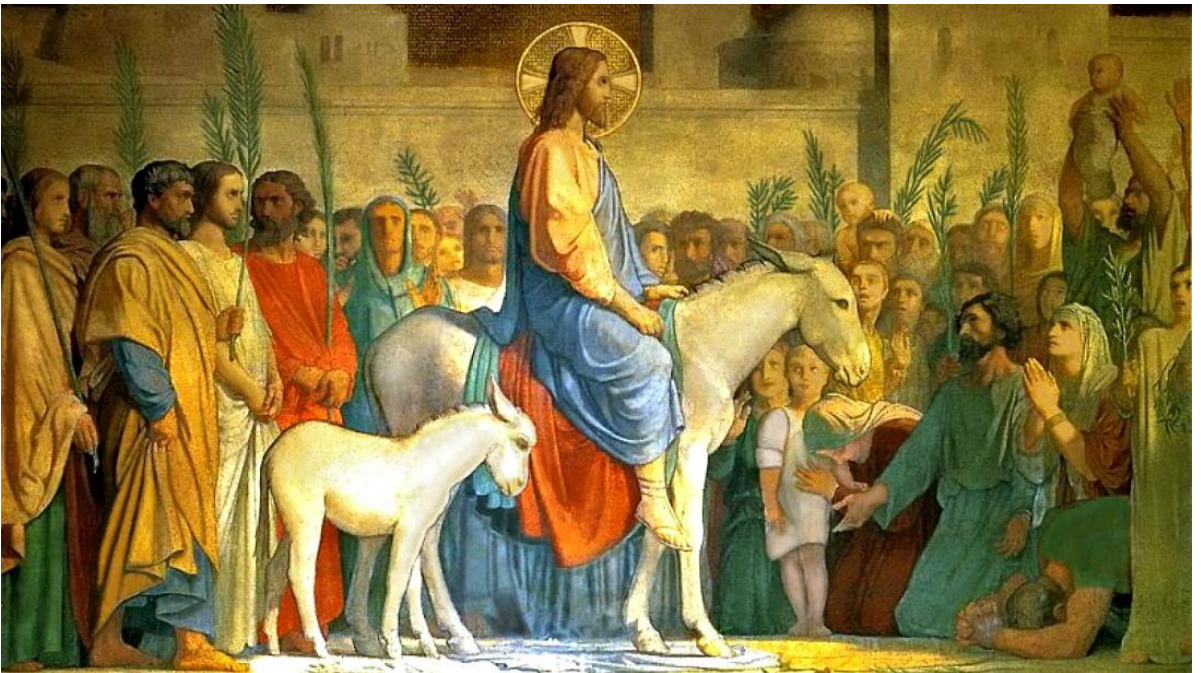


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# *Hosanna to the Son of David!*

*Palm Sunday Divine Service*



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*Westminster, Massachusetts*

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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the prayers, hymns, or other parts of the service, please know that you may sit as you find need or comfort.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. If needed, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please turn off your cell phone ringer and refrain from leaving or entering the sanctuary during the readings and the prayers.

## Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Gregory would be very glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

## Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

## Christian Education

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study follow the after-service announcements. Children meet in the church basement, high school students in pastor's study, and adults in the sanctuary. Coffee and refreshments are served in the basement.

## Serving in Worship

Preacher  
Assisting

Vicar Ed Schneeflock  
Rev. Peter Gregory

## Using the Service at Home

This service can be used at home by individuals or families. A full spoken recording of the service, including the readings and sermon, will be posted on the web site by 10:00 am on Sunday morning: <https://oursaviorlcms.com>, click "services" on the top bar.

## Prayer for Worship

*On the suffering of Jesus Christ:* O Jesus, my Jesus, how great is Your love, which You have shown me by Your bitter suffering! You are the only-begotten Son of God; You are the Lamb without spot, the Lord of Glory, the Most Holy, who did no sin; and yet You surrender Yourself into the most shameful death and the cruelest suffering for me, an unrighteous person, a sinner, and a child of death. Oh, how great is Your mercy!

Truly, this is love, this is mercy, that by Your bitter suffering I obtain life, grace, and the forgiveness of all my sins. The chastisement that brings me peace and delivers me from punishment is on You.

Place this suffering before my eyes, that, wherever I may be, it may be my delight, and enshrine it in my heart. I know that I have been pardoned and am reconciled with God, for I believe that You, O Jesus, very Lamb of God, without spot and without blemish, have been slain for me and have poured out Your heart's blood for me. Your blood is the true sacrificial blood, the blood of reconciliation, the blood of purification, the blood of atonement.

O Jesus, be my comfort, my joy, my consolation, my defense, now and in my last hour. Amen.

*Cover image: Fresco of "Christ's Entry into Jerusalem" by Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin (1846).*

## ***Introduction to the Recorded Service***

THE PROCESSION OF PALMS

2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 21:9

*The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**Amen.**

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

*Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## ***The Palm Sunday Gospel***

*John 12:12–19*

*Before the reading:*

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.*

**Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*After the reading:*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Let us go forth in peace,  
in the name of the Lord.*

TUNE: TLH 160/LSB 442—HYMN: ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

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*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**

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*Refrain* All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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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*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Note: Silence for reflection on the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion and for self-examination.*

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## ***The Reading of God's Word***

*from the Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4–9a*

*after the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:19–29 (*antiphon v. 26*)

*Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*

**We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,*  
**that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

*This is the gate of the LORD;*  
**the righteous shall enter through it.**

*I thank You that You have answered me*  
**and have become my salvation.**

*The Stone that the builders rejected*

**has become the Cornerstone.**

*This is the LORD's doing;*

**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*This is the day that the LORD has made;*

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Save us, we pray, O LORD!*

**O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

*Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*

**We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

*The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.*

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

*You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;*

**You are my God; I will extol You.**

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;*

**for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*

**We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

*from the Letters: Philippians 2:5–11*

*after the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

*Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

*Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,  
thus securing an eternal redemption.*

*Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,  
so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.*

*He sent redemption to His people;  
He has commanded His covenant forever.*

*from the Holy Gospels: John 12:20–43*

**Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*after the reading:*

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

THE 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.

