



Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St Paul's Lutheran Church! If you are visiting today, we are delighted that you're here to share in the Good News. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you.

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF HOLY WEEK. Please join us for Maundy Thursday (4/6) and Good Friday (4/7) services will at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. We will receive communion and spend time with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane on Thursday. Friday will be a Tenebrae service (a service of darkening) led by the choir, organ, and orchestra ensemble with Scripture readings. Saturday (4/8) is the Community Egg Hunt 10:00am – 12:00pm. Egg Hunt begins at 11:00am! Easter Service details below.

EASTER SUNDAY: Bring your flowers for our Flowering Cross! Whether cut from your garden or bought from your favorite florist, bring flowers to add to our Flowering Cross at the start of service. After service, we will dedicate "Poppie's Playground." It will be a beautiful morning all around!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PREORDER AN EASTER LILY! ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor of or in memory of someone to help beautify our sanctuary for Easter service, we would appreciate your support for our Blackwelder Brass Ministry. Complete the form, include payment, and leave in the envelope on the bulletin board marked for completed forms. The last day to order is April 2.

Outreach Board April Mission project – Pine Pantry: Please bring nonperishable food, paper products and hygiene products to the shopping cart in the narthex for distribution to the five Pine Pantry locations serving the needy throughout our city. Many thanks!

LOST & FOUND: Please check the lost & found in the hallway for any personal property. Anything not claimed by Easter Sunday will be donated to the ROC.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader:	Paula Schopflin
Ushers:	Ron Jantz, Mark Mitchell, Allen Baker, Bob Pirog & Will Koski
Children's Message:	Dawn Finnicum
Altar Guild:	Diane Dewing
Video assistant:	Mike Lewis
Communion Assistant:	Linda Allison
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Mitchell & Madelynn Thompson

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Leader: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

The Holy Gospel according to *Matthew 21: 1-11*

Glory to you, O Lord.

21 When 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: 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.

Let these branches be for us signs of Jesus’ victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace;

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PALM PROCESSION & HYMN

Hosanna Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus who had blessed them close folded to His breast
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they fol-lowed mid an exultant crowd.
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and hea-ven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing.
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice.
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Dawn Finnicum

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you

This Is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: ***Let us pray:*** Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **AMEN**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

PSALM 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction,

and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

(Due to the extended reading of the Passion Narrative, please wait to be instructed to stand.)

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Return to the Lord, Your God



GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 27:11-54

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SPECIAL MUSIC

He is the King of Glory!

SPLC Adult Choir

MESSAGE

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honor

(Refrain) All Glory laud and honor to you, redeemer, king.
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son.
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

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

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

APOSTLES CREED

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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Ron Wallace

SENDING

Go in Peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.