



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

We Approach God

Welcome and Call to Worship – We are glad you are here!!

Today we remember our mission. —> **We are making God known through word & deed.**

Hosanna, loud hosanna! —> **Our voices ring in praise!**

For enters our great leader! —> **So our palms we raise!**

Hosanna, loud hosanna! —> **We will follow all our days!**

Opening Special Music

“Hosanna Processional” Mark Kellner

Handbell Choir with Music Team

Directed by: Bev Splinter

Church School Children Sing

Children’s Message

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Invocation

Walk with us on this journey, O God. Be present today on our paths to the cross even as you were with Jesus. May this journey have meaning for our worship together and for the lives we live daily. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection) Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

New Members Received

Special Music

“Ride On, King Jesus” Arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

Handbell Choir; Directed by: Bev Splinter

We Proclaim the Story

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. ¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. ¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me. ¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. ¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God. ¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Gospel Acclamation

“Hosanna”

I see the King of glory Coming on the clouds with fire The whole earth shakes The whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy Washing over all our sin The people sing The people sing

(Chorus) Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation Rising up to take their place With selfless faith With selfless faith
I see a near revival Stirring as we pray and seek We're on our knees We're on our knees (Chorus)
Heal my heart and make it clean Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause As I walk from earth into eternity (Chorus x2)
Hosanna in the highest

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

¹Jesus and his disciples reached Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives. When they were getting close to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of them on ahead. ²He told them, “Go into the next village. As soon as you enter it, you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. ³If anyone asks why you are doing this, say, ‘The Lord needs it and will soon bring it back.’ ” ⁴The disciples left and found the donkey tied near a door that faced the street. While they were untying it, ⁵some of the people standing there asked, “Why are you untying the donkey?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said, and the people let them take it. ⁷The disciples led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back, and Jesus got on. ⁸Many people spread clothes on the road, while others spread branches they had cut from the fields. ⁹In front of Jesus and behind him, people went along shouting, “Hooray! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰God bless the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Hooray for God in heaven above!” ¹¹After Jesus had gone to Jerusalem, he went into the temple and looked around at everything. But since it was already late in the day, he went back to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

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We Confess & Pray for Others

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Song

“Lord Be Glorified”

In my life Lord Be glorified be glorified In my life Lord Be glorified today

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Tori Simon, Nicole Rislov, Teagan Benda, Cathy Stavig, Marilyn Arneson, Eleanor Wiesner, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler, Terry Kallenberger,*

Deaths: *Randy Johnson, Claire Konold*

Prayer Song

“Lord Be Glorified”

In Your church Lord Be glorified be glorified In Your church Lord Be glorified today

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We Offer Ourselves

Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew

Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:

ELCA World Hunger

Lenten Offering: LCOOR Preschool



Offertory Response

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

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Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, your Son rode in humility to die.

Accept these palms, these cloaks, these shouts of praise.

Accept our gifts. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Announcements

We Go Out with Gratitude

Blessing

Hosanna! Christ is with us! Go forth into the country, the town, the city and cry the name of Jesus for the sake of the world! Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Sending Song

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

(Chorus) How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God
And all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)
Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God (x2) (Chorus)

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

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MARCH 24, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or tell about a time when you or someone you know felt rejected or sad.
- What is it about God's steadfast love that is deserving of your praise, especially as you think about Jesus' journey to the cross?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 11:1-11.

It is not just by chance that the crowds who shout, "Hosanna!" days later also shout, "Crucify him" (Mark 15:13). This contrast leads us to look back to the beginning of the Gospel of Mark where Jesus' first message is, "the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15b). To repent is to change one's mind, to see new things, and to see things differently. The crowds shouting, "Hosanna" have a customary view of power and authority. The power Jesus brings is quite different from the authority of leaders filled with jealousy and fear like the high priests and Pilate, the Roman governor. Jesus' humble rule is displayed from a colt and is filled with self-giving love that conquers all, even triumphing over his own rejection and death. Palm Sunday points to a kingdom with good news and hope for the rejected and those who feel powerless. To truly hear the good news is to repent of anything less than Jesus' rule that alone gives us reason to say, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (v. 9).

