



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024
10:30 am (one service)**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 4

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Invitation to Holy Week

We invite you into the spiritual practice of participation in the services of Holy Week. It is not easy because to truly embrace this invitation is to recognize that we cannot skip past the pain and suffering of Christ. We cannot go from the celebration of Palm Sunday to the celebration of the resurrection of Easter without experiencing the sadness and difficulty of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We may want to go from waving our palms today to shouting in celebration next Sunday, but we are called to experience what Jesus experienced: betrayal, violence, pain and death.

Barbara Brown Taylor said, “I want to stop about a day short of following Jesus all the way.”

We are entrusted with staying near to Jesus this week. We are entrusted with walking with each other as we experience the harsh reality that is this week we call Holy.

And so we pray as we begin our observance of the week...Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prelude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Setting by Joel Raney

Announcements

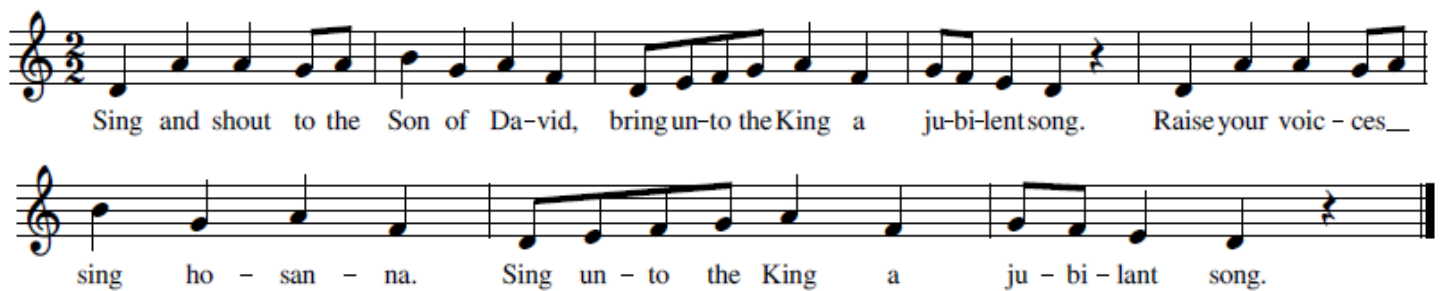
Greeting

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn (choir and congregation): *Palm Sunday Processional*



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Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gathering Hymn: *Hosanna! Hosanna!*

1 Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Hosanna! Hosanna!
All the people sang their praise to him. Hosanna! Hosanna!
Came to town upon a donkey’s back; Hosanna! Hosanna
Seemed so lowly but he’s Lord in fact. Hosanna! Hosanna!

Refrain

Hosanna! Hear the people say Hosanna! Save us today.
Hosanna! It's a faithful song. Hosanna! Sing it all night long!

- 2 Everybody brought their hopes and dreams. Hosanna! Hosanna!
Life just isn't always what it seems. Hosanna! Hosanna!
Need somebody who can help us be Hosanna! Hosanna!
liberated from captivity. Hosanna! Hosanna!

Refrain x2

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Prayer of the Day

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The 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. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (sung responsively)



¹O give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;
his steadfast love en-| dures forever!

²**Let | Israel say;**
"His steadfast love en-| dures forever."

¹⁹Open to me the | gates of righteousness;
that I may enter through them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰**This is the gate | of the LORD;**
the righteous shall | enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have | answered me;
and have become | my salvation.

²²**The stone that the build-| ers rejected;**
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³This is the | LORD's doing;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the | LORD has made;**
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

²⁵Save us, | we beseech you;
O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give | us success!

²⁶**Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD;**
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has giv-| en us light;
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns | of the altar.

²⁸**You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;**
you are my God, I | will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;
for his steadfast love en- | dures forever.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

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Gospel: Mark 14:1-42

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!* (tune of #389)

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| 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewed. | 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice. |
| 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin. | 4 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! |

Apostles' Creed

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Let us profess our faith together:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
...through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: *Love Never Fails*

Bri Ensign, Luke Boyle, and Troy Troftgruben

Offering Prayer

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Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

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

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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymns:

Here Is Bread

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- 1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

- 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. **Refrain**

- 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. **Refrain**

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Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world.

Choir Anthem: *Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Thee*

**This worship service continues on Maundy Thursday at 12 noon or 6 pm
(or online at 6 pm)**

Recessional: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!*

Mark Hayes

Announcements

Altar Flowers today are provided by Dan and Joan Decker in celebration of Dan's birthday.

Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held at noon & 6 pm for both days with the 6 pm services also livestreamed.

Highway Cleanup

Coming - Saturday April 6. See display in fellowship area! Previous volunteers will receive an e-mail; new volunteers are welcome.

Calling Bakers

We're looking for any good bakers who may be interested in making and donating a pie for a silent auction to support the youth attending the gathering this summer. If interested, please talk to Pastor Karla for more information. Thank you!

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, March 24	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, March 27	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (after worship)
Thursday, March 28	12:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship in-person
	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship in-person or online
Friday, March 29	12:00 PM	Good Friday Worship in-person
	6:00 PM	Good Friday Worship in-person or online

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Susan Comer

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This Week's Worship Servants

Readers: 10:30 Youth

Ushers: 10:30 Barry Pickart & Jim Gilbertson

Tech/PPT: 10:30 Jon/Rita

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