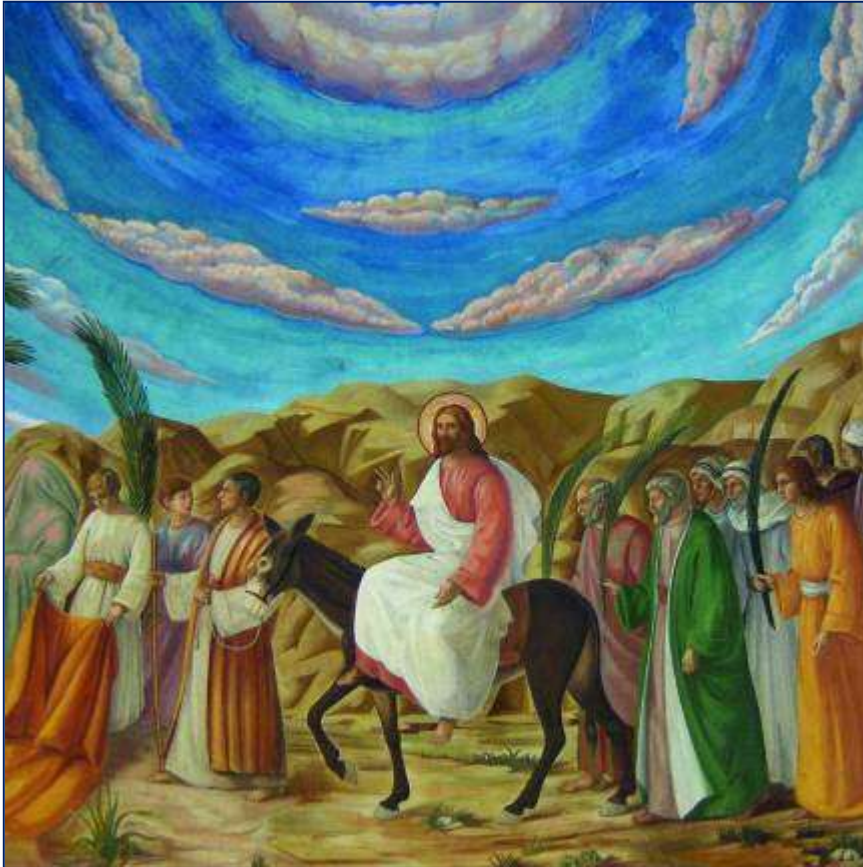


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Hosanna to the Son of David!

Palm Sunday Divine Service



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, Massachusetts

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Service Guidelines

- Follow the directions of greeters, hosts, Pastor, and elders about how and when to enter, where to sit, how to receive communion, when to exit, and so forth
- Don't come if you are sick, have symptoms, or have potentially been exposed
- No handshakes, hugs, or touches. Keep 6 feet apart unless you are a joint household
- Masks are to be worn at all times, those with medical or health issues excepted
- Movement into & out of the sanctuary should be kept to a minimum
- Be gracious & considerate of your neighbors
- Don't overcrowd – cars, conversations/groups in walkways or doorways, etc.
- Extended conversations are encouraged, but outdoors & after service

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Visitors may come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. Our pastor would be 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.

The body of Christ will be placed into the hand. The blood of Christ will be received from individual glass cups. Distribution will be in a continuous line rather than at the altar rail.

Spiritual Care

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

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Peter Gregory
Assisting (9:00 am)	Dave Farabaugh
(11:00 am)	Jeremey Henrickson
Organist (9:00 & 11:00 am)	Anne Bennet

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 Illustration

"Entry to Jerusalem," fresco detail
from Bethpage Chapel, Jerusalem (19th century).

> *If able, please stand and face the processional crucifix at the entrance to the nave. The opening liturgy is spoken.* <

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 Holy Gospel

for the Palm Sunday Procession: 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.*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE: TLH 160 – TEXT: 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**

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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 rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one eternal God, now and in the endless world to come. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

from the Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9–12

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon v. 16

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.

HYMN OF ACCLAMATION – TUNE: TLH 161 – TEXT: TLH 161/LSB 443, ST. 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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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.

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 142 – TEXT: LSB 438

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

John 12:12–19

TUNE: TLH 179

**On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!**

> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion.

Place regular offerings in the offering box by the baptismal font and benevolence offerings in the plates at the sides. <

The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts!

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is good and right that we do.

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is truly fitting, right, and good for us to give thanks always and everywhere to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth!
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
Who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

**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 Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us!
O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us!
O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Grant us Your peace! Amen.**

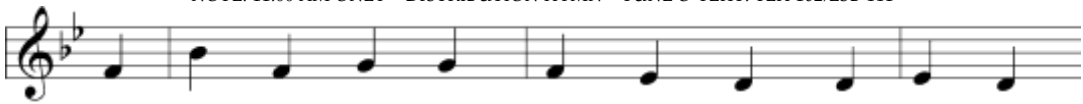
Holy Communion

> All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

For those who will be receiving Holy Communion, please follow the directions of the hosts and pastor.

During the distribution, silently pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ present and absent, for those in need, for your own family and friends, and for yourselves. <

NOTE: 11:00 AM ONLY – DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 162/LSB 441



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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NOTE: 11:00 AM ONLY – DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 307 – TEXT: RMH

- 1 **Strike David’s harp that long has silent lain.
See, David’s Son and Heir begins His reign.
Lost, royal music rises from the past
And ancient psalms wear flesh and blood at last.**
- 2 **Here is the true Sweet Singer, Israel,
Who conjures life from death and muzzles hell,
Whose music makes the sin-mad spirit calm;
He is the Harper and He is the Psalm.**
- 3 **And He the Harp which on a tree was hung,
Stretched taut for us, past pitch of terror strung
That all our sins might pluck from Him a song
Of pity infinite, immense, and strong.**
- 4 **Strike David’s Harp and hear Him, singing, rise
With ringing strings triumphant through the skies,
That, tuned to Him, our souls may join His song
Through life, through death, through endless ages long.**

THE POST-COMMUNION: TLH 385

**O Depths of Love, to me revealing
The sea where my sins disappear!
In Christ, my wounds find perfect healing,
There is no condemnation here.
For Jesus’ blood through earth and skies
Forever, “Mercy! Mercy!” cries.**

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray. We thank You, all-powerful God, for refreshing us with this healing gift, and we pray: Father of mercy, by this Holy Food make us strong in faith toward You, and in deep love for each other, that through us other beloved sinners may kneel to You and receive with us grace and life in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, and forever.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

*The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD turn His face toward you and † give you peace.*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 444

1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake

With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's

mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name

No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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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.

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.

LSB 441:2

Verse for Meditation

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the
point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:8b

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

Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 16;

1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Mark 16:1–8