

PALM SUNDAY 2024

Prayer Before Worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

TODAY'S THEME:

Our past is behind us, God's grace is before us. The palms welcomed Jesus to the triumph of suffering that paid the full price of our sin, and the hosannas cried out to Him who exchanged His life for death that we might live. There are no palms and hosannas that do not end in the cross, and there is no passion that does not lead us to faith and to rejoice in what His suffering accomplished. Our Lord came to the cross not as an unwilling victim but as the One who alone surrendered His life into death. We come to the Lord at the bidding of the Gospel and by the power of the Holy Spirit! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRELUDE RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING

P: Peace be with you,

C: And also with you.

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PROCESSION of the CROSS

Please follow the Cross as it makes its way from the Narthex into the Chancel

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

"Hosanna Rock"

"Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES From selected verses in Psalm 8 & 135

P: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good.

P: Celebrate his lovely name with music.

C: For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself.

P: Israel for his own special treasure.

C: He destroyed the firstborn in each Egyptian home—

P: Both people and animals.

C: He performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt.

P: Against Pharaoh and all his people.

C: O LORD, our Lord!

All: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION From selected verses in Romans 7

P: Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

C: I know that nothing good lives in me.

P: That is, in my sinful nature.

C: I have the desire to do good.

P: But I cannot carry it out.

C: What I do is not the good I want to do.

P: No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

C: I find this law at work—

P: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

C: In my inner being I delight in your law.

P: But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

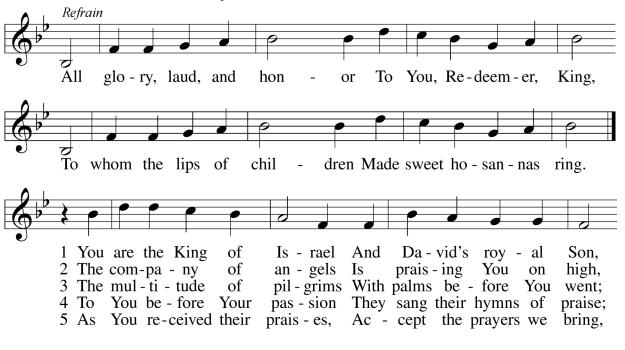
You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.

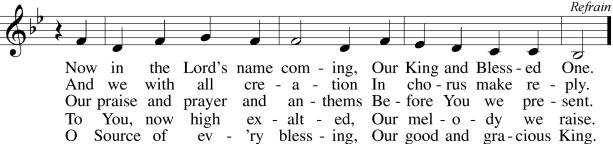
P: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! O LORD, our Lord –

All: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN OF PRAISE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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KYRIE

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty Father, You sent Your Son not for the accolades of the crowd but for the suffering of the cross. Give us faith so that we may recognize what He came to accomplish, rejoice in what His obedient love has done for our salvation, and acclaim Him Lord with hosannas without end; In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen.

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CHOIR "Ride On, King Jesus" (Sunday)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice 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.

¹⁰I 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.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING John 12:9-33

P: Our Gospel Reading is from St. John's Gospel, the 12th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

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 t everlasting. Amen.

Where must we look for peace? For answers? For strength, hope,						
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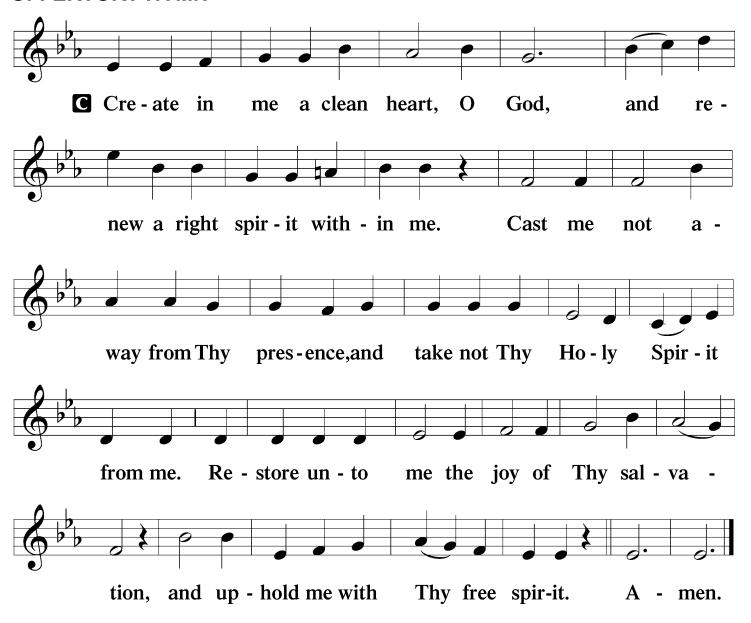
"What God provides, will never fail. Cling to the cross!"
"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." John 12:21b

