

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2026  
8:30 am and 10:45 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 or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

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 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.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Confession

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action. So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives. Let us begin with confession.

Join me in prayer:

## Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth,  
**we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.**  
**You marched through the streets and walked on water.**  
**You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.**  
**Your good news was not confined to conversation.**  
**It was not confined to the Temple.**  
**Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.**  
**Holy God, we long for a faith like that.**  
**Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith**  
**to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.**  
**Inspire us to love as you loved.**  
**Inspire us to act.**  
**With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.**  
**Root us in mercy, justice, and love.**

## Words of Forgiveness

Church family,  
whether or not you wave your palm branch,  
whether or not you live out your faith,  
whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions,  
God will never stop loving you.  
Jesus will never stop marching for you.  
The Spirit will never stop listening to you.  
We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.  
What good, good news.  
**Amen!**

## Reading: Zechariah 9:9

A reading from Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
**Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**  
See, your king comes to you;  
**triumphant and victorious is he,**  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Procession

*During the Procession, the assembly repeats the following:*

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



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,



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.

*Refrain*

**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

We pray. Holy One,  
 if we've heard this story before,  
 the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey,  
**then help us to hear it again.**

And if we've never heard this story before,  
if we've never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna,"  
**then give us the wisdom to follow along.**

Give us the wisdom to hear these words.

Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts.

Give us the wisdom to act on their truth.

**We are listening.**

**Amen**

## WORD

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**Psalm 146:5-10** (Read responsively)

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from the Book of Psalms.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God,  
**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;**  
**who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.  
**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**  
**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.**  
**Praise the LORD!**

*Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

**“Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!**

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated.*

Please rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

The King of Glory  
Verses 1 - 4

W&P 136

*Refrain*



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?  
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;  
4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;  
5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



*Refrain*

He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

## Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.  
It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.  
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,  
so we believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
We have seen it alive in the world.  
And even when our hearts ache, even when wars rage,  
even when mercy feels out of reach,  
we remember the one who welcomed the children  
and led with nonviolence.  
We remember the one who cared for the vulnerable  
and inspired those around him.  
We remember that the good news really is good news,  
for we have seen it alive in the world.  
Thanks be to God! Amen

## Prayers

Friends, as we gather in this space, let us seek a moment of peace and guidance.  
Let us find a posture of reverence as we enter into a time of prayer together.

*Following the words, "Lord, hear our prayer," we sing:*

Bless-ed be God, who chose you in Christ.

Live in love as Christ loved us.

*Pastor's closing prayer.*

We thank you, God, for your good, good news.

We lift our prayers to you certain of your peace and presence in our lives.

**Amen**

## **Peace**

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.*

*During the Offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.*

*If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

## Verse 1



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## Offering Prayer

We pray. Holy One,  
**we come before you today with hearts full of praise, just as the crowds did on the road to Jerusalem. We recognize Jesus as our Messiah and our Savior. As we have given, we ask that you would accept these offerings as an act of worship. May our 'Hosannas' be matched by our generosity. Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is coming to be with you.

**And to be 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 in the highest!

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

With cries of "Hosanna!" on our tongues, we join our voices together to pray the words your son taught us to pray, saying:

**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**

Pull up a seat at God's table.  
There is good news to be shared here.

## **Distribution of Communion**

### **Communion Song**

O Young and Fearless Prophet

tune: Munich

**O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee,  
your life is still a summons to serve humanity,  
to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,  
to stand with humble courage for truth with strength endowed.**

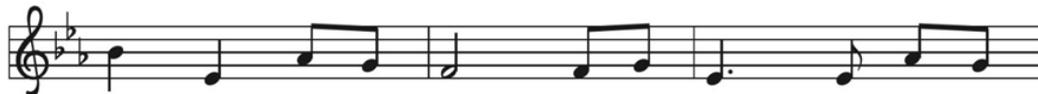
**We marvel at the purpose that held you to your course  
while ever on the hilltop before you loomed the cross,  
your steadfast face set forward where love and duty shone,  
While we betray so quickly and leave you there alone.**

**Create in us the splendor that dawns when hearts are kind,  
that knows not race nor station as bound'ries of the mind,  
that learns to value beauty in heart or brain or soul,  
and longs to bind God's children into one perfect whole.**

**O young and fearless Prophet, we need your presence here,  
amid our pride and glory to see your face appear,  
once more to hear your challenge above our noisy day,  
again to lead us forward along God's holy way.**



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



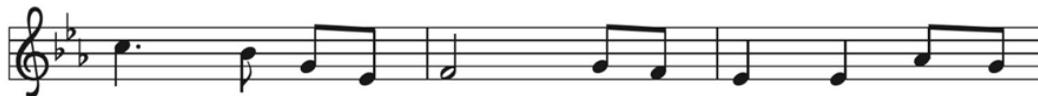
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

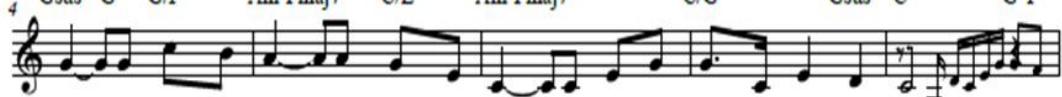
## VERSE

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Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent Him from Your  
Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and scorned Him as He  
I was so) lost I should have died; But You have brought me to Your

4 Gsus G G/F Am Fmaj7 C/E Am Fmaj7 C/G Gsus C G F



side, to walk up - on this guilt - y sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
died. The hum - ble King they named a fraud, and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of  
side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of

## CHORUS

(1) | 2, 3

9 C G C Am F G/F C/E C G/B Am Fmaj7 C/E



Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the ho - ly Lamb of

14 Gsus G G/F Am Fmaj7 C/E Am Fmaj7 C/G Gsus C G F



God. Oh, wash me in His pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## OUTRO

(1) || 2

19 C G C/G Gsus C G F C G F C

*D.S.*



I was so Christ, the Lamb of God.

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

We pray. Jesus our Lord,  
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 news, and your good news 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.

**Amen**

### **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.**  
Help us to remember the good news.....is inspiring us to act.

**Thanks be to God!**

**(8:30) Sending Song** *Please see next page.*

**(10:45)** *The assembly may be seated.*

**(10:45) Sending Musical Offering** In Just Five Days  
Spirit Voices

Schram



1 *San - to Cor - de - ro, en cruz cla - va - do,*  
 1 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross ex - tend - ed,  
 2 Mine is the trans - gres - sion that caus - es you to suf - fer.  
 3 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross for - sak - en,



*mue - res car - ga - do con mi mal - dad.*  
 all my sin you car - ry, the bur - den of my soul.  
 Mine is the re - bel - lion, but you re - ceive the blame.  
 for our sin you suf - fered, so far from God on high.



*¡A - mor ex - cel - so! Mis pe - nas pa - gas,*  
 What love a - maz - ing! What price un - bound - ed!  
 My guilt be - fore me, I come be - fore you;  
 Your life sur - ren - dered in mer - cy frees us;



*y por tus lla - gas sa - lud me das.*  
 Your bod - y, wound - ed, will make me whole.  
 Lord, I im - plore you, re - move my shame.  
 your name, O Je - sus, we glo - ri - fy.

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8:30 – Eric Kahler  
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8:30 – Charlotte Gross  
10:45 – Deb Stevens

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8:30 – Angie Niland, Linda Devine  
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8:30 – Adam Fermier  
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