

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



John 12:20-43

"I Will Draw All People to Myself"



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March 24, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus, today we join those who lined the streets of Jerusalem in acclaiming You as King. Our hearts and voices sing with joy: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Help us to see You as a King unlike any other. You came in humility to save us from our sins. Though more powerful than any king this world has ever known, You laid aside the full and constant use of Your divine powers to suffer and die for the sins of the world. Give lasting strength to our desires to follow You as loyal subjects of Your kingdom. As the remembrance of Your death approaches, let the memory of the hosannas of this day validate the truth that hung over Your head: "This is the king of the Jews." Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26



Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

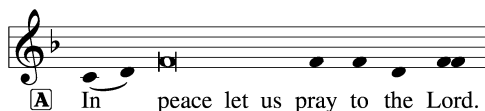
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

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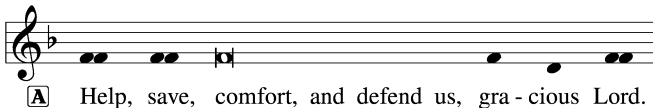
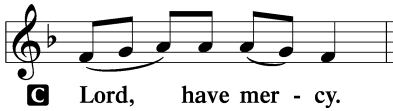
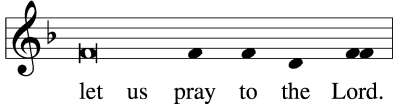
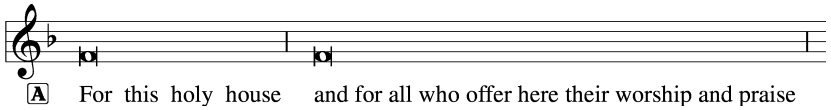
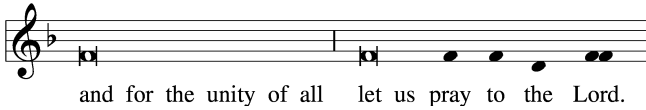
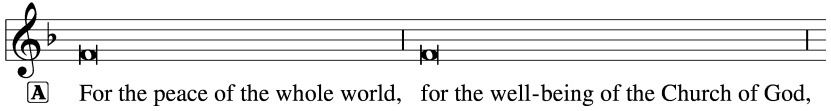
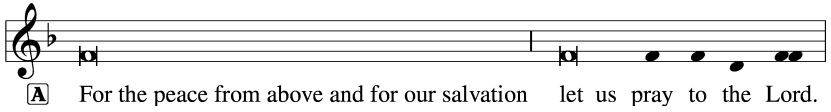
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



G Lord, have mer - cy.



Hymn of Praise

During Lent the Hymn of Praise is omitted.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9–12

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a



**[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places,
by means of | his own blood,***

thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

**Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,*
so that those who are called may receive
the promised eternal in- | heritance.**

**He sent redemption to his | people;*
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.**

Epistle: Philippians 2:5–11

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

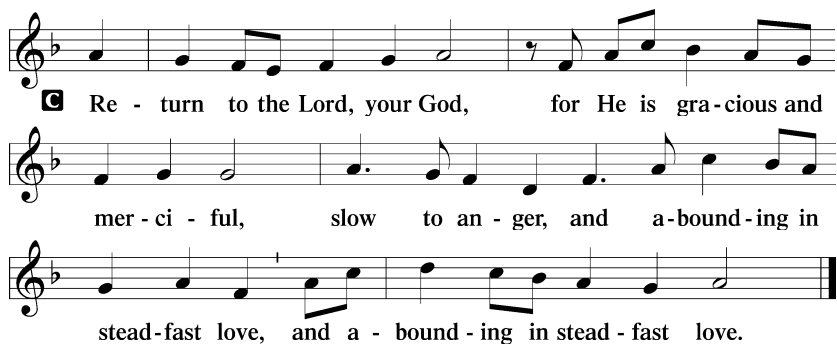
C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Alleluia and Verse

Joel 2:13



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer-ci - ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: John 12:20–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How

can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

"He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them."

