

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA Reconciling in Christ, Rejoicing Spirits, and Handicap Friendly Congregation

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Palm Sunday  
Sunday, March 24, 2024  
10:30 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons or take along a copy of this week’s children’s bulletin.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **Gathering Music**

The King of Glory Comes  
Megan McCormick, flute  
Weston B., cello  
Spirit Ringers

Israeli folk melody  
Setting: Hart Morris

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Celebration with Palms**

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;  
we will travel through betrayal and death,  
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,  
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

## **Processional Gospel - John 12:12-16 (NIV)**

A Reading from John.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival  
heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

**“Hosanna!”**

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

**“Blessed is the king of Israel!”**

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:  
“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.” At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

## **Blessing of Palms**

We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him,  
to cushion his walk.

**Setting aside all power, glory and might, he comes:  
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.**

Hosanna!

**Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,  
so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;  
through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **Procession**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of Christ. Amen**

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 50:4-9a

Translation: NIV

A reading from Isaiah.

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Hosanna to the holy one.

**Hosanna to the humble one.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Philippians 2:5-11

Translation: NIV

A reading from Philippians.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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

Hosanna to the holy one.

**Hosanna to the humble one.**

*Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel Mark 11:1-11**

Translation: NIV

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts.

He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Tami Reichley

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Filled with Excitement

LS Hymn #49



1 Filled with ex - cite - ment, all the hap - py throng  
2 As in that en - trance to Je - ru - sa - lem,  
1 Man - tos y pal - mas es - par - cien - do va  
2 Co - mo en la en - tra - da de Je - ru - sa - lén,



spread cloaks and branch - es on the cit - y streets.  
ho - san - nas we will sing to Je - sus Christ,  
el pue - blo a - le - gre de Je - ru - sa - lén,  
to - dos can - ta - mos a Je - sús, el rey,



There in the dis - tance they be - gin to see,  
to our re - deem - er who still calls to - day,  
a - llá a lo le - jos se em - pie - za a mi - rar  
al Cris - to vi - vo que nos lla - ma hoy



there on a don - key comes the Son of God.  
asks us to fol - low with our love and faith.  
en un po - lli - no al Hi - jo de Dios.  
pa - ra se - guir - le con a - mor y fe.





From ev - 'ry cor - ner a thou - sand voic - es sing  
Mien - tras, mil vo - ces re - sue - nan por do - quier: Ho -



praise to the one who comes in the name of God.  
san - na\_al que vie - ne\_en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.



With one great shout of ac - cla - ma - tion loud, tri - um - phant song breaks  
Con un a - lien - to de gran ex - cla - ma - ción pro - rrum - pen con voz triun -



forth: Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na to the king!  
fal: ¡Ho - san - na! ¡Ho - san - na\_al rey!



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na to the king!  
¡Ho - san - na! ¡Ho - san - na\_al rey!

## Prayers of the People

### *Invitation to prayer:*

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things,  
let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

### *After each petition:*

Humble King Jesus,  
**hear our prayer.**

### *Pastor's closing prayer:*

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace,  
and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

## **Peace**

Be the face of love for your neighbor.  
Share smiles of compassion and words of peace as we greet one another this day.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **Response to God's gifts**

The assembly responds to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please place your offering in the offering plates on the tables in the rear of the worship center.

The table is set.

## **Musical Offering**

Hosanna to the King  
Adult Choir  
Percussion Ensemble

Craig Courtney

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
People of God, lay down your coats and lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the One who comes in God's name.**

Let us praise God for the mighty works we have witnessed.

**It is right that we praise our God.**

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One. Your Son comes on a donkey in your name. As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins, enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body. Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread, and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together they be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

So with those who spread cloaks before you, and those who are sustained by your love, we join our voices, singing:

**Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Tree of Life Setting**

☐ Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,  
God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your  
glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### Word in Meal

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ came in triumph, **only to be rejected by us;**  
Christ died in sorrow, **only to be raised by you;**  
Christ will come again, **only to bring us to you.**

### Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

### Invitation to the table

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
Come to Christ, broken for you.  
**Amen**

The assembly is seated.

## Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.

### Agnus Dei

### Lamb of God

### Tree of Life Setting

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

### Communion Anthem

### Do This and Remember Adult Choir

### Stewart/Nix

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Prayer after communion**

Let us pray.

At this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

Now as we enter this holiest of weeks,  
the crowd has thinned out, it is eerily quiet.

The air has shifted, the palms have been trampled, the sky is gray;  
the joy has disappeared, the voices of victory are silent;  
the celebration for the arrival of our long awaited Hope is waning;  
the road ahead is long, but we are able!

We place our lives in your hands, because you are still good,  
and your goodness never ends.

**Amen**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

Go now and walk with Jesus towards Jerusalem.

Listen to his words,  
be with him on his journey.

Let his story linger in your heart and in your life  
and let him welcome you.

And may God, the Maker the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you  
this day and all your days.

## Dismissal

We tell your story; we follow in your footsteps.

**Lead us into Holy Week.**

We walk towards the city; we wait in the garden.

**Lead us onto holy ground.**

We journey towards death; we hope for resurrection.

**Lead us into holy joy.**

*The assembly is invited to be seated.*

## Sending Musical Offering

In Just Five Days

Words and Music by  
Ruth Elaine Schram

See how Jerusalem bends its knee, welcoming God's own Son;  
hear how they shout triumphantly: "Blessed is he who comes!"

They sing: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

They shout: "Hosanna!", but where will they be, and what will they say  
in just five days.

All alone, he sees, he knows what this week will bring,  
how their hearts will turn to stone. He cries, and yet they sing.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

They shout: "Hosanna!", but where will they be, and what will they say,  
in just five days?

Though he tried to explain, they cannot share in the coming pain,  
for they cannot picture their King suffering; so, they sing.

See how Jerusalem bends its knee, but where will they be,  
and what will they say, in just five days?

Five days....."Crucify him!"

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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Use your credit or debit card at the Giving Kiosk;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY: March 28**

12:00 pm Service

\*7:00 pm – Service with Stripping of the Altar

**GOOD FRIDAY: March 29**

**Stations of the Cross**

12:00 pm Service

\*7:00 pm Service

**EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION: March 31**

\*8:30 am Spirit Led

9:45 am Family Easter Celebration

10:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

\*11:00 am Festival Worship

Childcare will be available at all Easter services

\*In person & on Zoom

This year's Good Friday services will focus on the Stations of the Cross. The liturgy includes a series of Bible Readings telling the story of Jesus' journey to the cross on Good Friday. Each Bible passage will be depicted through art on the screens. You do not need to move to different stations. You will be invited to meditate on the art as you hear the Readings and listen to the message that follows each Reading.



## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor Mark Wimmer, Interim Senior Pastor  
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