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Hosanna to the Son of David!

Divine Service for Palm/Passion Sunday



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, Massachusetts

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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 for children under three years old, 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 service. Pre-Kindergarten through seventh grade students meet in the basement, high school students at the parsonage, and adults in the sanctuary.

Serving in Worship Today

Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Preacher & Liturgist	Pastor John Bombaro
Organist	Anne Bennet
Crucifer	Eli Roach
Children's Choir Director	Kelley Newman
Acolytes	Nate Newman, Liam McGuire

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

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

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> *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

> *The children's choir sings the refrain, the first stanza, and refrain a second time.* <

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

> *The organ and congregation join on stanza 2.* <

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

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

4 **To You before Your passion**
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

3 **The multitude of pilgrims**
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. *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: 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. 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!

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: Mark 15:1–47

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

OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE: TLH 179 & TEXT: LSB 422

**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!**

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The Presentation of the Offering

*I will offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
O LORD, my strength, I love You.*

The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

*Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

THE PREFACE

*The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.*

2 Timothy 4:22

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 meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks 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:

THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth; heav'n 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 PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

**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

> *Note about 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.* <

Psalm 31:9–16 (antiphon v. 5)

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 140 & TEXT: LSB 440

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| <p>1 Jesus, I will ponder now
 On Your holy passion;
 With Your Spirit me endow
 For such meditation.
 Grant that I in love and faith
 May the image cherish
 Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
 That I may not perish.</p> | <p>4 Grant that I Your passion view
 With repentant grieving.
 Let me not bring shame to You
 By unholy living.
 How could I refuse to shun
 Ev'ry sinful pleasure
 Since for me God's only Son
 Suffered without measure?</p> |
| <p>2 Make me see Your great distress,
 Anguish, and affliction,
 Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
 And Your crucifixion;
 Make me see how scourge and rod,
 Spear and nails did wound You,
 How for them You died, O God,
 Who with thorns had crowned You.</p> | <p>5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
 Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
 If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!</p> |
| <p>3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
 Make me see Your passion,
 But its cause to me make known
 And its termination.
 Ah! I also and my sin
 Wrought Your deep affliction;
 This indeed the cause has been
 Of Your crucifixion.</p> | <p>6 Graciously my faith renew;
 Help me bear my crosses,
 Learning humbleness from You,
 Peace mid pain and losses.
 May I give You love for love!
 Hear me, O my Savior,
 That I may in heav'n above
 Sing Your praise forever.</p> |

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 162 & TEXT: LSB 441

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th'approaching sacrifice.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
- 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.

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THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 385, STANZA 4

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.

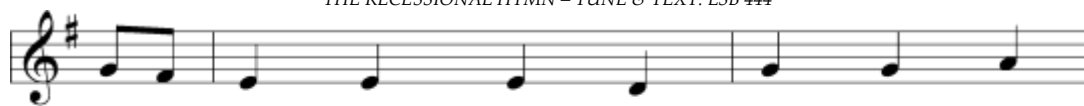
THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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 upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
Amen. Amen. Amen.



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!"

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

*With the Augsburg Confession, we focus on the person and
work of our Lord Jesus Christ in His state of humiliation.*

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.

Now He who bore for mortals' sake
The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take,
The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name
Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim:
"Behold, behold your King!"

LSB 444:4

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 the Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday, March 31

Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 16 (v. 10); 1 Corinthians 15:1–11
accounts of Christ's resurrection from the four Gospels