



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023
8:00 am**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Ten

GATHERING

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

Prelude: “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Arr. Jan Sanborn

Palm Sunday Confession

The long-awaited king has come!

We welcome Jesus our Lord!

He was born in to a humble family.

He reached out to the forgotten, the suffering, and the ignored.

Jesus taught us how to serve and to love others.

But we often look to be served rather than to serve.

We pray for humbled hearts.

Don't give up on us, Lord. Please continue to pursue us as well.

We offer ourselves to receive your mercy.

We bow before you. We pray for your forgiveness.

Merciful Lord,

Hear our prayers of remorse, sadness, and regret. There have been times when you have wanted to enter our lives, and we have turned away. We welcome you when it is easy, but we deny you when we are unsure. Make us bold to confess our faith, our belief, and our trust in you. Amen.

In Jesus Christ, we are shown mercy and love beyond understanding. Jesus offers hope. Let us receive this gift with open hearts as people who have been forgiven with the promise of new life in Christ.

Many thanks to Jesus our Savior, Redeemer, and King!

Acclamation

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing of Palms

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.

Gathering Song: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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Refrain

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 Blessed One. **Refrain**

2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. **Refrain**

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. **Refrain**

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. **Refrain**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

As we enter into our worship, O God, we are reminded that your entrance into Jerusalem fulfills your prophecy. We celebrate and wave our palms today, even as we look ahead to what is to come. Guide our worship and remind all who gather here, and around the world in your name, of your great love for us.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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 wakens—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.**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

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.

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Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation

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We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—
slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 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.”

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

them on the road. ⁹The 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!”

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

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

Sermon

The Rev. Paul Amlin

Hymn of the Day: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

ELW 335

- 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

- 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me. **Refrain**

- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. **Refrain**

- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. **Refrain**

Reception of New Members

...

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Apostles' Creed

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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

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

...through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory Music: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

arr. Jan Sanborn

Offering: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



Scan code to give now.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

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.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n 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,
hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
...Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.
...burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.
...now and forever.
Amen.

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

Lamb of God

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Distribution Song:

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.
- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.
- 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.
- 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.
- 5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

ELW 347

- 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.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854 Music: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901 Public Domain

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Holy Week

Now 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.**

Postlude: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Arr. Jan Sanborn

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371
Passcode: Luther

Phone in at:

(312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371
Passcode: 456037

Altar Flowers today are provided by Jon and Rita Dienst in honor of their 32nd anniversary and in remembrance of Rita's parents' anniversary.

This Week at Lord of Life

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Cross Gen Sunday School: Palm Sunday
	10:30 AM	Worship NOW in-person or online
	11:30 AM	Faith Formation Visioning Lunch
Thursday, April 6	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship in-person/online
Friday, April 7	7:00 PM	Good Friday Worship in-person or online
Saturday, April 8	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast

Attention Parents!

Just a reminder that the Faith Formation visioning lunch is TODAY from 11:30-1:00. Childcare provided. 😊😊😊

Parenting Today Conference

Join us for a FREE conference for parents and grandparents on Sunday April 30 from 1:30-3:00 pm at Lord of Life. Experts and professionals in the field helping you understand what your children are facing and offering resources for you to use. For more information please visit:
<https://www.lordoflife.online/parentingtodayconference.html>

Thrivent Action Team Cards Needed

If you are a member or own a product through Thrivent, and if you are able to apply for action cards, we need your help. Lord of Life is supporting a fundraiser for Almost Home in June and we need support. Please reach out to Pastor Paul or to the office for details and to let us know if you can help.

Youth Leadership Training Event Offered

Youth who are currently in grades 8 – 12 are invited to participate in this summer's Wholly Iowa Youth Leadership Discipling Event (WIYLDE), set for June 19 – 22, 2023, at Camp EWALU near Strawberry Point. The event will feature Peer Ministry Leadership Training from Lyle Griner, National Peer Ministry Director. Peer Ministry Leadership Training is based on the Good Samaritan story to train youth in relational leadership skills. To learn more, visit <https://neiasynod.org/2023/02/wiylde/> or speak to Pastor Paul.

Prayer List

Rev. M. DeWayne & Kathy Teig

William Thill, Sr.

Galen & Debbie Thomas

Bill Thurm

Brianna Tieskotter

Troy & Maria Troftgruben & family

Logan & Lydia VanderBush & family

Servants:

Sunday, April 2

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM	Jon D. Rita D.		Larry Croghan	Steve & Sandy Heer
10:30 AM	Brynn Steffen	Tara Grace	Tara Grace	

Sunday, April 9

8:00 AM			Jenn Cartee	Kevin & Jenn Cartee
10:30 AM		Karla Wildberger	Debbie Thomas	Joe Klinebriel

Job Opportunity

Our cleaners, Hillary Custom Cleaning, are hiring janitors for office cleaning. If you or anyone you know would like to do this as a part-time or second job, please reach out to them: dell@hillarycustomcleaning.com or 563-552-9636. Thanks!

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