TUNE: TLH 142/LSB 438—HYMN: A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH

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| <p>1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,<br/>The guilt of sinners bearing<br/>And, laden with the sins of earth,<br/>None else the burden sharing;<br/>Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,<br/>To slaughter led without complaint,<br/>That spotless life to offer;<br/>He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,<br/>The mockery, and yet replies,<br/>"All this I gladly suffer."</p> <p>2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,<br/>The Lamb of God, our Savior,<br/>Whom God the Father chose to send<br/>To gain for us His favor.<br/>"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,<br/>"And free My children from their dread<br/>Of guilt and condemnation.<br/>The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,<br/>But by Your passion they will share<br/>The fruit of Your salvation."</p> | <p>3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly<br/>I'll bear what You command Me.<br/>My will conforms to Your decree,<br/>I'll do what You have asked Me."<br/>O wondrous Love, what have You done!<br/>The Father offers up His Son,<br/>Desiring our salvation.<br/>O Love, how strong You are to save!<br/>You lay Him low within a grave<br/>Who built the earth's foundation.</p> <p>4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see<br/>And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,<br/>Your blood my royal robe shall be,<br/>My joy beyond all measure!<br/>When I appear before Your throne,<br/>Your righteousness shall be my crown;<br/>With these I need not hide me.<br/>And there, in garments richly wrought,<br/>As Your own bride shall we be brought<br/>To stand in joy beside You.</p> |
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*The Sermon*

TUNE: LSB 8378—HYMN: LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

*Refrain:* **Lift high the cross! The love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name!**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain***
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The host of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain***
- 3 All new-born soldiers of the Crucified  
Wear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain***
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Raise us and let Your cross the magnet be. *Refrain***
- 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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### *The Prayer of the Church*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE WORD

*Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

*Bless we the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*

**Amen, amen, amen.**

TUNE: TLH 159/LSB 436—GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

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| <p><b>1</b> Go to dark Gethsemane,<br/>All who feel the tempter's pow'r;<br/>Your Redeemer's conflict see,<br/>Watch with Him one bitter hour;<br/>Turn not from His griefs away;<br/>Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.</p> <p><b>2</b> Follow to the judgment hall,<br/>View the Lord of life arraigned;<br/>Oh, the wormwood and the gall!<br/>Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!<br/>Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;<br/>Learn from Him to bear the cross.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;<br/>There, adoring at His feet,<br/>Mark that miracle of time,<br/>God's own sacrifice complete.<br/>"It is finished!" hear Him cry;<br/>Learn from Jesus Christ to die.</p> <p><b>4</b> Early hasten to the tomb<br/>Where they laid His breathless clay;<br/>All is solitude and gloom.<br/>Who has taken Him away?<br/>Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.<br/>Savior, teach us so to rise.</p> |
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# God's People at Prayer

## For Home Devotions

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested  
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Exodus 8:1–32	Hebrews 1:1–14
M	Exodus 9:1–28	Hebrews 2:1–18
Tu	Exodus 9:29–10:20	Hebrews 3:1–19
W	Exodus 10:21–11:10	Hebrews 4:1–16
Th	Exodus 12:1–28	Hebrews 5:1–14
F	Ex. 12:29–32; 13:1–16	Hebrews 6:1–20
Sa	Exodus 13:17–14:9	Hebrews 7:1–22

### Holy Week

*We focus on the person and work  
of our Lord Jesus Christ in His state of humiliation,  
as briefly expressed in the Augsburg Confession.*

Our churches teach that the Word—that is, the Son of God—took on human nature in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary. So there are two natures, divine and human, inseparably joined in the unity of His person, one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried, that He might reconcile the Father to us and be a sacrifice not only for original guilt but also for all actual sins of mankind.

The Augsburg Confession, Article III, 1–3

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.      LSB 436:1

### Verse for Meditation

Jesus said, "I, when I am lifted up from the earth,  
will draw all people to Myself."

*John 12:32*

### Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*As children of the heavenly Father, we are bold to pray.*

- Su For God's name to be kept holy through pure  
teaching and holy living
- M For God's kingdom to come and increase  
through the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Tu For God to hinder every evil plan and  
purpose of the world, the devil, and the  
sinful nature
- W For daily bread and contentment in all things
- Th For forgiveness of our sins and of those who  
sin against us
- F For protection in the midst of temptation
- Sa For rescue from all evils of body and soul  
and, when our last hour comes, a blessed end

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Collect of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son,  
our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our  
flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully  
grant that we may follow the example of His great  
humility and patience and be made partakers of His  
resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one eternal God, now and in the endless  
world to come. Amen.

### Readings for Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord

Jeremiah 31:1–6; Psalm 16;  
Colossians 3:1–4; Matthew 28:1–10