

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 24, 2024

## WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

**Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

**Quiet room** Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

## PALM SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate how Jesus entered Jerusalem as the promised Savior King. As God the Son, He is King of Kings. And yet, He comes to Jerusalem not for His own acclaim. Rather, He comes for the purpose of saving us from our sins at the cost of His own life. Once again, we see God's devoted commitment to us that, brings the Savior to the cross to give us life with God!

Therefore, we join the first Palm Sunday worshippers in singing *Hosanna*, a Hebrew word that means: *Please Save Us!*

## PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP – PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Maundy Thursday, March 28**

6:30 pm

**Good Friday, March 29**

1:00 pm Service of Seven Words

6:30 pm Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)

**The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday March 31**

6:00 am Sunrise Service

8:00 and 10:30 am Festival Worship

Coffee and baked goods after Sunrise Service.

Easter Breakfast served after the 8:00 Service.

**THINK OF THE SERVICES AS ONE ONGOING EVENT**

There is a multiplicity of services this week! Why? Because they highlight the progression of things during Holy Week. Today, Jesus enters Jerusalem. Thursday, Jesus institutes the Lord’s Supper in the upper room and then is arrested in the garden. Friday, Jesus suffers and dies on the cross (The two services on Friday are each unique). The sunrise service Easter Sunday morning highlights how the tomb was first discovered empty. The 8 & 10:30 service emphasize the ramifications of Christ’s resurrection for us.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Presider ..... Rev. Shaun Arndt  
Sermon ..... Rev. Luke C. Werre  
Keyboard .....Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr  
Projection Slides .....Eric Uher

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*All children are invited to join the Palm Processional (Parents may accompany the youngest children). Line up in the stage room.*

## **GREETING**

Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## **CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSIONAL***All Glory, Laud, and Honor | CW 412*

*If the congregation finishes the last verse of this hymn before the children are finished with the palms, we will start over with verse one.*

*Please stand*

## **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the ☩Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever;**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**Amen.**

## HYMN RESPONSE

*Christ, the Life of All the Living* | CW 396:1,7

**Christ, the life of all the living,**

**Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
who, thyself for me once giving  
to the darkest depths of woe:  
through thy sufferings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
for thy sorrows deep and sore,  
for thine anguish in the garden,  
I will thank thee evermore,  
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,  
for thy bleeding and thy dying,  
for that last triumphant cry  
and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.**

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!  
Look! Your King is coming to you.  
He is righteous and brings salvation.  
He is humble and is riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the horse from Jerusalem.

The battle bow will be taken away,  
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you,  
because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope.  
This very day I declare that I will restore double to you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalms 132B*

### *Refrain*



### *Tone*



LORD, remember / David;  
he swore an oath to the / LORD:  
“I will allow no sleep to my / eyes  
till I find a place for the / LORD.” *Refrain*

For the LORD has chosen / Zion,  
he has desired it for his dwelling, / saying,  
“This is my resting place for ever and / ever;  
here I will sit enthroned, for I have de- / sired it.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the / Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. A- / men. *Refrain***

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## SECOND READING

***Hebrews 12:1-3***

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us.

<sup>2</sup>Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. <sup>3</sup>Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***John 12:23***

The hour has come

**for the Son of Man to be glorified.**

## **GOSPEL**

***Mark 11:1-10***

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.'"

<sup>4</sup>They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup>The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

<sup>7</sup>They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out,

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*



**SERMON**

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

*“Run with Perseverance the Race of Faith”*

*Please stand*

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

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to earth to be our Savior.

**Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord—the King of Israel!**

Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and become one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to businesses and industries for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Special Intercessions*

Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Hear us for your mercy's sake.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*A musical offering follows-for meditating on the sermon and signing  
Connection Cards.*

*Please stand*

# The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

CW 1052

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\text{†}$ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\text{†}$ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

CW 1068

Tune: NAAR MIT ÖIE



1 Dear-est Je-sus, lov-ing Sav-ior, Christ, who takes all sin a-way,  
2 Dear-est Je-sus, lov-ing Sav-ior, Christ, who takes all sin a-way,



Lamb of God, the world's Re-deem-er, hear us as we hum-bly pray:  
Lamb of God, the world's Re-deem-er, hear us as we hum-bly pray:



in our dire and des-p'rate need, for your mer-cy, Lord, we plead.  
let your mer-cy still in-crease; grant us par-don, grant us peace.

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*Please be seated*

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* | **CW 413**

*No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet* | **CW 414**

*Please stand*

### SONG OF SIMEON

*Sung to the melody of CW 430 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"*

**Now in peace, Lord, at your promise  
we your servants now depart.**

**Your salvation we have witnessed  
in your Sacrament and Word.**

**Give us now your Holy Spirit  
to declare what he has done.**

**For the world, yes, every nation,  
Jesus has redemption won.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* | **CW 411:5**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**

**In lowly pomp ride on to die.**

**Bow your meek head to mortal pain,**

**then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.**

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