



## St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, March 29, 2026 – 11:00 AM**

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Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

**PALM SUNDAY**

**(Series A)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

Today the Church lifts her voice with the crowds of old, crying out, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” Yet this word is more than a festive cheer; it is a plea for rescue. Palm Sunday reveals a King who comes in humility, riding not a warhorse but a donkey, fulfilling the ancient promise: “Behold, your King is coming to you.” He comes not to meet our expectations but to meet our deepest need. As we gather, we join the cry of every weary heart that longs for mercy and every repentant soul that seeks salvation. The One who enters Jerusalem today enters also into our lives—with forgiveness, with compassion, and with the saving grace that leads us from this holy procession toward the cross and the empty tomb. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

<sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” – Matthew 21:9

## **PRELUDE**

*Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus*

## **✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠**

## **WELCOME**

## **CROSS AND PALM PROCESSIONAL**

*Please rise and face the cross as it leads us into worship.*

## **PRESERVICE SONG – “He’s Calling Out Your Name” 2 Timothy 1:9**

1 He’s the Lord of every season, He’s the Master of all time  
And He’s come to sow His seeds in this field of humankind  
The eternal Word of heaven is among us in this place  
And if you have ears to listen, You can hear Him call your name

2, 4, 5 He’s calling out your name, He’s calling out your name  
6, 7 If you have ears to listen He’s calling out your name

3 He’s the Father of all mercy, and your silent prayer’s been heard  
He will satisfy the thirsty by the water of His Word  
As the bread of life is broken and Jesus is proclaimed  
May your eyes be opened to the One who calls your name

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*Please Remain Standing*

*(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their  
Baptism.)*

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

**P** Behold, your King comes to you,

**C** **humble and riding on a donkey.**

**P** The crowds cried out, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

**C** **We join their cry: “Lord, save us now!”**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** As the crowds once cried “Hosanna—save us now,” so we come before the Lord with our own need for rescue. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting in His mercy.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Almighty God,

**C** we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have sought our own way instead of following our humble King. We have cried out for rescue while clinging to our pride. We have desired a Savior who meets our expectations rather than the Savior who meets our deepest need. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who came in lowliness to save us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may walk in His way of mercy and peace. Amen.

**P** “Hosanna” is a cry for rescue—and your King has answered. Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem to save you, took up the cross to redeem you, and rose again to give you life. 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! Blessed is He who comes to save. Hosanna in the highest!

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**P** Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as Your Son entered Jerusalem in lowly majesty to bring salvation to a world crying out for rescue, grant that we may welcome Him with repentant hearts and steadfast faith. Teach us to trust not in our own strength but in His saving mercy, and lead us to follow Him through the cross to the joy of His resurrection. I pray this in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## OPENING SONG - "Mighty to Save"

- 1 Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never-failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior  
The Hope of nations
  
- 2, 4 My Savior, He can move the mountains  
7, 8 My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave
  
- 3 So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow everything I believe in  
Now I surrender
  
- 5, 6 Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

*(The King comes humbly on a donkey.)*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice 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.

<sup>10</sup>I 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.

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

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

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*(Christ's example of humility.)*

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

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE**

*Psalm 118:26*

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C** **We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 21:1-9*

*(The Triumphal Entry.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, *“Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”* <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion,

‘Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**LAMB'S MESSAGE**

## SERMON

### VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

### OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**  
Sign up through the church office.

### OFFERTORY - "He is Able" Ephesians 3:20

- 1, 2 He is able, more than able to accomplish what concerns me today  
He is able, more than able to handle anything that comes my way  
He is able, more than able to do much more than I could ever dream  
He is able, more than able to make me what He wants me to be
- 3 He is able, more than able to do much more than I could ever dream  
He is able, more than able to make me what He wants me to be  
To make me what He wants me to be  
To make me what He wants me to be  
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# ✠Confirmation✠

Sarah Elizabeth Oelke

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- C** *Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** *Yes, 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.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord’s Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**R** Amen.

