

# AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 9:00 AM

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*"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."*

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: (Wave palms.) **Hosanna in the highest!**

P: Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior of the world!

C: (Wave palms.) **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: The people of the world shout Hosanna to the living Christ!

C: (Wave palms.) **Hosanna in the highest!**

## PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

P: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed the whole world. On this day, Jesus, your Son and our Savior, entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. Those who saw him, even little children, acclaimed him Son of David and King of Kings. They celebrated his coming by scattering their garments in his path and by raising palm branches. Today we remember this event and we raise and wave our palm branches together as we say:

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN With Palm Branches

ELW #344

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The word "Refrain" is written above the first measure of the treble staff. The lyrics "All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king," are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the lyrics, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment.

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”*

ROAR KIDS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LEFT COLUMN, ELW p. 94

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
 and of the ✠ Son,  
 and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*One of the following or another confession is prayed.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess  
that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;  
we have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake  
of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The 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. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:1-11**

L: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"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."<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The 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!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Ride On, Ride On In Majesty”*

1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes Ho - san - na cry;  
 2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die!  
 3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons of the sky

O Sav - iour meek, pur - sue thy road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed,  
 O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin,  
 Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:  
 The Father on his sapphire throne  
 Expects his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
 In lowly pomp ride on to die!  
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
 Then take, O God, thy power and reign.

*Henry Hart Milman, 1791-1868 a.*

## APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 105

**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.**

## PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your Mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### OFFERING

#### Offertory Hymn

#### *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

ELW #186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

#### Offertory Prayer

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 145

**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.**

### BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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**Prayer Concerns:** *The Family and Friends of Randy Reid, Lucy Christenson, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Darrell Ask, Brenda Watson, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.*

**Praises:** *Roar Kids*

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**Activities this week: March 30 – April 5**

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group  
Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana on Cable TV  
Wednesday 9:00 am – (A) Martha Circle  
Thursday 6:30 pm – (A) Maundy Thursday/First Communion Worship  
Friday 6:30 pm – (E) Good Friday Evening Service  
Sunday 7:00 am – (A) Easter Breakfast  
8:00 am – (A) Communion Easter Worship  
9:00 am – (E) Easter Rolls and Beverages  
10:00 am – (E) Communion Easter Worship

**Announcements**

- ✠ Following worship, all are invited downstairs for **cinnamon rolls** and our **Easter Egg hunt** for grades infant – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- ✠ A Celebration of Life was held for **Randy Reid** on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Augustana. Randy passed away on March 23, 2026.
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday** service is at **Augustana** Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- ✠ **Good Friday** service is at **East Sveadahl Friday**, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- ✠ **Easter Service on April 5<sup>th</sup>** is at **Augustana at 8:00 am**, with **breakfast being served at 7 am**. Breakfast is French Toast Bake and fruit slush cups.  
**East Sveadahl service is at 10:00 am**, Rolls and beverages will be served starting at 9:00 am.
- ✠ The **Church Office is closed Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Easter. The office will also be closed Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ There will be a meeting for the **National Youth Gathering on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm. 1 Parent must attend with their Youth.
- ✠ There will be a **joint worship** service on **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Augustana**. Bishop Dee Pederson will be joining us during worship, then during coffee hour, will have a presentation detailing her work with the South African partnership.