OFFERING

Silent Prayer: Lord Jesus, I thank and praise you for coming to save me from my sins. Empower me to live in Your forgiveness, bringing glory to Your Name in all I say and do. Glorify yourself in me, Your beloved child, as I join together with my brothers & sisters in the faith to worship You alone! Amen.

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OFFERTORY HYMN



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Let us pray the Lord, who promises to hear us on behalf of the people of God and all people as they have need. That the humility of our Lord's suffering and death bring forth in us the fruits of faith and renewed faithfulness, for us and for all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Father in Heaven, as we are reminded of the sufferings of Christ in our place, let us be not only strengthened in faith, but give us courage to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth. As He was wounded that we might receive healing, we ask that you would bind the wounds of the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, that they find true healing in the wounds of Christ our Lord. Especially do we lift before you...[_____]...For these and all those on our hearts & minds, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That by His gracious example of humility unto death we learn humility of faith, repent of our sin and unrighteousness, and learn to delight in His will and walk in His ways all the days of our lives; That His gracious humility in giving us His righteousness as our baptismal clothing and His flesh and blood as our true and everlasting food equip us with all that we need to do the good works of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the Lord bless His Church, those who minister in His name, and all the baptized people of God in their vocations of worship, witness, intercession, and service; That the Lord receive the tithes and offerings we bring, with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving in our worship, as testament of our faith and as sign of our gratitude, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That God visit His grace to us and to all nations, that we have good leaders and that we be good citizens, until the day when we join the saints before the Lord in His eternal city, where He has prepared for us an everlasting place, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Amen.

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.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

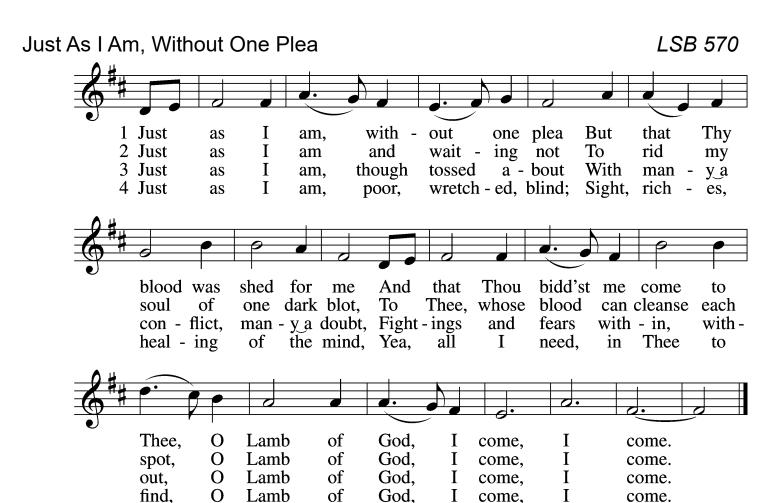
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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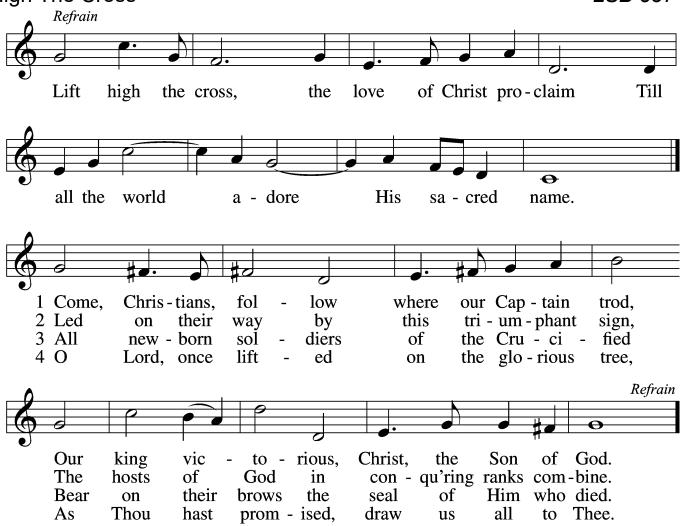
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P: Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, chose to suffer pain before going up to joy and crucifixion before entering into glory, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, find this path to be the way of life and peace; 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

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.