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Sermon

"I Will Draw All People to Myself"

Text: John 12:20-43

Stand



Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship
book and pass it to your fellow worshippers.)*

Stand



Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



Service of the Sacrament



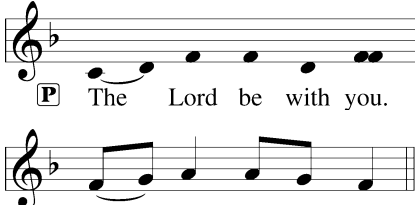
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inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.*



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Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



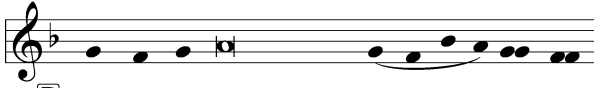
P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- G** **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.

The Words of Our Lord

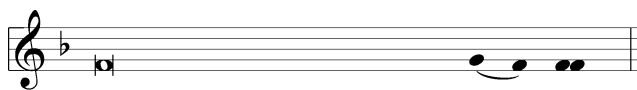
*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- P** 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."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- G** A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



- G** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



- mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



- world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



- sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit



Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of 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.

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

**☞ Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Post-Communion Collect

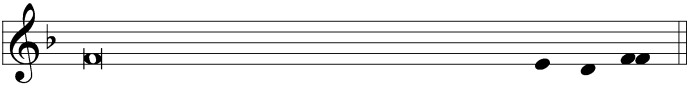
P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



Soli Deo Gloria!
(To God alone be the glory.)

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A stylized palm frond with multiple leaflets, rendered in a light gray color, positioned above the title.

Palm Sunday

Emotions and events reach a high point in the Jewish capital of Jerusalem on what has come to be called Palm Sunday. A crowd strewing Jesus' path with palm branches as He rode into the city on a donkey shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" However, not everyone in Jerusalem was ready to follow Jesus. Many of the Jewish religious leaders redoubled their efforts to "be done with" this troublemaker. But these palm fronds we have today can give us an insight into God's plans for us.

Jesus gave John (and us) a glimpse of heaven when He had John write in Revelation 7:9, "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands." We need to take note of two details in this verse.

The crowd, the multitude, is dressed as victors: the saints were wearing white robes. Jesus, in the waters of Baptism, has given each of us the uniform of victory, the uniform of forgiveness, the uniform of heaven ... a white robe. In truth, we wear the white robe of Jesus even today as a reminder that we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The second important point in that verse is that each one in the multitude is holding a palm branch as he worships the Lamb. As we think back to the events of Palm Sunday, the people in the crowd acclaiming Jesus as King showed excitement and thankfulness. One day we too, standing in the multitude before the Lamb, will be dressed in white and waving palm branches in victory, the victory of spending eternity in the presence of the triune God!



HOLY WEEK

The worship cycle is organized to keep the church focused on Christ; it is not shaped by national holidays or particular causes (e.g., Labor Day, Mother's Day, stewardship). The church year and the worship cycle is divided into three **times**: the Time of Christmas, the Time of Easter, and the Time of the Church. Each of these times, in turn, contains one or more **seasons**.

The second part of the Time of Easter is **Holy Week**. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, also called the Sunday of the Passion, which recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday the procession of the worshipers carrying palm fronds is an enactment of the cries and shouts of "Hosanna" that greeted Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The procession communicates an outburst of joy; the Scriptural account focuses on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The paraments for Palm Sunday are red, the color of royalty and passion.

As the days of Holy Week progress, the atmosphere of triumph of Palm Sunday will turn to tragedy. The crowds still listen to Jesus, but the religious leaders set in motion their plot to kill Him. Jesus and His disciples withdraw to celebrate His last Passover, which is at the same time the inauguration of the new covenant meal of the Lord's Supper on the day we now call Maundy Thursday. The color of the paraments for Maundy Thursday is white, symbolizing divinity.

On Good Friday, also called Holy Friday, we recall the climactic event in the life of our Lord on earth, His crucifixion. During Holy Week the focus is on the suffering and death of our Savior and the importance it has for us and for our salvation. The climax of Holy Week is the death of our Savior on Golgotha and His burial in the garden tomb. Except for the processional cross draped in black, and the banner behind the pulpit, the chancel will be bare of ornamentation on Good Friday.

Excerpted from **The Altar Guild Manual** by Lee A. Maxwell, CPH, 1996.

