

The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Psalm 118:26

Order of Worship

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Introit

Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

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We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

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Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

Divine Service

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son *Matthew 28:19*
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

C In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. *Psalm 5:3*

P My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C And with Your glory all the day. *Psalm 71:8*

P O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth will declare Your praise. *Psalm 51:15*

Opening Song

Hosanna

Baloche, Brown

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus x2

VERSE

1.Praise is ris - ing, eyes are turn - ing to You;
2.Hear the sound of hearts re - turn - ing to You;

We turn to You; Hope is stir - ring,
We turn to You; In Your King - dom

hearts are yearn - ing for You;
bro - ken lives are made new,

We long for You; 'Cause when we see
You make us new; 'Cause when we see

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17
You, we find strength to face the day;
You, we find strength to face the day;

20
In Your pres - ence all our fears are washed a - way,
In Your pres - ence all our fears are washed a - way,

23
washed a - way. Ho - san
washed a - way.

CHORUS

26
na, ho - san - na, You are the God Who saves us,

31
wor - thy of all our prais - es; Ho - san -

34
na, ho - san - na, come have Your way a - mong us;

38
We wel - come You here, Lord Je - sus.

Vine

43
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;

47
In Your pres - ence all our fears are washed a - way;

51
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;

55
In Your pres - ence all our fears are washed a - way,

58
washed a - way. Ho -

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Confession and Absolution

- P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- C** **We have not lived our lives according to your will.**
- P** We have failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

- P** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you:
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen!**

Psalm

Psalm 118:19–29

Spoken responsively

- ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰**This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**
- ²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²²**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷The 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!

**²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer

P 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–43

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and

whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them."

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

- ☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.



Song

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 (2.Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
 (3.1) will not boast in any - y - thing; no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dome. But

He should give His on - ly Son to
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

make a wretch His treas - - - ure. How
 out a - mong the scof - - - fers. It
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 was my sin that held Him there un -
 should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 til it was ac - com - - - plished; His
 can - not give an an - - - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 this I know with all my heart: His

man - y sons to glo - - - ry. 2.Be -
 know that it is fin - - - ished. 3.1
 wounds have paid my ran - - - som.

Sermon



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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

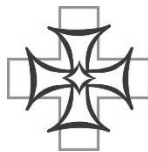
and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

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

C **Amen.**



Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman, Redman

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2, Bridge x2, Chorus x2

VERSE

1. Bless - ed be Your Name in the
 2. Bless - ed be Your Name when the

land that is plen - ti - ful; Where
 sun's shin - ing down on me; When the

streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless -
 world's all as it should be, bless -

ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be
 ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be

Your Name when I'm found in the des -
 Your Name on the road marked with suf -

ert place, when I walk through the wil -
 fer - ing; Though there's pain in the of -

der - ness, bless - ed be Your Name;
 fer - ing, bless - ed be Your Name;

Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;

When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say. Bless - ed be the

CHORUS
 Name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be the

29
Name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your glo - ri - ous Name.

32
Bless-ed be the You give and take a -

38
way, You give and take a - way; My heart will choose to

42
say, "Lord, bless - ed be Your Name", You

45
bless - ed be Your Name". Bless-ed be the

BRIDGE

TO CHORUS

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Resources for Meditation this Week

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

24 March 2024

Readings

John 12:12–19 (Palm Sunday Procession)

Zechariah 9:9–12

Philippians 2:5–11

Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1–47 or John 12:20–43

The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross

The Son of David comes in gentle humility, “*sitting on a donkey’s colt,*” yet as the King of Israel “*in the name of the Lord*” (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out “*the ruler of this world*” and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to “*rejoice greatly,*” because her King comes with salvation, and “*he shall speak peace to the nations*” (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed “*beforehand for burial*” (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as “*the King of the Jews*” by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes “*as it is written of him,*” wherefore “*you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power*” (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has “*highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name*” (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.



Readings

Isaiah 25:6–9

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Mark 16:1–8

The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!

The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud *“that is spread over all nations”* and *“cast over all peoples”* (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to *“be glad and rejoice in his salvation”* (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast *“of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined”* (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, *“dressed in a white robe”* of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received *“by the grace of God”* is also *“delivered to you”* by the preaching of Christ, *“in which you stand, and by which you are being saved”* (1 Cor. 15:1–11).



Holy Week & Easter Worship

Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season



Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, March 24th at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm



Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm



Easter Services

Sunday, March 31st at
6:00 am (*sunrise service*)
8:00 am & 10:45 am