



PALM SUNDAY

WITH RITE OF CONFIRMATION



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION MARCH 24, 2024

Welcome to the Lord's house this Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is named for palms spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The people cry out, "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed in He who comes in the name of the Lord," reveals they hailed Jesus as the Messianic King. Yet days later, our Lord will hear "crucify Him!" The joy of His triumphal entry gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The joyful mood of this day is tempered by our realization of what lay in store for the Savior later in the week. Palms are an ancient symbol of victory, also used in worship by saints before the throne of Christ in Revelation. May the Lord bless us this Holy Week.

In repentant joy, the Church celebrates today the Rite of Confirmation. These young people continue in the ancient tradition, following instruction in Christian teaching, to confess the faith already given to them by our Lord. According to Holy Scripture and by the command of our Lord, infants are baptized, then provided catechesis in the doctrines of the faith, while adults are instructed, then baptized. As infants, they are given the gift of the Holy Spirit and faith in Holy Baptism. Today, the confirmands are publicly confessing, 'confirming' that which was already given to them by grace. They will now receive the Sacrament of the Altar according to our Lord's instruction and desire for them.



HOSANNA BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

JOHN 12

Lent is a season for special devotion and repentance. It prepares us for the observance of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. In Lent, the Church does not sing the *Gloria in Excelsis, This Is the Feast, Alleluias*, or festive songs. The Paschal candle is removed, to be returned, lit again on Easter vigil. Flowers are not used in the chancel. It is proper to drape crosses, crucifixes in the Church. Paraments are purple, a somber color reminding us the seriousness of sin and Christ's work for us. It is also the ancient color of royalty, reminding us though we see Jesus in His state of humility; nevertheless He remains our heavenly king. These ancient traditions in the Church aid us who live in a society that does not take sin seriously, and in proper reflection of our Lord's Passion, in preparation towards our joyful Easter celebration.

→ SERVICE OF THE WORD →

Please turn to follow the processional cross as it passes you during the opening hymn and for the Gospel reading. You may bow as it passes you in reverence to Christ. The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

DISTRIBUTION OF PALM BRANCHES

Stand

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

P In the name of the Father, and of the

→ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28

- C Amen.
- **P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 21

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT - historical prayer of the day

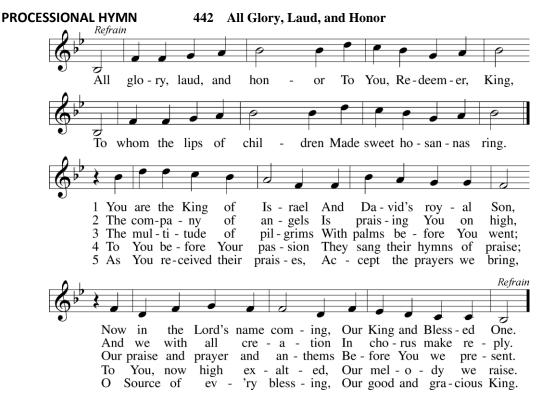
- Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life, to come before Your throne where we will greet You with palm branches; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of 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!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him and had been done to him.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

from Lutheran Service Book, p.184

Kneel/Stand Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **©** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 John 20, Matt. 16, Matt. 18
- C Amen.

Stand

COLLECT - historical prayer based on the theme of the day



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT Zechariah 9:9-12, 16-17 The coming King, the Lord will save His people

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – ancient seasonal verse in response to hearing the Word proclaimed

Psalm 24, 111, Hebrews 9

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name | of the Lord. * We bless you from the House | of the Lord.
- **C** Who is this King of | glory? *

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in | battle. *

P Who is this king of | glory? *

The Lord of host, he is the King of | glory.

G He is the mediator of a new | covenant, *

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- \mid heritance.

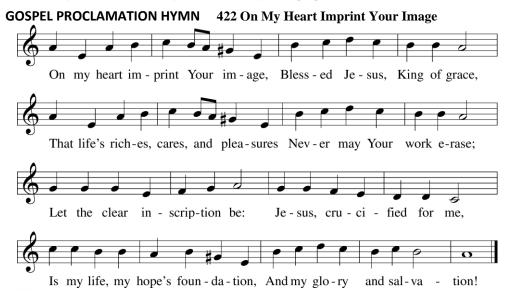
P He provided redemption for his | people; * he ordained his covenant for- | ever.

EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11 Our Lord's work in us that we confess the Christ

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please follow the cross as to the center of the church. On this festival day, the Gospel is read from the center aisle in celebration of the Good News manifest in the midst of God's people, the Church, and into the world.



