



WELCOME!

APRIL 13, 2025

10:00AM

**LITURGY OF THE
PALMS/PASSION SUNDAY**

P Friends: From the beginning of Lent we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Lamb. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet Him as our King, though we know His crown was a crown of thorns, and His throne a cross.

I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

P Let us pray.

Lord of hosts, Your Son entered into Jerusalem amid shouts of “hosanna” and people waving palms. Give us hearts full of His mercy, and join our voices to theirs in these holy days, that we would humbly bow our knees at His holy name; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

P Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

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

The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Hear how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem from the Gospel according to Luke the 19th chapter.

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near – already on the way down the Mount of Olives – the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

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The Procession

P Let us go forth in peace.

C In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn - Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new. You make us new

P Let us pray.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession & Declaration of Grace

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism you declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Worship Song - Open The Eyes of My Heart

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

(See insert)

Response to Proclamation of the Passion Story - Personal Meditation

Prayers of the Church

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 everlasting. Amen.

Offertory *LSB 192*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament +

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.**

Lord's Prayer

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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Distribution

Communion Hymns:

LSB 442 – All Glory, Laud and Honor

LSB 443 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 550 – Lamb of God

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; 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 to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: LSB441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions.

1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8)
2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15)
3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10)
4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

Holy Week: This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Come and worship this Thursday (Maundy Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Return on Good Friday, April 18th, for a worship service beginning at 6:30 p.m. to remember our Savior's love as he suffered and died on the cross. Celebrate the Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday in one combined worship service at 10 a.m. Invite others to join you for this celebratory service.

Spring Concert: Students in grades 3-8 from Our Savior's Christian School will be presenting a Spring Concert on Friday, April 25th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. All are invited.

You are invited to Easter Morning Breakfast! Please come early to the school cafeteria Easter morning (8-9) to enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet before our 10 a.m. combined worship service. Our menu options include: savory egg casseroles, fresh eggs, crisp bacon, seasonal fruit, morning fresh Bruegger's bagels, irresistible Price Chopper doughnuts, gluten-free options, hot coffee, tea, cocoa, juice and other yummy breakfast sides. A breakfast the whole family and friends will enjoy! Signups for food contributions and other ways to help are located in the narthex. As always, we are grateful for your participation. For those contributing food, please bring to the cafeteria by 7:50 a.m. Additionally, we ask all to be mindful of the morning time constraints, and we thank you, in advance, for your courteous assistance to that end. The breakfast breakdown will begin at 9:15 (Please note that the Egg Hung is scheduled for 9:15) as our goal is to be finished cleaning and in the sanctuary by 9:55! It will be a challenge, but we know we can do it working together! Questions? Please reach out to Betsy Kocsis, Lori or Brian Dollard. Finally, on behalf of the Elders and Women's' Board, we look forward to this very special celebration as we gather to celebrate the name above all names, our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. He is risen! Hs is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Portals of Prayer - daily devotional booklets containing devotions for April-June are now available on the shelf in the narthex. Help yourself and take extra copies to give to friends.

Vicar Mark Chaffee's office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email:

mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com **Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email (patrick204642003@yahoo.com) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Christine Baird, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Jennifer Noble, Patty Marshall, George Swint, Eric Unright, Walter Weis, , Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf **-Homebound:** Inge Glidden **Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Hazel Gutkoska, Marga Hildenbrandt, Ruth Looman, Lois O'Brien, Jon Ronson

Noreen Powell: Art teacher at Our Savior's Christian School. Bless Noreen's instruction as she encourages her students to creatively express themselves all to the glory of our Creator

10:00AM Servers

Reader: Andy Cross

Communion Servers: Pete Kemmer, Bud Hoffman, Brian & Lori Dollard

Pray-ers: Tom & Carol Roemke

Ushers: Mark Stuart, Ned Johnson, Ike Wallace, Bud Hoffman

