

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 29, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: PALM SUNDAY: THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF OUR LORD

Today begins Holy Week. Jesus is entering Jerusalem to be betrayed into the hands of His enemies, suffer cruel treatment and then be crucified. How is it that He entered Jerusalem like a conquering hero? Many reasons could be given... the fulfillment of Scripture, the reputation Jesus had earned by His miracles, the mistaken political hopes of the fickle crowd. Let's celebrate this day, however, that Jesus' victory over sin, death and hell was already as good as won before it even happened. Jesus foretold many times that after His sufferings and death He would rise again as King of kings and Lord of lords. He is not just a king. He is our King who comes to save us.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting One pg. 154 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	412	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 24	page 24 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	413	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>
Distribution Hymns	547	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>
	543	<i>O Jesus, King Most Wonderful</i>
Closing Hymn	411	<i>Ride On, Ride On in Majesty</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Zechariah 9:9-10
Second Lesson	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

Matthew 21:1-11

Your King Comes to You

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Jordan Ertl
Sermon..... Rev. Luke C. Werre
KeyboardMrs. Lynn Proeber
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

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FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9–10

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
Look! Your King is coming to you.
He is righteous and brings salvation.
He is humble and is riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the horse from Jerusalem.
The battle bow will be taken away,
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 24

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

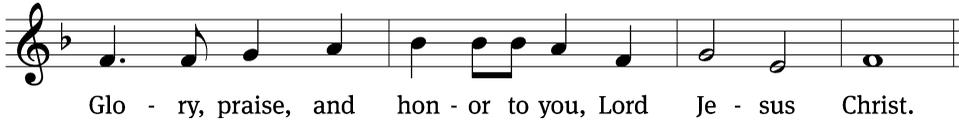
Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 12:23



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising you for coming to earth to be our Savior. Thank you for humbling yourself, putting yourself under the obligations of God's holy law and subjecting yourself to unspeakable sufferings for our sake. To you we exclaim,

hosanna in the highest!

Lord Jesus, it is easy for us to confess your name here among fellow believers. Give us your Spirit and make us bold to confess your name to those who don't know you. Bless us with an understanding of your truth, a love for our fellowman, and the finesse to speak what's appropriate when the time is right. Use us to make your Kingdom come so that many more may be brought to faith in you. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you are the King of kings and Lord of the nations. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Pour out your blessing on our nation - its businesses and industries, its farms and laboratories, its churches and schools, its law enforcement agencies and social support networks, its families and neighborhoods - and help us to be a people who live daily with gratitude to you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Prayers of Intercession

Now, Lord Jesus, as we walk with you this week to the cross and then the empty tomb cause our love for you to increase and our joy in your salvation to thrive. Give us the joy that forever shouts,

hosanna in the highest! Amen.

(Lord's Prayer, hymnal, page 168)

WORSHIP NOTES

- 1) Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. Consider all the services this week – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday – to be one continuous event (as opposed to a multiple choice option). One service leads into the next.

- 2) Hymn #547 “At the Name of Jesus” matches the 2nd Scripture Lesson from Philippians 2. This Scripture reading is the primary basis for a doctrine called “Christ’s Humiliation and Exaltation.”
 - a. Christ’s Humiliation = Even though He never stopped being God, He set aside the full use of His power as God for a while so that He could be under the Ten Commandments and could also suffer and die to save us.
 - b. Christ’s Exaltation = Christ took up the full use of His power as God once again. What’s unique on this point is that He took up the full use of His power not ONLY as God, but also as a man. As a man He declared His victory over hell. As a man He destroyed death. As a man He ascended into heaven. As a man He will return to judge. Why is this important? Whatever belongs to Jesus as a man, also belongs to you and me who believe in Him. If He has power over hell, so do we. If He ascended into heaven, so will we. If He returns to judge, He judges as one of us and will be on our side.

- 3) Though we are not using the liturgical song *Holy, Holy, Holy* today (See hymnal, pg 167), throughout the year this song reminds of us the Real Presence of Jesus’ body and blood in the Lord’s Supper. We sing the same words that were exclaimed on Palm Sunday, “Hosanna in the highest!” With these words the people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem and with these words we welcome the same Jesus who comes to us in the Sacrament.