

PALM
SUNDAY



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You: Thank you to the Sunday School Choir and the Youth Tone Chimes for using their musical gifts to praise our Savior in our service this morning.

Holy Week Services: Please join us this Holy Week as we follow our Savior's journey to the cross. On Maundy Thursday, March 28th, we will have worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 PM. For Good Friday, March 29th, we will have a special Tenebrae service at 7 PM.

Easter Sunday: Next Sunday, we begin the celebration of our Lord's resurrection with an Easter Breakfast at 8:00 AM. A special Easter worship service will be at 9:00 AM. Following service, we will have a kid's egg hunt at 10:30 AM. We hope you can be part of this special day and please invite a friend or family member to join us as we hear the good news of Jesus!

Youth Rally Fundraising: This summer - June 25 - 28th - we will have 9 teens from our church attend the WELS Youth Rally in Fort Collins, CO. For four days our teens will join in worship, study, and fellowship with thousands of other teenagers who share their faith. We are still accepting donations for this project and if you would like to help, more information is included in the weekly email or you can speak with Jesse Dunsmoor or Alison Moeri.

Women's Bible Study: All women are welcome to join us as we continue our study of the book of Ephesians. This month we will be meeting on Tuesday, March 26 at 6 pm at Lorene Fleming's home: 3004 North 52nd Avenue East, in Duluth. If you have questions, or would like to ride-share, please contact Kiersten Nash or Kely Dunsmoor.

Women's Book Group: On Monday, April 1st, we will start our next book: "True Crimes of the Bible" by Dr. Bruce Becker. (<https://timeofgrace.store/products/true-crimes-of-the-bible?variant=43770631520515>) We will join together to review the book and share a meal on Thursday, June 6th at 6 PM. Please contact Kely Dunsmoor for more information.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, for the six weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Savior's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin our observance of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, Christ entered into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his triumphant entry and follow him in faith and new life.

C: **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

OPENING HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

CW 130

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise him With heart and life and voice

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.
And in his roy - al pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. Almighty Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in him. We confess to you:

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do. You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce to you: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Therefore, speak because Jesus has spoken to you. Live because Jesus has lived for you. And whatever you do, whether word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

CW 1 vs. 1-4

1 **The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.**

2 **The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set his servants free.**

3 **O Zion's Daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let a faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.**

4 **As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And his true members all unite
With him in heav'n to reign.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

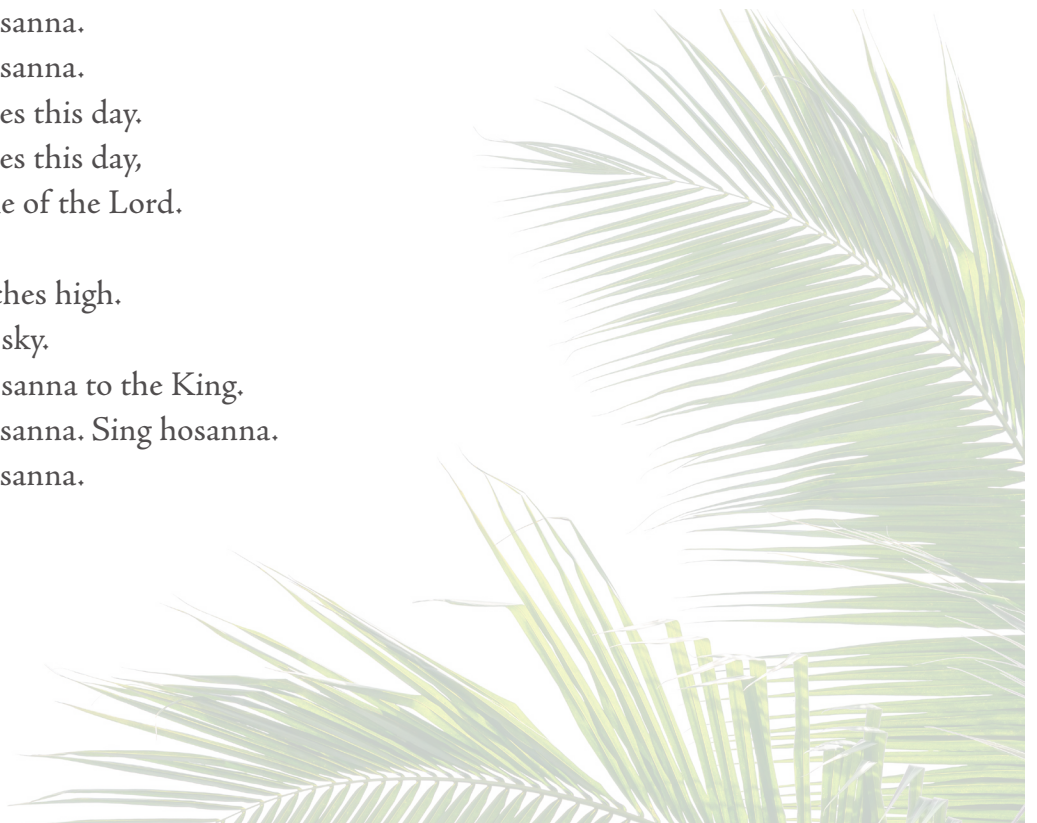
- 9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- 10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the war-horses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 11 As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.
- 12 Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

SONG

“Sing Hosanna”

Sunday School 1st-6th Grade Students

Sing hosanna. Sing hosanna.
Sing hosanna. Sing hosanna.
Blessed is he who comes this day,
Blessed is he who comes this day,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Wave your palm branches high.
Lift your praise to the sky.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.
Sing hosanna. Sing hosanna. Sing hosanna.
Sing hosanna. Sing hosanna.



VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” Alleluia. (John 12:23)

C: **These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing we may have life in his name.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I 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 is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Denney. This service segment is intended to be more interactive and engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.



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! Your last and



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



sue your 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 th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.



5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

RETHINKING CHRISTIANITY

“Rethinking Real Strength”

Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest!”

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior’s love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, visit our website: www.dulutheran.org and click on the “Give” tab.

OFFERTORY

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Youth Tone Chime Choir

✠ PRAYERS ✠

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

- P:** Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us.
- C:** **Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect obedience in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us.**
- P:** Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess your name before others as our Lord.
- C:** **Help us to proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations.**
- P:** Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from sin, death, and the devil.

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P: Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

C: **Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**

P: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful.

C: **Bless the government, our nation, and your Church and make us blessings to them.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

A moment for personal prayer and reflection.

P: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

C: **Hear us, according your promise, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

"No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet"

New Hymnal

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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 raft - ers 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!"

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”

CW 134

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1 O bride of Christ, re - joice! Ex - ul - tant raise your voice
 2 He wears no king - ly crown, Yet as a King is known;
 3 The weak and tim - id find How meek he is and kind;
 4 E'en babes with one ac - cord With you shall praise the Lord

To hail the day of glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He shall make death sur - ren - der.
 He gra - cious - ly will hear you And be for - ev - er near you.
 And ev - 'ry gen - tile na - tion Re - spond with ex - ul - ta - tion:

Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; With prais - es bow be - fore him!
 Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; With prais - es bow be - fore him!
 Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; With prais - es bow be - fore him!
 Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; With prais - es bow be - fore him!

5 Then go your Lord to meet;
 Strew palm leaves at his feet;
 Your garments spread before him,
 And honor and adore him.
 Hosanna! Sing the story
 Of Christ, the King of glory!