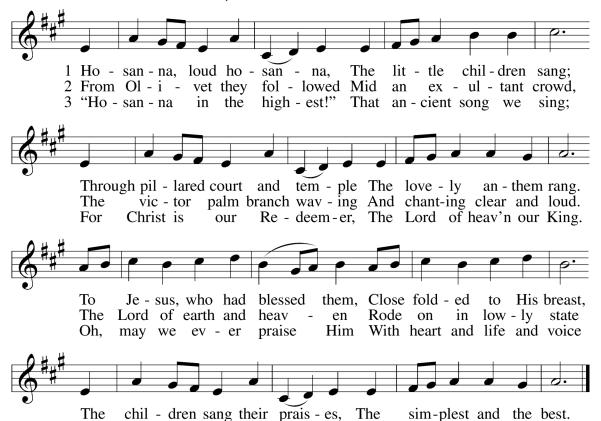
C: Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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THE SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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POSTLUDE(S)

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DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

(Use individually or as a family as we all prepare for a repentant Good Friday & Joy on Easter Morn!)

Invocation: In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. (Make the sign of the cross)

10 Commandments: "You shall have no other gods." "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord, your God." "Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy." "Honor your father and your mother that it may be well with you that you may live long on the earth." "You shall not murder." "You shall not commit adultery." "You shall not steal." "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox or donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor." (reflect on how poorly we as sinners keep God's good & holy commands)

Passion Reading for each day during the week (reflect on Jesus' passion, completed FOR YOU!)

Monday - Mark 14:1-26 Tuesday - Mark 14:27-42 Wednesday - Mark 14:43-65 Thursday - Mark 14:66-15:15 Friday - Mark 15:16-47

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.

(Use either of the following, depending on the time of day you are devoting to the Lord) Luther's Morning Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! The Lord Almighty, order our days and our deeds in His peace. Amen.

(Then go about your day or to bed with joy, knowing your sins are forgiven, the victory is already won, and eternal life in Christ are yours! For, "It is finished." In Jesus' Holy Name. Amen!)



Welcome to Peace in the name of the Risen Savior!

We request that visitors register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. We ask that you share your name and address so that we can recognize your visit with us. All members are requested to register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. Members, please indicate all family members present and those who took communion, so that the Pastor and Elders can be spiritually accountable for you and your family. Are your cell phones turned off? Cell phones are indeed a great convenience in life these days. However, please, out of courtesy, silence cell phones during the worship service. Thank you!

Hearing assist devices and large print bulletins are available for those who may need them. Please see an Usher or the Elder who will be happy to assist you.

A Mother's Room is available for parents of young children if the need arises. The Mother's Room in the west hallway. The worship service is able to be heard in the Mother's Room.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion. Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred act, established by Christ Himself and is given to His Church. As members of **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**, we hold the doctrine of the Real Presence, in with and under; meaning that Jesus gives His Body and Blood with the bread and wine, as He Himself says, "This is my body... This is

my blood... for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26ff)

The Holy Scriptures also teach us to receive this meal in a way that is responsible and healthy. As overseer, St. Paul wrote- "let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself" (1 Cor. 11:28-29). Out of genuine care for God's people we ask that those (1) who have not been baptized and instructed in the faith or (2) who come from another church body, not in altar or pulpit fellowship with us, refrain from receiving Holy Communion. For those preparing to receive Holy Communion, Luther encourages us to ask ourselves these questions:

Do I repent of my sins, desiring to turn away from them, back to the Lord?

Do I believe Jesus died and rose for me and gives me His Body and Blood this day "for the forgiveness of sins"?

Do I intend to use this means of grace to change my life, following His will and way?

We ask that all who receive the Lord's Supper fill out a "Care Card" and place it in the offering plate. <u>Please note that</u> reduced-alcoholic white wine is available in the center cups of the communion tray.

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

Holy Communion Celebrated at all Services Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00a.m. Sunday Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (Sept. –May) 10:30 a.m.

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