Announcements



Assisting Elders:
8 a.m. – Keith Christian
10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson



Holy Cross Lutheran Church Holy Week Worship Schedule

Thursday, March 28	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, March 29	11:15 am 7 pm	Good Friday Worship Good Friday Tenebrae
Sunday, March 31	8 am 9 am 10:30 am	Easter Worship Continental Breakfast Easter Worship



If you wish to beautify the Lord's sanctuary Easter morning by donating an Easter lily, please sign up at the table in the narthex by **TODAY, March 24**. If you wish to purchase one in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please note that next to your name.

Please pay for your plants by placing a check for \$11 in the offering plate, **made payable to Holy Cross**. Note in the memo section that the check is for an Easter lily. Or place cash in the offering plate noted for Easter lily.

**Plants can be taken home
after the second service Easter morning.**



We are looking for some volunteers to help set up for the Easter Brunch. We will be setting up on Saturday, March 30, 2024 from 10-11 am. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Harrington.



LWML Spring Forward Event **READY-SET-GROW**

How can we grow in Grace, Mercy, and Peace
Come join us as we celebrate the coming of Spring with fellowship,
song, prayer, and service.

Date: April 06, 2024

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church
4225 W. Yale Ave. Denver, CO 80219
Babysitting will be provided

Time: 8:30am to 2:00pm
Registration starts at 8:30am and is \$5.00 per person.
Light breakfast and lunch are provided. *if you have food sensitivities, we
recommend you bring snacks and a sack lunch.

Ingathering: Items for Teachers Kits that will be taken to conference in June.
List is included.

What to bring:
A guest: Help us grow by bringing a guest that is interested in learning
about LWML, Women in Mission. Each guest will get you 1 entry into a
drawing for a wonderful prize. The more the merrier!!!

Bring your bible, something to write with & your mite box(es)

We cannot wait to see you!

Teacher Kits are finished!

***We now need donations for the shipping
of the kits at the cost of \$11/kit.***

***Please make your checks out to LWML,
dated June 9, 2024, with the memo "OGT".***



March Mission Project!

LWML Women of the Cross is collecting

**Peanut Butter and Jelly
(or Sunflower Butter or
any nut or seed butter)**

For the Douglas County Food Bank

There will be a collection bin in the narthex
Sunday, March 3 – Sunday, March 31.

Thank you!

John 12:20-33

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Jesus
dies



Palm Branches, Part 2

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Revelation 7:9

When Solomon built the temple, he used palms as a chief decoration. The inner sanctuary, where God dwelled upon the ark of the covenant, was decorated with palm branches covered in gold (Kings 6:28-29). Also, on the folding doors to the inner sanctuary, Solomon likewise carved "cherubim and palm trees and open flowers" (1 Kings 6:35; see also Ezekiel 40:16; 41:18-24). Not merely a design scheme or a decorative motif, the evergreen palms depicted the eternal presence of God among the people.

As God dwelt in Solomon's temple, so our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, likewise came and made His dwelling among us. Christ's human body now is the temple of God among us (Hebrews 10:19-22). In His great love and compassion for us, God's Son set His eternity aside by dying on a cross. He momentarily set aside the full exercise of the power of all eternity so that He might give that same eternity to us.

The result? All God's Christians now hold palm branches in their hands! These palms depict the eternal life that is now ours through Him who died for us!

***Dear Lord Jesus, Keep the palm of victory
and eternal life forever in my hands. Amen.***

The above article was the devotion for March 26, 2018, in Portals of Prayer.

COLORADO **MARCH FOR LIFE**



WHEN:

Friday,
April 12, 2024

WHERE:

Colorado State Capitol

200 E Colfax Ave,
Denver, CO 80203

SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. CO March for Life Rally

12:00 p.m. CO March for Life

Let's have a large LCMS presence at this event!

There will be a LCMS Prayer Service at 10:15am near the Capitol Building. More information on location will be sent out soon. Please look for the LCMS and the LFL flags to find us.

<https://marchforlife.org/colorado/>

We are providing bus transportation from the following areas:

From the North:

Faith Lutheran, 3999 E. State Hwy 60,
Johnstown
8:30 am

Mt. Zion Lutheran, 500 Drake Street, Denver
9:20 am

From the South:

Our Savior Lutheran, 275 W John Powell
Blvd, Pueblo West
7:30 am

Family of Christ, 675 Baptist Road,
Colorado Springs
8:45 am

Please plan to attend and
register on the Rocky Mountain District website,
<https://rm.lcms.org/2024-colorado-march-for-life/> .

