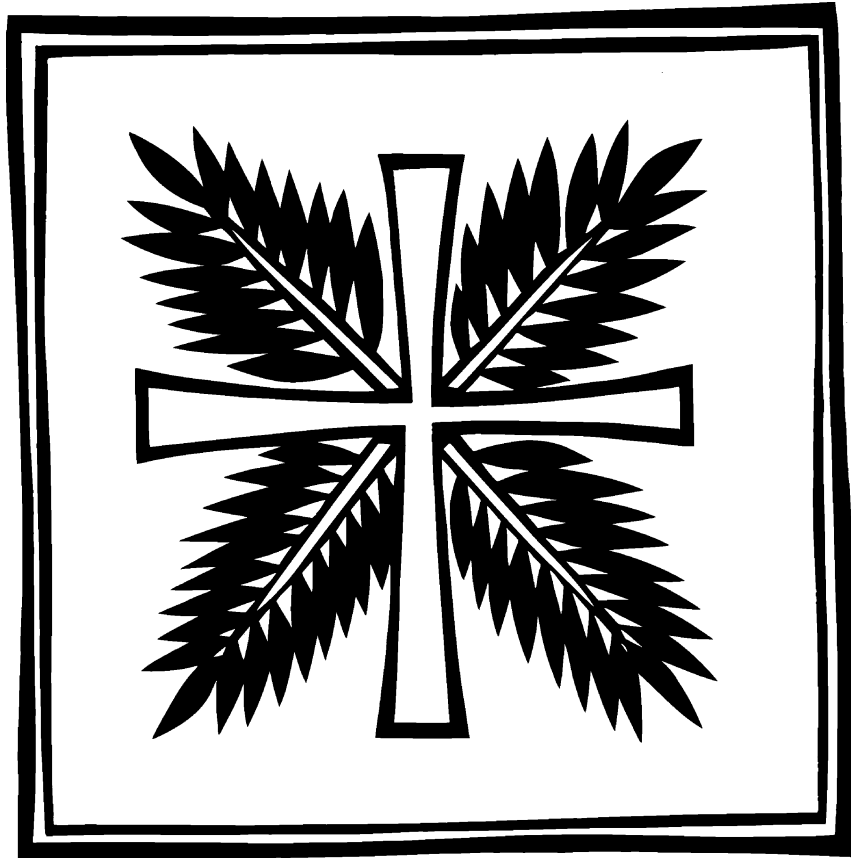


Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026



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God's work. Our hands.

*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCLAMATION

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the

road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GATHERING HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (ELW 344)

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Isaiah.

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴ 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 wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

⁶ I 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.

⁷ The 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;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (*Ps. 31:5*)

- ⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
- ¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**
- ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- ¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot. R**
- ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
- ¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, “You | are my God.**
- ¹⁵ My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
- ¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.” R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Philippians.

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus’ humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

- ⁵ 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.

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PASSION READING: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Just As I Am, without One Plea* (ELW 592)

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
... praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation,

we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,

Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✝ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (ELW 338)

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin.
Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

***Please return “The Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew” booklets to the back pew as you leave the sanctuary following the worship.**

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 29, 2026

The Altar Flowers are not sponsored today.

The Bulletins area sponsored today by Steve & Joan Vayda in memory of son Stephen.

2026 Flower & Bulletin Chart: The flower and bulletin charts for 2026 are on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone interested in sponsoring a date. The cost to sponsor is \$25 for flowers and \$13 for bulletins. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM
(610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	Palm Sunday Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
	12:30PM	Confirmation (SJ)
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Maundy Thursday Worship at Ben Salem UCC
Friday	7:00PM	Good Friday Worship at St John's Mahoning
Sunday	6:30AM	Sunrise Worship at Dinkey Cemetery
	7:00AM	Breakfast
	9:00AM	Easter Worship
	10:15AM	Easter Egg Hunt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! March 29 to April 4

03/29 Ashley Klass	04/02 Lori Bowman
03/31 Corey German	04/02 Dan Schleicher
04/01 Chase Oswald	04/02 Talulah Seltzer
04/01 Adrianna Perez	04/03 Madalin Smale
04/02 Scott Bierman	

Congratulations: Congratulations to Sheldon & Matthew (Schleicher) Page on the birth of their child, Rhys on February 9, 2026 and to Kelsey & Max McCandless on the birth of their child, Charlotte on March 22, 2026.

Celebration: Let us celebrate with Madison DeLuca who has received her first call to Little Zion Lutheran Church in Telford, PA. She will have her Ordination & Installation on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Little Zion. All are welcome to attend.

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Linda Bierman. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Rita's cards for 10% off your purchase, cost is \$5.00. Please see Karen Schleicher (610)390-1125.

Cookbooks: The Dinkey cookbooks have arrived and are ready for purchase, \$15 per cookbook. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Pumpkin Roll & Filling: There is a limited supply of pumpkin roll and quarts of filling left; first come/ first served . The cost is \$9 each. Please see Linda or Charlie Bierman.

Spring Clean Up: On Saturday, April 11 at 8:00AM, Dinkey will be having its annual Spring Clean Up Day. Please come out and join us as we get the property ready for our 175th Anniversary Celebration to be held the following day.

Krispy Kreme: Dinkey is selling Krispy Kreme donuts; \$12 per dozen for glazed; \$12 per ½ dozen for Chocolate Iced, Raspberry Filled or Cream Filled; order sheet on back window or call Karen Schleicher at (610)390-1125. Orders due by April 5, 2026; pick up on April 16, 2026 from 3 to 6 PM.

Basket Raffle and Bake Sale: Dinkey's Basket Raffle and Bake Sale will be held on May 15, 2026 from 4 to 7 PM and May 16, 2026 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Donations of gift baskets or gift cards are greatly appreciated. Please see Karen Schleicher.

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Tess Hinger

Linda Markell

Debbie Meckel

Gordon Scherer

Alice Scitney

Debbie Strohl

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Robert Coccio
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Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Louise Everett
Frank Fisher
Ann German

Dick German
Joseph Gorman
Madisynn Hawk
Stephen Hoffman
Barbara Niehoff Janco
Sandy Keller
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Deb Lilly
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Robert Miller
Emily Persinger
Kenny Schleicher
Patty Schleicher
Tanner Schleicher
Georgine Shupp
Cailee Starr
Carol Steigerwalt
Kathy Steigerwalt
Patti Walck

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers:

The Congregation

Pastor:

Reverend Anthony Pagotto

Musician:

Colleen Rudelitsch

Greeters:

Frey

Acolytes:

Rylee Keller

Maggie Bowman

Lector:

Courtney Van Fossen

Communion Assistants

Jan Schwartz

Eric Solt

Worship Participants for April 5, 2026:

Greeters:

Wetzel

Acolytes:

Jaxson Markell
Bryn Schleicher

Lector:

Karen Wetzel

Communion Assistants

Carol Steber

Rich DeLuca

2026 Lent and Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

6:30PM at Ben Salem UCC Lehigh

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

7:00PM at St John's Mahoning



Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

6:30AM Sunrise worship in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery

7:00AM Breakfast at Dinkey Memorial LC

9:00AM Worship at Dinkey Memorial LC

10:15AM Easter Egg Hunt in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery

11:00AM Worship at St. John's LC, Mahoning



All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see;
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day,
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness,
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869
 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

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