Discuss: What makes it difficult for you to see Jesus' power and glory from the cross?

Pray: **God of power and might, in a world torn apart by fear and jealousy, help us to see in your reign on earth the true source of hope through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bring hope to someone who may be feeling rejected?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Palm Sunday signals the beginning of Holy Week. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he knows the week will not end the way the people praising him will want. And yet, Jesus accepts the people's dreams and hopes and takes them to the cross with him. He turns those dreams and hopes into something more. Light six candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: **Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us. Help us to live for you. Amen.**

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to:

www.milestonesministry.org



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THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

First Communion
For 2nd Grade & Older

Class:
Sunday, April 7 10:30-12:00

Recognition:
Sunday, April 21 9:30 or
Wednesday, April 24 6:30

During the April 7 class, students will receive instruction, make bread & paint their own pottery. Parents attend this class.

On March 20 & 24 during church school, students will learn about symbols & make plans for painting their pottery. Parents do not need to attend this class.

SPRING PLANTS FOR EASTER

Order Deadline: March 24

Help beautify our sanctuary by purchasing an Easter plant in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. **Cost of each plant is \$20.** Complete an Easter Plant order form (found at the Welcome Center or Church Office). Please contact the church office if you have questions.

FREE WILL DONATION

PALM SUNDAY DONUTS

Donuts will be served before & after worship on March 24th. Free will donations will go towards off setting the cost of our new altar flower storage stand.

Luther League 7-12 Grade

2.0

Sunday Nights at 6pm

We will not meet on Sunday, March 17 or Sunday, March 31.

We need Communion Bread!

Sign up at the Welcome Center. Recipe & instructions are provided.

NO SANDWICH MINISTRY

March 24, 25, 29, 31 & April 1, 2024.

thank you

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24-31

Palm Sunday (March 24): Kids Sing for Worship with Procession of Palms at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (March 28): Worship with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday (March 29): Tenebrae Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday (March 31): with Holy Communion at all services: 7:00 a.m. Worship with Handbells 8:30 a.m. Worship with Choir 10:00 a.m. Worship with Choir

COOKIES NEEDED

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office. You can also bake your own & drop them off at the church. Thank you!

REMINDER

NO WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 OR SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Global Health Ministries

We are collecting hospice kits in March.

Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

March 24-31

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)

No Sandwich Ministry
8:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
9:30 a.m. New Members Received
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Monday, March 25

No Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Claire Konold Funeral
2:00 p.m. Maple Place Communion
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday March 26

No Sewing Group- Resumes in April
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday March 27

No Wednesday Worship (Holy Week)
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday March 28

10:00 a.m. Book Club
1:15 p.m. Chair Yoga
3:45 p.m. Stoneybrook Communion
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion

Friday March 29

Church Office Closes at Noon
No Sandwich Ministry
6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship

Saturday March 30

No Saturday Worship (Holy Week)

Sunday March 31 (Easter Sunday)

No Church School - No Sandwich Ministry
7:00 a.m. Worship (Holy Communion)
8:30 a.m. Worship (Holy Communion)
10:00 a.m. Worship (Holy Communion)
No Luther League 2.0



Attendance & Offering

March 10 Live Stream- 78
Saturday, March 16- 54
Sunday, March 17- 203
Wednesday, March 20 - 347

Offering (3/17):

General Fund: \$17,604.50;
Debt Reduction: \$175;
Mission of the Month: \$201.99;
Lent: \$245; Other: \$300;
Simply Giving Offering (3/11-3/15):
General Fund: \$11,091.15;
Debt Reduction: \$90; Other: \$295;
Mission of the Month: \$60;

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MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem gives us hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Monday	Mark 14:1-15:47	The passion of Jesus
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	A servant song
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	The Christ hymn
Thursday	Zechariah 9:9-13	Judgment on Israel's enemies
Friday	John 18:1-19:42	The passion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The tomb is empty

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Mark 11:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to see beyond our short-sightedness to the hope that is for all of us through the cross of Christ, that we may have life. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, blessed are you, the one who comes to us with this gift of food in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love of God give you peace and hope.



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