To reserve a seat on one of the buses, you must register at the above link (deadline to reserve a seat is March 29). Please also register if you are driving yourself to the event, so we will have a good count.

For more information contact Deaconess Sara Smith at
513-509-8108 or DistrictLifeCoordinator@gmail.com

got a heart? Colorado has one of the most **inhumane** laws for killing children in the United States and the world.

Abortion is a moral issue, and therefore must be addressed using a Biblical approach. God's strategy is to speak truth in love with consistent messaging that casts vision for God's people to do the right thing and turn away from evil, not compromise with it.

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We are Colorado Life Initiative.
We are a movement within the
Body of Christ across Colora-

do praying, educating, and working to end the slaughter of innocent children and the traumatic exploitation of their mothers. We are putting forward an **Equal Protection Initiative** in Colorado for the 2024 ballot to protect women from victimization and children from intentional deaths by applying protective laws to all children without discrimination, regardless of age or level of development. This initiative by-passes the legislature and brings the information and decision directly to the people for a vote. This is a legal paper petition that gets this initiative directly onto the ballot.

Colorado has more than 200 pregnancy care centers, churches, and adoption placement agencies available to help women and their children! We do not have to answer suffering with further suffering and death! Because we know better, we can do better for women and children. **Women and children deserve the compassion of our citizens for their protection in law.**



We invite anyone who would like to eliminate the killing of innocent children to join us in prayer, public support, and volunteerism as we educate fellow believers within every area of influence to stop the holocaust of killing children through abortion. If just 20% more churchgoers vote - and vote prolife - Colorado will flip to a prolife state!

For the moral and spiritual health of every woman, man, and child, let's defend "the least of these" among us. **Because every child deserves a birthday and every mother is worth protecting.** Ask God how He would have you be involved. We welcome you to the movement and the cause.

***Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves;
ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up
for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.
(Proverbs 31:8-9)***

This communication has been paid for by Colorado Life Initiative, Registered Agent Angela Eichler

Goals of the Colorado Life Initiative

1. Mobilize churchgoers to pray, educate, register to vote, and vote FOR Life
2. Promote a moral, just, and fair law that God can bless
3. Educate every Colorado voter on the humanity of the preborn child
4. Meet the state's legal requirements to be a single subject
5. Close abortion clinics and stop abortion pills
6. Is straightforward for the voter
7. Keeps the argument focused on the goal – the protection of children
8. Can stand at the United States Supreme Court
9. Does not penalize a doctor in the course of saving lives
10. Prevents exploitation and helps women get the real helps that they need
11. Provides a truthful, moral, and Biblical solution
12. Overturns RHEA (current statewide law of abortion through birth)



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How you can help:

PRAY: please fast and pray with us to end child sacrifice in our state!

EDUCATE: please let others know about the humanity of children and our responsibility to protect them! Free resources: **gotaheart.org**

MOBILIZE: please sign out and collect signatures on the Official Paper Petition by March 31st to help get a Life Initiative on the Colorado ballot this year!

BE IT RESOLVED:

We hereby resolve to uphold the United States Constitution guaranteeing the right to live to our Posterity. We will support any proposed law that will close facilities that intentionally mutilate or cause the death of children beginning at conception. Parents have the right to determine the education, health, and care decisions for their own children until a child reaches adulthood.

Official Paper Petition Distribution/Return

Destiny Christian Center (Greeley)
Highline Community Church, (Denver)
The Rock Church (Castle Rock)
Church at Briargate (Colorado Springs)
Family Worship Center (Pueblo)

First Christian Church (Holyoke & Wray)
Platte Valley Baptist Church (Ft Morgan)
Emmanuel Baptist Church (Sterling)
Grand Junction Pregnancy Center
Delta Pregnancy Resource Center

