



**OUR
REDEEMER**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
Palmarum

Sunday, 24 March A+D 2024, 9:00 A.M.

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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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To learn more about The LCMS, visit www.lcms.org.**

News & Notes

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE: Be sure to join us for the many opportunities to contemplate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Thursday, March 28 th	7:00 P.M.	Holy Thursday Divine Service
Friday, March 29 th	1:00 P.M.	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
Sunday, March 31 st	6:30 A.M.	Easter Sunrise Divine Service
Sunday, March 31 st	7:30 A.M.	Easter Breakfast
Sunday, March 31 st	9:00 A.M.	Easter Day Divine Service

THERE IS NO CATECHISM VESPERS OR MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICE this week due to Holy Week. Both will resume next Wednesday with Catechism Vespers at 5:30 P.M. and Midweek Divine Service at 7:00 P.M.

ON EASTER MORNING during the Easter Breakfast and before and after the 9:00 A.M. service, we will be taking pictures of individuals and households to include in our 100th anniversary scrapbook. This book will be a picture directory, history, and cookbook and will be available for purchase later this year. Please plan on having your picture taken at some point that morning!

ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP REGISTRATION: Registration for the Ark Encounter Trip, June 26-28, is now open. For more information on the trip (including how to register), there are handouts in the church entrance on the youth coffee counter. For questions see or email Dave McFarland, damkrm@hotmail.com. Registration deadline is Easter, 3/31.

SPRING CLEANING? Help our local Habitat for Humanity by donating furniture! Notify Pastor Tom Mackey and he will even pick it up and deliver it 308-216-0563!

MIDWEEK LENT SUPPERS & SERVICES: We invite everyone to join us this Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 P.M. for our Lenten Supper, which is a Congregational Potluck. Catechism Vespers will take place at 5:00 P.M. each Wednesday during the season of Lent. Our Midweek Divine Service will take place at 7:00 P.M. Suppers and Services will continue for all the Wednesdays of Lent.

BOTTLES/CANS: The Youth Group wants your bottles and cans! You may drop off your bottles/cans at the church entrance bottle bin.

SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED! - Love to sing? Do you play an instrument? Come and join the Gsus Singers. Practice is every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 P.M. No commitment necessary. Join the fun!

Serving in God's House

MUSIC

ELDERS

ALTAR GUILD

Week of 3/24

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Dana Bey Bradley Linsmeyer	Maridol Bey
Thursday, 7:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Skip Schoenborn	Maridol Bey
Friday, 1:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Dana Bey	Maridol Bey

Week of 3/31

Sunday, 6:30 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Jim Reed	Lisa Swanson
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl Jim Reed	Lisa Swanson
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson

This Week's Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (24)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour
Monday (25)		
Tuesday (26)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
Wednesday (27)		
Thursday (28)	7:00 P.M.	Holy Thursday Divine Service
Friday (29)	1:00 P.M.	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
Saturday (30)	10:00 A.M.	Altar Guild Easter Decorating
Sunday (31)	6:30 A.M.	Easter Sunrise Divine Service
	7:30 A.M.	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 A.M.	Easter Day Divine Service

Attendance Report

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 3/17, 9:00 A.M.	118	88
Wednesday, 3/20, 7:00 P.M.	42	32



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Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184 with Procession of Palms

PROCESSION OF PALMS

The service begins this morning with the processional cross at the entrance to the nave. The congregation stands and turns to face the cross until it takes its place next to the lectern.

GREETING

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.

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

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” LSB 442

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

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.

Sit

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.

GRADUAL

Psalms 73:23b-24, 1

P You hold my right hand.

C You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

P Truly God is good to Israel,

C to those who are pure in heart.

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.

Stand

TRACT

Psalms 22:1, 4-5

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

P In you our fathers trusted;

C they trusted, and you delivered them.

P To you they cried and were rescued;

C in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-54

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had

fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Sit

APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 192

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” LSB 438

SERMON

“Hosanna to the King Who Raises the Dead!” John 12:12-19

Stand

OFFERTORY

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Sit

OFFERING

Stand

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