



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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PALM SUNDAY

(Series C)

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, 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 we commemorate the very first Palm Sunday when our King Jesus' entered Jerusalem triumphantly on the back of a donkey. There He was beheld and welcomed by worshipers who paved His pathway both with palm branches and articles of their clothing. They cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Similarly, with palm branches in our hands, we proclaim the glory, laud, and honor due our blessed Savior, who comes among us in His Word and Sacraments.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

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." LSB 438:1

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 – “Everything I Am” Philippians 3:8

1, 2, 3, 4 Everything I am, everything I have
 Everything I can I bring to You
 For You alone are worthy so I come to give You praise
 And everything I am I bring to You

5 Everything I am I bring to You

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 Hosanna!

C Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

C Hosanna in the highest!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

C We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.

P We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.
C **Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.**

P So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. 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! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy,
C **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen.**

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.**

OPENING SONG - "I Can Only Imagine"

- 1 I can only imagine what it will be like
 When I walk by Your side
 I can only imagine what my eyes will see
 When Your face is before me
 I can only imagine, I can only imagine
- 2, 4, 5 Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel
 Will I dance for you Jesus, or in awe of You be still
 Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall
 Will I sing hallelujah, will I be able to speak at all
 I can only imagine, I can only imagine
- 3 I can only imagine when that day comes
 And I find myself standing in the Son
 I can only imagine when all I will do
 Is forever, forever worship You
 I can only imagine, I can only imagine
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OLD TESTAMENT

Zechariah 9:9-12

(The King comes humbly on a donkey.)

- 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

(Paul reveals what the mind of Christ is.)

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

Psalms 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

Luke 19:28-40

(The Triumphal Entry.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

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

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, *“Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”* ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.

³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”

³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise 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
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

OFFERTORY - "I Need You"

- 1, 2, 4 Lord, look upon my need
 I need You, I need You
 Lord, have mercy now on me
 Forgive me, O, Lord, forgive me
 And I will be clean
- 3 O, Lord, you are familiar with my ways
 There is nothing hid from You
 O, Lord, You know the number of my days
 I want to live my life for You
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord of hosts, Your Son entered into Jerusalem amid shouts of “hosanna” and people waving palms. Give us hearts full of His mercy, and join our voices to theirs in these holy days, that we would humbly bow our knees at His holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord God, You have revealed the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. Guard Your Church against all her enemies. Empower her in the proclamation of the saving Gospel and in the works of mercy that make known Your love to those still in darkness and the shadow of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we may be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian fathers, that receiving Jesus and trusting in His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You establish governments and appoint leaders to exercise Your justice, promote virtue and protect the weak. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor, the legislature of this state, all judges and magistrates, and those who protect our liberty at home and abroad. Give us the will and desire to be good and faithful citizens, that we may not dishonor You by our words or conduct. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we bring before You the sick, distressed and needy [especially _____]. Give Your abiding comfort in every circumstance, that in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare His works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in Your name to save us from sin and death. As He visits us this day with His body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome His coming and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. 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.**

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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” Psalm 89:1

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
 As Thou hast been Thou forever will be
- 2, 4 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness
 Morning by morning new mercies I see
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
- 3 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
- 5 Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
 Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside
- 6 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness
 Morning by morning new mercies I see
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
 Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

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“Hide Me in Your Holiness” Colossians 3:1-3

- 1, 2 Hide me in Your holiness, every sin I now confess
 Praise to You, forgiving Lord
 Hide me in Your holiness, hide me in Your holiness
- 3 Hide me, hide me, hide me, Lord
 Won't you hide me hide me, hide me in your holiness
 Hide me in your holiness
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Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** 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.
- G** 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 - "Today is the Day"

- 1 I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus
- 2, 5 I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good
- 3, 6 Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day, today is the day
- 4 I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus
- 7, 8 I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
All my days I'll live for You (echo)
- 9 Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day, today is the day, today is the day
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