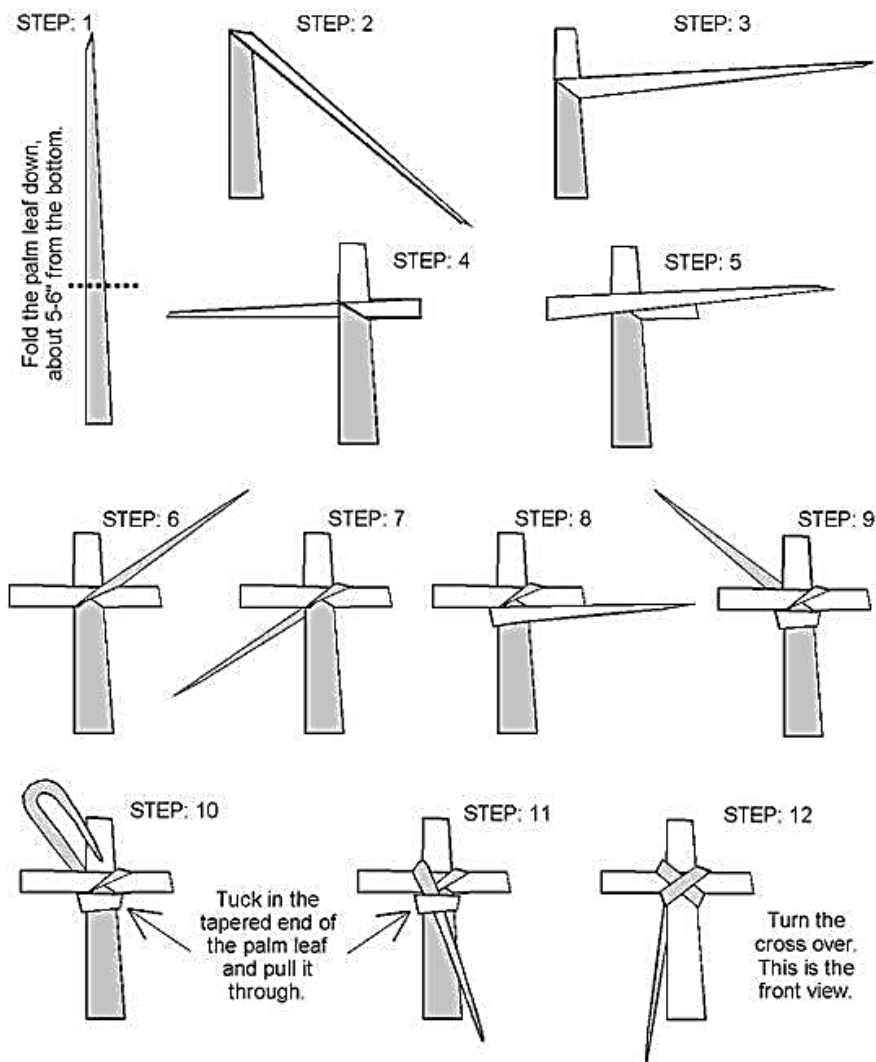
Palm Sunday



The Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday. It is the beginning of Holy Week. It celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Great crowds of people thronged the streets waving palm branches to welcome Him. The people shouted "Hosanna" and laid their cloaks and palm branches from the nearby trees in His path.

Palm Leaf Cross Directions

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.



Petitions and Prayers: Prayer is to seek “the Lord and His strength.



Health concerns:

Dearest Jesus, You suffered and died on the cross in our place, You have compassion on us in all of our difficulties. Grant peace of mind and strength of body to those who are ill so that they trust in You above all else. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- **Lilah Sarafin**, wife of member **James Sarafin**, suffering from side effects of dementia.
- **Marge Shavlik**, mother of **Dave Shavlik**, recovering from elbow surgery after breaking it in a fall.
- **Doris Antoniak** is recovering from a recent fall. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for her doctors.
- **McKinley Ford**, daughter of **Erica** and **Andy Olson**, Is waiting on results from a bone marrow biopsy to address some bloodwork concerns.
- **Roger Frank** (brother of **Connie Mitchell**) Pray that the chemotherapy treatment he is starting for his cancer works
- **Devon Hanson** (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell**) – mental health issues
- **Dillon** (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell** - health issues
- **Mary** (relative of **Tabris**’) pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- **Angela** (single mother in Illinois) friend of **Helen Tabris** – pray that she can qualify for the heart transplant list.
- **Jamie** (is missing and has mental health issues) pray for her safety.

**“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life
March 24, 2024**

“So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus.”

*Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”
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**Portals of Prayer for
April-June 2024 are out!**

Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!



***Make your face shine on you servant;
Save me in your steadfast love!
Psalm 31:16***

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