

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH welcomes you as you join with us in worship this day. May the Holy Spirit bless you with the message you hear from God's Word, the prayers, the hymns, and the fellowship we share with you. Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. If you need to step out for a moment with your child, a Family Room is located right outside the Sanctuary doors.
- Changing Tables are located in the Restrooms.
- Please fill out an attendance sheet in the pad on the chairs and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We ask guests and members to fill them out each week. Guests: We promise we will not bombard you with emails or calls, but this information is helpful for staying in touch.
- Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

HOLY COMMUNION: *We are very glad that you have joined us today for this worship service as we hear the Word of God and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This church is in fellowship with other congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. As such, we believe and practice the biblical teaching that we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament (Matthew 26, Mark 14 and Luke 22). If you have a different understanding of Communion or are still learning about this biblical teaching, we love you enough to ask you not to receive Holy Communion this day (1 Corinthians 11). However, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing at the time of Communion. If later you have questions about this or any other teachings, the pastor would be very pleased to talk with you.*

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**In View of God's Mercy
Palm Sunday: Mercy in Palms**

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" John 12:13

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship Video "Blessed Is He Who Comes"

Processional Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LSB 442

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

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.

Refrain

Invocation and Call to Worship

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P With palm branches in hand, we greet the One who comes to save us from our sin.

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

P With raised voices, we glorify the Messiah who comes humbly riding on a donkey.

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

P With jubilant song, we worship the King who comes to rule in righteousness and peace.

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

P With penitent hearts, we repent before the Lord who is holy and just.

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

P With soaring spirits, we rejoice in the God of our salvation.
C **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

P Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king comes to you sitting on a donkey's colt.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P On Palm Sunday the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with the cry of "Hosanna!" But on Friday they called out for his execution, shouting "Crucify him!" So also our sin has led to Christ's crucifixion. We repent of that sin, and we seek God's mercy to absolve our iniquity.

C **Most merciful God, we have sinned much and are in need of your salvation. We cry to you "Hosanna, save us!" We ask you not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgression. For the sake of your humble servant, Jesus Christ, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew our spirits so that we walk in obedience to your Word, to the glory of your holy name.**

P We cry to you for mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

P Hear the good news! God's Word declares: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Behold, your king comes to you; righteous and having salvation is he" (Zechariah 9:9). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight and giving you salvation. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.
C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P Gracious Lord, as we enter this Holy Week, we do so in view of your mercy. As the people of Jerusalem greeted Jesus with palm branches in hand, so we now acknowledge him to be our King. We thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior who gave his life so that we might live eternally. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to take up our cross and follow him in humility and love. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet,

Zechariah 9:9-12

L 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.

Choir "On the Road to Jerusalem"

Joseph Martin

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

2 Corinthians 2:14-17



But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

John 12:12-19



The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Children's Message

Janice Stille

Sermon Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB 443

**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 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.**

**"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!**

God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes "Hosanna! Save Us!"

John 12:12-19

Apostles' Creed



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.

We Worship God with Our Offerings

(Our offerings give us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the many ways He has blessed us. Members and regular attendees support God's mission and ministry as He works through this congregation. Guests are welcome to give an offering, but are not expected to do so. Psalm 54:6; 116:12-14, 17)

Hymn "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

LSB 422

**On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!**

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Prayers

P Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as your loyal subjects.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You summon us to humility, even as you came humbly riding on a donkey, so guide us to walk humbly before you and one another.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You summon us to worship, even as the children sang hosannas to you, so fill us with your Spirit to worship you in spirit and in truth.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You summon us to fidelity. Even as you set your face for Jerusalem and the cross, so give us faith to take up our cross and follow you.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You summon us to sacrifice. Even as you offered your life as the ultimate sacrifice for sin, so give us courage to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to you.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to submit to your rule and live under your reign.
C **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!**

P For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
C **Amen.**

✠ Our Lord Comes to Us in His Body and His Blood ✠

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also 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.**

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the long hoped-for Messiah, to bring us salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with thankfulness. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**The company of angels is praising you on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.**

Refrain

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to come among us, bringing His salvation, has fulfilled the vision of the prophets and the hopes of Your people. We thank You for calling us in this time and place and for inviting us to Your holy Table. Joined together in the name of our Lord and in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

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.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

C 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.

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymns “Lamb of God”

LSB 550

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

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“O Living Bread from Heaven”

LSB 642; *tune of LSB 644*

1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

- 2 My Lord, You here have led me
 To this most holy place
 And with Yourself have fed me
 The treasures of Your grace;
 For You have freely given
 What earth could never buy,
 The bread of life from heaven,
 That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
 This food can death destroy.
 And You have freely granted
 The cup of endless joy.
 My Lord, I do not merit
 The favor You have shown,
 And all my soul and spirit
 Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
 With heav'nly food, while here
 My course on earth is lengthened,
 To serve with holy fear.
 And when You call my spirit
 To leave this world below,
 I enter, through Your merit,
 Where joys unmingled flow.

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Post-Communion Hymn “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

LSB 937, 1 & 2

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
 Your word is now fulfilled.
 These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
 This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world,
 The Gentiles' promised light,
 God's glory dwelling in our midst,
 The joy of Israel.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Lord of our lives, strengthen and support us so that we continue to proclaim Your redeeming love shown in the suffering and death of Jesus Christ to all the world. Bless us day by day and keep us filled with hope as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

- P** May the merciful God, who sent his Son to be Savior of the world, direct you to follow him as King in faith and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue thy road, with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o’er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.**

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

**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 pow’r and reign!**

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