



Resurrection Lutheran Church

Sunday March 24th, 2024, Palm Sunday

*(Congregational responses are printed in **Bold** type.)*

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- **Note: Disposable communion with both elements is available in the narthex for those choosing not to come forward.**

Call to Worship

Sing songs of loudest praise!

Hosanna!

Sing songs that are unashamed.

Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid.

Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
Who writes the law on our hearts,
Who draws all people together through Jesus.
Amen.

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 Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna music next page*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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*Gesangbuch der Herzoglich Württembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784, ab. 1858*

arrange Threlfall, 1873



1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang,
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang,
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud,
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven our King



To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their pris - es, The sim - plest and the best,
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait,
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.



Call to Confession

The Gospel of John tells us that crowds gathered to praise Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, singing and shouting with confidence.

After describing the crowd, however, the Gospel writer zooms in on the disciples and tells us that while the crowds shouted praise at Jesus, the disciples were confused.

The text says, “the disciples did not understand what was happening” (John 12:16).

A lot of our lives may look like this: either we understand God’s presence in our lives and want to shout it from the rooftop—or we’re standing on the side of the parade missing our chance to sing.

That is why we need the prayer of confession. Because life happens fast, and without a doubt, we have stood where the disciples stood. So let us pray, for we don’t want to miss our chance to sing.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!
We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.
However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.**

Too often we stay quiet.

Too often we let others carry the song.

**Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade
but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.**

Show us which songs are ours to sing.

Show us which parades are ours to lead,

and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.

With hope and honesty we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, no matter where you are on the parade route—whether you are waving palm branches through the streets or standing against the wall, quiet and cautious—Jesus marched for you. Jesus’ love, his striving for justice and mercy, it

was for you. You are included in this story, and nothing can ever change that. So hear these words and trust them deep in your bones:

We have reason to sing, for Jesus Christ loved you yesterday. Jesus Christ loves you today. And Jesus Christ will love you tomorrow. You are forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve. Go out and sing. Go out trusting these words. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**God of grace,
your Word is like a song.
It is the melody that we long to sing,
the refrain that we pray will get stuck in our heads.
So as we return to scripture once more,
we pray that you would allow us to sink into this song.
Allow us to hear the truth in between the words.
Allow the cries of the crowd's "hosannas" to feel like our own.
With open hearts and open ears we pray. Amen.**

Reading Psalm 31:9-16

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.

**¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,^[a]
and my bones waste away.**

**¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror^[b] to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.**

**12 I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

13 For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

**14 But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”**

15 My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

Gospel Acclamation

Return to the Lord

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to John 12:12-16
Glory to you, O Lord.

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. **13** So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

15 “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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

Sermon

Melissa Pagel, Vicar

Hymn of the Day *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* *ELW 344*

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.
Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayers of Intercession

Each Petition ends: Hosanna

Congregation responds: **Save Us Lord**

The Peace

(Please be seated for the offering)

Please offer a word of peace to your neighbor from your seat to maintain safety.

The Offering

Choir Anthem

Open Wide the Gates

Beall

Offering Prayer
(Please stand)

Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

On the night in which he was betrayed Which is to say, on the night *before* he was sentenced to death by those who would plot against him for challenging their power and disturbing their comfortable life,

Which is to say, on the night *before* he was subjected to a mockery of a trial, tortured and humiliated, on *that* night, with the heart of God on full display, as feet were washed, a meal was shared and commands to love one another were given, *On that night*, Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and shared it among them saying:

Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this and remember me.

In the same way after supper, In the *same way*, which is to say, with those same *incredibly imperfect and fallible people* there, His closest friends, the ones who knew him the best, the ones who had watched him heal, heard him teach and yet would doubt, deny and betray him, In the *same way*, among people just like us, among people *flawed and forgiven*, In the *same way*, after supper, Jesus took the cup and he gave thanks. He gave it to his friends, (his deeply loved, fully human friends), each of them in turn, saying:

Drink. This cup is poured out for you and for all people. It is the promise of God. Drink it and remember me.

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break the bread and share the one cup.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

We ask "Will I betray you Lord?"
We lift our palms in uncertainty.
We deny following you.
We lift our palms in disbelief.
We see you on the cross, nails in feet and palms.
We lift our palms in sorrow.
We wait in darkness.
We are held in your palm forever. Amen.

The blessing of God's eternal love,
the courage to follow ✠ the way of the cross,
and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world,
be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Dismissal

Go in peace to live and share the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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This Week at a Glance

Monday- Thursday Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday- 9:00am Quilters

Wednesday- nothing on calendar

Thursday- Food Pantry – 5:30pm-6:30pm

Thursday- Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Resurrection

Thursday- Brown Co Food/Hunger Network 7:30 am-9:00am

Friday- Good Friday worship 6:30pm Resurrection

Friday- Office Closed

Sunday- No Bible Study Worship 9:30 am Resurrection

Upcoming Events

Lent Schedule

March 28, Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm , Resurrection

March 29, Good Friday, 6:30 pm Resurrection

March 31, EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship

In an abundance of caution, please consider wearing a mask.

April 7th

Please plan to attend a congregational meeting immediately following worship to extend a call to Vicar Melissa Pagel.

Crossways Workdays are as follows:

Waypost April 26-28th

Come for half a day or all weekend! I am going on Saturday, April 27th, and have extra 3 (comfortable) seats in my car if anyone would care to join me. If interested let me know. Otherwise email Russ at *martindale_rd@msn.com* to sign up (for food count).

Pine Lake Camp May 11th

I am planning on going, let me know if interested in joining me! Otherwise email *robyn@crosswayscamps.org* to sign up.

Thanks

Melissa Smith

Assisting us this week, March 24th

Usher: Jim Gatske

Communion Deacon: Jim Gatske

Counters: John & Jodi Koch

Lector: John Koch

Altar Guild: Sandy Krakow

Assisting us next week, March 31

Usher: Jim Gatske

Communion Deacon: Christina Marcin

Counters: John & Jodi Koch

Lector: Joanie Swigert

Altar Guild: Sandy Krakow

Church Council Members

Council President: Carol Borremans

Vice President: Bill Hartung

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Food Pantry: Jodi Koch

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Personnel: Carol Borremans Call Committee: John Koch

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