### **Sarah Elizabeth Oelke**

*The individual catechumen comes forward when called. Their parents also come forward. The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate. Parents do the same. The pastor makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

**P** *Sarah Elizabeth Oelke*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**R** Amen.

*The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation.*

### **Sarah Elizabeth Oelke – Joshua 1:9**

<sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling her with both the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, she might continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

### *Brief silence for reflection*

**P** King of mercy, You entered Jerusalem in humility to bring salvation to Your people. As we begin this Holy Week, strengthen Your Church to lift high the cross and proclaim Christ's saving work with clarity and joy. Keep us steadfast in Your Word and faithful in our confession. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus, the crowds cried "Hosanna—save us now!" Hear that same cry from Your people today. Rescue those weighed down by guilt, fear, or shame. Draw near to the lonely, the anxious, and the despairing. Grant repentance where hearts are hardened and hope where spirits are crushed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Father, bless the nations of the world and all who serve in positions of authority. Give wisdom to leaders, justice to courts, and integrity to public servants. Protect those who serve in harm's way and grant peace where violence and conflict threaten human life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Compassionate Lord, look with kindness on the sick, the suffering, and the dying. Bring healing according to Your will, strength for each day, and confidence in Your abiding presence. Comfort those who mourn with the promise of Christ's victory over death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of steadfast love, bless the families of this congregation. Strengthen marriages, guide parents, and guard children. Make our homes places of forgiveness, patience, and prayer. Welcome newcomers among us and knit us together in the mind of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of faith and steadfast love, we rejoice today with **Sarah Oelke** as she confirms the faith You first gave her in Holy Baptism. Strengthen her with Your Holy Spirit, guard her from every temptation, and keep her steadfast in Your Word all her days. And, O Lord, as You renew Sarah in her confession, renew all of us who once stood before Your altar and vowed to remain faithful even unto death. By Your Spirit, keep us firm in the promises we have made, confident in the mercy we have received, and bold in living out our faith in daily life.

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of the Church, bless our life together around Your Word and Sacraments. As we remember our Savior's passion in the days ahead, deepen our faith, renew our devotion, and draw us to the cross where our salvation was won. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and confident in Your promise to save. We pray this in Jesus' name.
- C** Amen.

## **PREFACE**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** We pray the Lord's Prayer together.
- 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.*

## LAMB OF GOD

### DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Shout to the Lord” 2 Corinthians 1:3, Psalm 98

- 1, 4      My Jesus, my Savior  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love
- 2, 5      My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You
- 3, 6, 7    Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You
- 8        Nothing compares to the promise I have  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You  
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“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” 1 Corinthians 1:2-4

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my  
God  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood
- 3 See, from his head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled  
down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a  
crown
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too  
small  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all  
(Isaac Watts, Gregorian Chant, arr. ©1997 Marantha! Music CCLI #288089)

*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Gracious God, You have fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, who came in humility to answer our cry for rescue. Strengthen us through this Holy Supper that we may follow our King in faith, walk in His way of mercy, and bear His peace into the world. As we enter the days of His passion, keep our hearts fixed on His cross and confident in His saving love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

## **CROSS RECESSIONAL**

*Please face the cross as it leads us to serve the Lord in the world.*

## **CLOSING SONG - "The Maker"**

- 1 I see You in the sunrise  
I see You in the rain  
I see You in the laughter  
I feel You through the pain
  
- 2, 5 Everything that You have made is beautiful  
Oh, my God, I can't believe my eyes  
But in all of this to think that You would think of me  
Makes my heart come alive
  
- 3, 6 Your love is like a mighty fire deep inside my bones  
8 I feel like I could climb a thousand mountains all at once  
And I never have to wonder if somebody cares for me  
I love the Maker  
And the Maker loves me
  
- 4 I see You, You are creation  
I see the grandness of Your majesty  
The universe is singing all Your glory  
I can't believe You live inside of me
  
- 7 More than just some words upon a page  
You've shown me in a million ways  
But there is one that stands above them all  
Hands of creation on a cross

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