

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. 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

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

John 21:15

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C Amen.

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

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

P Who is this King of glory?

C The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

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

P Who is this King of glory?

C The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

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!

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Palm Sunday Reading

John 12:12-19

P 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,

C "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

P And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

C “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”

P 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.”

Choir: “Lord of Our Hearts He Will Be”

Stan Pethel

Confession and Absolution

P Peter boasted of his devotion but then denied his Lord. The crowds on Palm Sunday shouted glad hosannas to the King, but by the end of the week, their acclaim fell silent as Jesus, crowned with thorns, went to the cross. We, too, by our sins, turn away from our Lord. Let us confess our sins to him and ask his forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, while we boast of our faithfulness and devotion, in our thoughts, words and actions, we often follow our own desires, turning away from your will and your ways. Instead of following the commands and guidance of your holy Word, we listen to the temptations of the world around us. When we have opportunities to witness for our Lord, we fall silent. As you showed grace to Simon Peter, turn to us in grace and forgive our sins.**

P God has shown his grace to us. He sent his Son to die on the cross, taking onto himself the sins of the world and suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. You are forgiven and restored, called to serve others in the name of Jesus, our King and Savior.

C **The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

Hymn: Amazing Grace

LSB 744

1. **Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!**

2. **The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;**

**He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.**

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Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, Simon Peter proudly boasted of his faithfulness and his willingness to die for Jesus. Then, when the time came, he denied the Lord and swore that he never even knew him. We, too, are often less than loyal. When others question our faith, we remain silent and have no answers for them. We do not always live in a way that reflects Jesus' love. Yet you have forgiven us, as you forgave Peter and restored him to service. You have called us to serve others in your name and to be witnesses for our Savior. Help us to live in humble service as Jesus did, the humble King, who entered Jerusalem to take up his cross for us. Hear our prayer in his name.

C **Amen.**

Children's Message

+ God Speaks to Us Through His Word +

God Speaks to Us Through Zechariah

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Peter

1 Peter 1:13–21

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Luke 22:31–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh chapters.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

Ref. All glory, laud, and honor

To You, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain
3. The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;

Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. Refrain

4. To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain
5. As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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Sermon: “Grace for the Fearful”

Luke 22:31-34

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Psalms 118:23

P Almighty God, our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem during the last week of his earthly ministry. He came as a humble King to take up his final steps to the cross. Help us to follow in his steps as your humble servants and living examples of your love in the world. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, today we call out “Hosanna, save us now!” We know and believe that Jesus is our King. Through his redeeming death and his triumphant resurrection, he has saved us and brought us into his kingdom. He calls us to follow in his footsteps, to walk in love and to forgive as we have been forgiven. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, Peter boasted of his loyalty but failed and denied his Lord, yet his Lord died for his sins and for ours. For Jesus' sake, you forgave Peter and you have forgiven us. As Simon Peter was called to feed your sheep, you have called us to serve your people in love. Empower us by your Spirit to serve you by serving others. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, so many of your people, the sheep of your flock, are suffering through illness, depression and anxiety, through grief and loss. Especially, today we pray for _____. Have mercy on them and heal them according to your will. Lead us to serve them in love, to help them in their need and to bring them the comfort of your Word. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty God, you desire that all people would be saved and come to know the truth. Empower us by your Spirit to be witnesses for our King. Help us to grow in faith through the study of your Word so that we are prepared to answer those who ask about our beliefs. Do not let us fall silent when we have the opportunity to witness to our Savior. Help us to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in Jesus' name. Gracious Lord,
- C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

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)

Offertory

+ 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.**

Sanctus

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have shown us Your mercy once again this day and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, the humble King who journeys to the cross for our salvation and who calls us to lives that walk with Him by faith. Send Your Holy Spirit to us now that our hearts may be prepared to receive Your good gifts and joyfully remember our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

Consecration of the Bread and the Wine

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 (Peace of the Lord)

Psalm 118:23

P Because of our Savior's grace, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

C "This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

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1. Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

ref. Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2. With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain

3. Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.

No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain

4. Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master
With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain

5. My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessèd, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's saving work that we may rejoice this day and every day because of the faithful love You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:9; Numbers 6:24–26

P 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.

C Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

G Amen.

Hymn: Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

LSB 441

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments
strowed.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits 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 pow'r and reign.

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