

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

God brought you here for a reason today! Trust the Lord, he cares for you. You can greet pastor after the service outside the main doors.

VISITORS & MEMBERS please at least put your name on the connection card and turn it in with any other info and place in the offering plate in back. You can also do this online on your phone with this QR Code:



SURVEY QUESTION

No survey question during the Lenten season.

TAKING COMMUNION We celebrate the Lord's Supper at most of our worship services. We believe that when Jesus said this "is" my body...and blood, "is" means "is". We receive the Body and Blood of Christ. He is truly present and gives himself for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have faith in these words of Jesus and have been baptized, you are welcome to receive. Questions, instruction, or examination in these beliefs occurs with first communion, confirmation, new member classes or meeting with pastor. You may come to the altar and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. *Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of tray and gluten-free wafers are available.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

GIVING Your tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering plates in back of church with your connection card. You can also give online with your phone using this QR Code:



Palm Sunday - Saturday
Palmarum
March 23, 2024

Palmarum: It is called Passion Sunday by some church bodies. This is the Sunday before Easter, and it marks the beginning of Passion Week. It is from Psalm 22:11. The origin is from Church Worship in the Middle Ages. The Introit for the Day is: the Introit is: O Lord be not Thou far from me, O my help...

Please Note: *We start our worship service today in the Narthex. We will enter the sanctuary, while singing our Palm Processional Hymn and waving our palm branches. If you are not able to start in the Narthex, please take your seat and join in the singing of the hymn and waving of the palms.*

PALM PROCESSIONAL “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.

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**

2 The company of angels
 Is praising You on high,
 And we with all creation
 In chorus make reply. **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**

INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 1 John 1:8 & 9 says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(pause to for silent confession)

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that 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. Have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, in Jesus Name. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Please stand and share the peace with someone.

OPENING SONG #1 "Hosanna"

Verse 1

Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!

Chorus 1,

Lord we lift up Your name
with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, oh Lord my God.
Hosanna in the highest!
(repeat)

Verse 2

Glory! Glory!
Glory to the King of kings!
Glory! Glory!
Glory to the King of kings!

Chorus 2,

Lord we lift up Your name
with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, oh Lord my God.
Glory to the King of kings!
(repeat)

PASTOR'S PRAYER

OPENING SONG #2 "Hosanna"

Verse 1: Solo

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.*

Verse 2: ALL

We love You, we love You,
we love You, Christ our King.
We love You, we love You,
we love You, Christ our King.

Verse 1: ALL

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.

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You may be seated.

VIDEO

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-9; 26:1-16

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first and twenty-sixth chapters.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the

village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²"You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." ³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people." ⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her." ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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.

Please be seated

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

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- 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.

Please stand if you are able.

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us now pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

All: 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.

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: 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."

Pastor: 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.”

Pastor: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

All: Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated until the usher releases your pew.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness 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, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG #1 “God So Loved”

Chorus

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only Son,
that whosoever believes will not perish;
they shall have eternal life.

Verse 1

I shall hold to the cross.
I shall hold to God alone.
For His love has salvaged me.
For His love has set me free.

Chorus

Verse 2

I shall wait upon the Lord.
I shall wait upon His Word.
And by His grace I am released.
By His grace I am redeemed.

Chorus ALL 2X

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CLOSING SONG #2 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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- 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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