HOLY GOSPEL John 12:20-33 Jesus speaking of His Passion

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the twelfth chapter.



Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C I believe in one God.

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life \pm of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

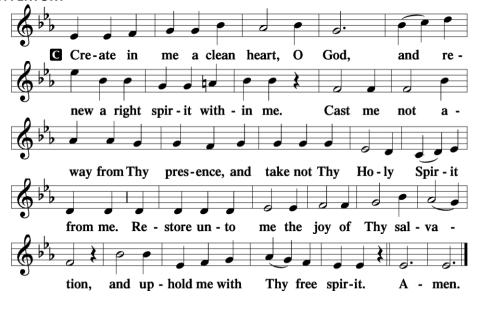


SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51



OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, **P** Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

Concludes, P ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

+ RITE OF CONFIRMATION +

Lutheran Service Book, Page 272

Maximillian Karl Bohndorf

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

Wesley Erickson Harbord

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10

Henry Raymond Luebke

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Luke 11:28

Violet Jane Luebke

There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 1 Samuel 2:2

Anna Ruth Murphy

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

Joshua Robert Murphy

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Rayland James Peters

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Thomas Martin Schubert

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9



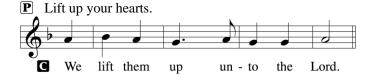
We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. In love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with pastor first.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT 4

Lutheran Service Book, Setting III, from page 194



2 Timothy 4

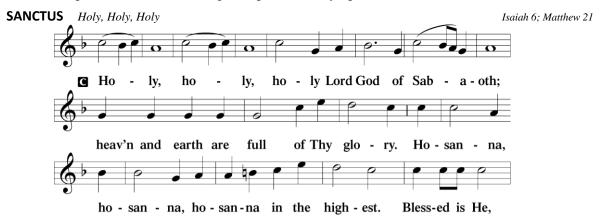


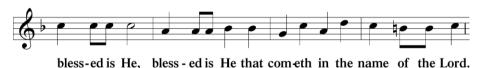
Colossians 3



Psalm 136

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places gives thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who comes to us as our King, bringing salvation and healing in His midst, that His people greet Him with palm branches and shouts of praise, unto Him who accomplishes our redemption by the tree of the cross. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying,



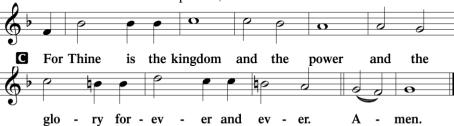


Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Kneel/Stand

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6

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.

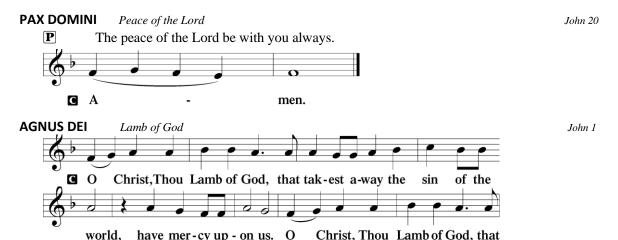


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

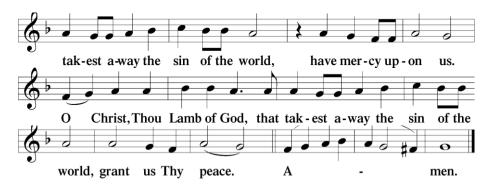
Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



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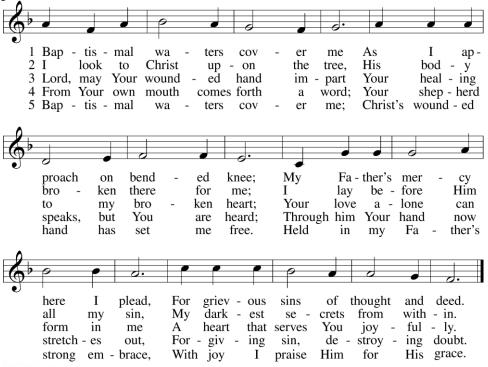
Sit

Before the Sacrament you are invited to pray:

Soul of Christ, hallow me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from me. From the malicious enemy, defend me. At the hour of death, call me. And bid me come to Thee that with Thy saints I may be praise Thee for all eternity. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

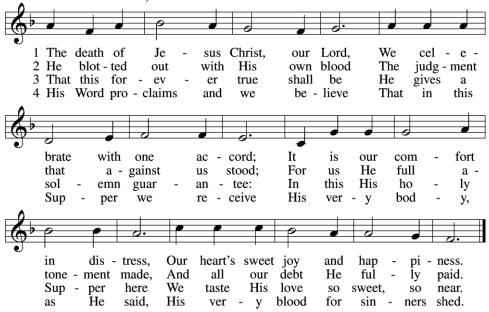
616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning





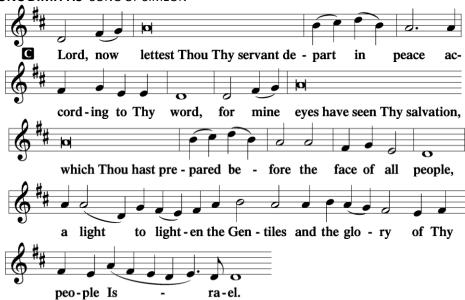


- 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- They who this word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest; For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your Supper and in You find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:

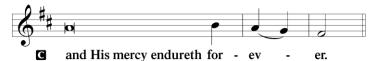
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS SONG OF SIMEON



THANKSGIVING Psalm 107

A O give thanks unto the Lord for He is God.



POST COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P The Lord be with you.



BENEDICTAMUS Psalm 103

A Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION Numbers 6

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ₱ give you peace.



Sit



Everyone is invited to greet our Confirmands at a Reception following the 10:30 Service in Augsburg Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors— it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle & pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door.

Parents with small children. If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is now located off the Library. The Library is also space for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

Prayer List – members:

Mary Lingo (cancer), Ron Swartz (cancer),
Mary Ann Theno (health), Bob Lenahan (health), **– family & friends:**

Christine Fanty (friend of Bonnie White, injury) Cameron Cardwell (son of Mary Cardwell, arm surgery) Jodi Clark (mother of Chelsea Shaw, spinal surgery) Keith Bruning (brother of Marlaine Malone, surgery) Jordan Fuerst (nephew of Suzette Mack, cancer) Jon Carder (father of Kevin Carder, dementia) Rev. Brian Drebes (friend of Erick & Sarah Bohndorf, cancer) Chad Grimmet (friend of Marlaine Malone, cancer) Velvet Miller (friend of Marlaine Malone, cancer) James Scott (father of Ashlynn Kasunic, cancer) Sonia Jansen (mother of Robert Jansen, cancer) Moira Simpson (friend of Jim & Maureen Stinson, cancer) Linda Deffenbaugh (sister of Frances Brown, hospice) Dean Landman (father of Deb Glaum, health issues) Maren Turner (niece of Amanda Dowdall, leukemia) Kelli Scott (friend of Emily Newman, inoperable cancer)

Associate Pastor Call Committee, a list of Candidates is posted in the Narthex, above the CPH books.

Germany Trip, Sept. 13-24, 2024. See LutherTours.com. Printed copies in the Narthex. Members, non-members welcome to join. If you do not have a Passport, make application asap. See Pastor for questions.

Thrivent members, deadline is March 31 to direct your Choice Dollars, which may be directed to Risen Savior.

Risen Savior Classical Academy. Me Homeschool? Parents, grandparents, friends welcome to our Open House April 15, 3:30 pm for information on our 7th year that begins Aug. 19. See Pastor, Chelsea Shaw, Katlyn Selbe for questions.

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Today Palm Sunday

8:00 a **Divine Service**

9:15 a Sunday School

10:30 a **Divine Service** w/Confirmation

11:40 a Confirmation Reception

Monday

8:30 a Risen Savior Classical Academy

Holy Thursday

7:00 p **Divine Service**

Good Friday

7:00 p **Tenebrae Service**

Easter Saturday Vigil

7:00 p **Divine Service**

Easter Sunday, Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 a **Divine Service**

8:00-9:45 a Full, free breakfast served

10:00 a **Divine Service**

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13 Highway clean-up

April 15 RS Classical Academy Open House

April 27 Spring planting

May 9 Feast of the Ascension, Trivia Night May 19 Next Qtr. Voter's Assembly & Potluck

May 9 Feast of the Ascension, Trivia night

May 19 Feast of Pentecost

May 26 Feast of the Holy Trinity

June 20-22 VBS

June 24 Next Blood Drive

July 15-19 Higher Things Youth Trip

July 21 Church Picnic

Sept. 8 Next New Member class or by appt.

STEWARDSHIP \$6475/wk. budget

Date	Attendance	Offering +	Special Funds
3/17	281	\$8895	\$425
3/10	280	\$11,459	\$536

Altar Flowers: no flowers in Lent.

See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25/1 Vase.

Financial Reports are posted in Church Office. **On-Line Giving.** Our Vendor is: Vanco. Download

the App. There is also a link on our website.

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