

## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Take a moment to notice the \* at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The \* indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.**



On the Sunday before His death, Jesus is hailed as King and Lord; and palm branches carpet the path of His humble entrance into Jerusalem. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus still enters our lives with humble means; and He is still Lord and King. It is not too great a thing for Him to be present with His flesh and blood for our forgiveness! We do practice close communion, and guests are asked to speak with the pastor or elder before the service.

### **PALMARUM (PALM) SUNDAY**

***"The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory"***

March 24, 2024

**AS WE GATHER:** *"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey"* (Zech. 9:9-12; Mt. 21:1-9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name *"Barabbas," "son of the Father"* (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, *"Truly this was the Son of God!"* (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

### **Announcements**

**We begin our Palm Sunday service with the Procession of Palms. Pastor will announce when it is time to gather near the back of the sanctuary for the procession. Anyone who wants to participate in the procession is welcome to do so. For anyone who may not be comfortable standing for long periods of time, please feel free to follow along with the procession from your seats.**

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women –a woman please pray that she will get this current job that she just interviewed for. a woman please pray that she will be strong as she manages her grandchildren, and provides daily care for them. Please pray they will be healthy. Also, please pray over their unstable finances. a woman please pray that the upcoming surgery will go well for her and the doctors! a woman please pray that thru all of her struggles she will get closer to God. a woman please pray for strength, that he adult sons will get a job , and that the car can be repaired. a woman please pray for that her school goes well and she does graduate. Also, that her son gets better. Please also pray for her relationship with her landlord. a woman please pray for her alcoholic husband, who is no long living with them. a woman please pray over her life as she works and raises her children. a woman please pray for her cousin who is incarcerated--to find the way through difficulties to the Lord's will. Full-time employment is a need for them as well. a woman please pray for her health, particularly for her foot and knee. Also, please pray she will get a job soon. a woman please pray for her to have strength and for God to take away her worries; for peace of mind; her kids' success and compassion for others. a woman please pray for her and her kids as she is surviving with little support, after moving here from Chicago. a woman please pray for her and her kids in regards to their health, finances, and grief. a woman please pray over her life that she may stay healthy, and have a safe place to live. For men –a man please pray that he has the needed strength and ability to take care of family. a man please pray that he will continue to have good health, and that he will get a job soon in his field of study. a man please pray for his health, and for any opportunities that may be coming his way. a man please pray for his marriage, and that his wife will find a job soon.

## PROCESSIONAL

### GREETING:

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LSB 443

- 1 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.
- 2 From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.
- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

### CONCLUSION:

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** LSB 203

**KYRIE:** LSB 204

**SALUTATION:** LSB 205

### COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God,

**People: 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. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Zechariah  
9:9-12

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**EPISTLE:** Philippians 2:5-11  
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**\*HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew  
21:1-9

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**\*NICENE CREED:** LSB 206

**SERMON HYMN:** LSB 438

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

**SERMON**

**OFFERTORY:**

**LSB 432**

"In Silent Pain the Eternal Son"

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

LSB 209

**\*BENEDICTION**

LSB 212

This concludes the service for online viewing

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

LSB 208ff

**Distribution Hymn:**

"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

**LSB 634**

"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

**LSB 444**

**\*NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 211

**\*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

LSB 212

**\*BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

LSB 212

**CLOSING HYMN**

**LSB 441**

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"