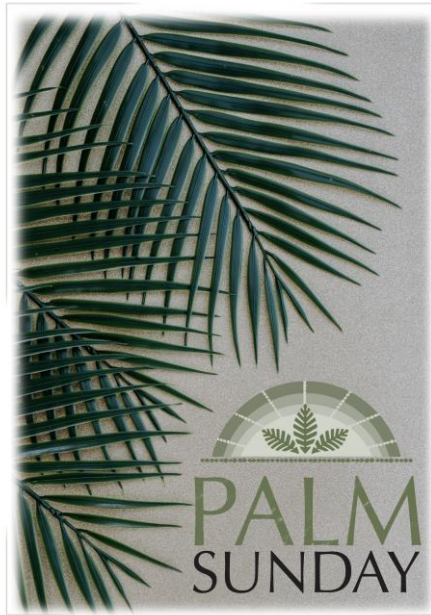


PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2025
8:00 am



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

The pilgrims packed Jerusalem during the Feast of Passover, waving palm branches and singing praises to the donkey-riding King who came to save. Not knowing exactly how or even when He would declare His victory over His foes, the multitudes celebrated and were “altogether joyful” (Deuteronomy 16:15). We can have the same joy and gladness in our hearts today as Jesus comes to us through the promised treasures of His Word. Because we have received the full story of His saving actions for us, we are blessed to know that by His death and resurrection that week of Passover, our humble King has delivered us from our enemies—Satan, sin, and death. Let us together be “altogether joyful” in Jesus!

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

(Spoken at the back before the Processional Hymn.)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(The congregation raises their palm branches)

Pastor: When we were lost our Savior sought us out, found us and rested us on His shoulders.

People: Our palms are raised in glory and honor to the One who has sought us out only and especially because He loves us.

Pastor: The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So, they took branches off palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LSB 442 (verses 1-2, 5)

All, Glory, Laud, and Honor

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

1 You are the King of Israel And David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One.
All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

2 The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.
All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Save us, we pray, O Lord!

People: O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in

thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: “You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!” Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 118:19-29: Antiphon 26

Pastor: Open for me the gates of the righteous;
People: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Pastor: This is the gate of the Lord
People: through which the righteous may enter.

Pastor: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
People: You have become my salvation.

Pastor: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
People: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.
People: Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Pastor: The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

People: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Pastor: You are my God, and I will praise you;

People: you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: his love endures forever.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

Amen

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People (sing): Amen.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Lord Jesus, as You make Your way to the Upper Room, Gethsemane, the Judgment Hall, the cross and the tomb, remind us of the sacrifice that saved us all who were lost. Stay with us as we follow You this week. When Your passion brings us to tears and Your glory brings us to praise, remind us that by Your perfect grace we have been found. Amen.

CHILDRENS BIBLE READING: Page 320

The First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider

equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city

was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: LSB 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- 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!

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THE SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME, ATTENDANCE, PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING AND TREASURE BOX

OFFERING HYMN: 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: The Father demonstrated His great love for us in sending His Son to be our Savior. This same heavenly Father invites us to come to Him in prayer, and so in prayer we cry out,

People: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Saving Lord, this Holy Week, may we remember anew the events of the first Holy Week, rejoicing in the forgiveness that Your Son won for us on the cross. In prayer we cry out,

People: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Lord of the Church, work in the hearts and minds of those who have been Baptized in Your name, but who now neglect to gather together with us as we worship in Your name. Work in their hearts and lives that they may repent and gladly hear and learn Your Word. In prayer we cry out,

People: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Almighty God, grant strength and courage to those who proclaim Your name in places where the Gospel of Jesus is actively opposed. Keep them steadfast in Your Word even in the midst of persecution that Your Church may grow and be blessed. In prayer we cry out,

People: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: All powerful Lord, we thank You for the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our land. Watch over them in their duties and grant Your mighty arm of protection over them in their calling. In prayer we cry out,

People: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Hear our prayers for the sake of our Savior, who suffered and died that we might have life.

People: Hosanna! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 441

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

- 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.

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SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,
strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving other