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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, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please silence your cell phone 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 and lower elementary meet in the basement, elementary students in the teller room and Pastor's study, junior high and high school at the parsonage, and adults in the sanctuary.

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Paul Diggins
Organist	Mary Gregory
Crucifer	Laz Gregory
Acolytes	Sim Gregory, Jack Gould

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).

> *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 & TEXT: LSB 442

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

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| 1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. <i>Refrain</i> | 2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. <i>Refrain</i> |
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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 4 To You before Your passion
With palms before You went; They sang their hymns of praise;
Our praise and prayer and anthems To You, now high exalted,
Before You we present. *Refrain* 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!

> *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.

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 & TEXT: LSB 443, STANZAS 1 & 3

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**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**“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!**

from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 27:11–66

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*As you witness this baptism, take hold of your own baptism and your daily return to the font
by again renouncing the devil and confessing faith in the Triune God.*

The Baptism of Eden Jang-Mi Kim

During the baptismal liturgy, the congregation may join in the responses:

*Do you renounce the devil? **Yes, I renounce him.***

*Do you renounce all his works? **Yes, I renounce them.***

*Do you renounce all his ways? **Yes, I renounce them.***

*Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth? **Yes, I believe.***

*Do you believe 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? **Yes, I believe.***

*Do you 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? **Yes, I believe.***



HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 438

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.”

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.”

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.**

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.**

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The Sermon

Philippians 2:5–11

THE OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE & 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!**

The Presentation of the Offering

> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts are received in the offering box as you enter the sanctuary. <

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

[1 Timothy 2:1–4]

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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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. Amen.

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.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

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 118:19–29 (antiphon: v. 26)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & 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>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>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>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> <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.</p> |
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 451

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| <p>1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.</p> <p>2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.</p> | <p>3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.</p> <p>4 Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.</p> |
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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!"

**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.*

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 837

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 newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain**
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. 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**

Holy Week and Easter



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*Proclaiming repentance and the forgiveness of sins
in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.*

We invite you to join us for services and study of God's Word.

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29

Divine Service at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Divine Services at 12:00 noon • 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

Chief Service • 12:00 noon † Tenebrae Vespers • 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

Matins • 9:00 am † Easter Vigil • 7:00 pm



The Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 5

Easter Breakfast begins at 8:00 am • Divine Service at 10:00 am

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, April 5

Job 19:23–27; Psalm 16 (v. 10); Colossians 3:1–4;
accounts of Christ's resurrection from the four Gospels