

# Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

*\*Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup>“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup>It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. <sup>19</sup>The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Blessing of the Palms*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: 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 palms 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.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us go forth in joy.

*\*Palm Procession – “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” ELW 344*

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

- 1 **You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.** *Refrain*
- 2 **The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.** *Refrain*
- 3 **The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.** *Refrain*
- 4 **To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.** *Refrain*
- 5 **Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.** *Refrain*

*\* Confession and Forgiveness*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sharing Christ's Peace*

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

**C: And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

*Children's Sermon*

*Hymn of Praise: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

- 1 **Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**
- 2 **From Olivet they followed, a happy, joyous crowd,  
Their large palm branches waving; and singing clear and loud;  
The Lord of men and angels rode on in simple joy,  
And welcomed all the children; each little girl and boy.**
- 3 **"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  
And in His holy presence eternally rejoice!**

## WORD

*Reading:* Psalm 24

Reader: Carol Kilver

- <sup>1</sup>The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it,  
<sup>2</sup>for he has founded it on the seas  
and established it on the rivers.  
<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup>Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false  
and do not swear deceitfully.  
<sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the Lord  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
<sup>6</sup>Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.  
<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!  
<sup>8</sup>Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.  
<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!  
<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Gospel Reading:* John 19:16b-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon:* “The Two Parades”

*Song of the Day* – “Christ, the Life of All the Living” ELW 339

- 1 **Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**
- 2 **You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;  
for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**
- 3 **Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,  
for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;  
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,  
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

*\*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*Prayers of Intercession*

*Stewardship Time*

“The Holy City,” arr. H.W. Glenn  
*Duet – Susan Roegge and Pastor Adam Dichsen*

*–We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God through the use of our time, talents, and finances–*

*\*Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*\*Great Thanksgiving*

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 our thanks and praise.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen**

*\*Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

*Communion Songs*

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” ELW 345

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy passion;  
let your Spirit now endow me for meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish  
of your suff'ring, pain, and death, that I may not perish.**
- 2 Make me see your great distress, anguish, and affliction,  
bonds and blows and wretchedness and your crucifixion;  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,  
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.**
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone make me see your passion,  
but its cause to me make known and its termination.  
For I also and my sin wrought your deep affliction;  
this the shameful cause has been of your crucifixion.**

- 4 **Let me view your pain and loss with repentant grieving,  
nor prepare again your cross by unholy living.  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
that I may in heav'n above sing your praise forever.**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” ELW 634

- 1 **All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**
- 2 **O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**
- 3 **Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call  
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.**
- 4 **Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.**
- 5 **Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**
- 6 **Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

*\*Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: **Amen.**

*\*Closing Prayer*

# SENDING

## *\*Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## *\*Sending Song – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” ELW 324*

- 1 **In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 **When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3 **When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**
- 4 **Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.**

## *\*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Song Credits**

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The altar plants are donated today by the Dichsen family  
in celebration of Louis Dichsen's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday

## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Liddy Stark  
Greeter: Barb Fishback  
Reader: Carol Kilver  
Ushers: Angie & Mike Fenner  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
Musician: Susan Roegge  
Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen  
Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen  
Financial Assistants: Greg Kimler & Patty Nelson  
Chancel Committee: Kris Roth  
Coffee Host: Kay Schnitker



### Singers:

Maddie Crossin	Kelly Hartz	Adam Krohe	Cole Street
Benen Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Kris Roth	Melissa Street

### Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kevin Krohe	Monica Proefrock	Cory Street
Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker	John Williams

## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, March 29, 9:30am: Palm Sunday Worship      **Friends from Faith**  
11:00am: Discussion Group in the Justice Room  
1:00pm: Soup Lunch in the Great Room  
2:00pm: Lenten Cantata – St. John's Lutheran Church Choir

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library  
6:00pm: Easter Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 3, 7:00pm: Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 5, 9:30am: Resurrection Worship  
8:00am & 10:30am: Easter Breakfast in the Great Room

Wednesday, April 8, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Thursday, April 9, 10:45am: Outreach Core Team Meeting  
4:30pm: Worship Core Team Meeting

## News Updates

### Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

### Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion. Blessings, *Melissa Street*

### Palm Sunday Cantata -- *It Is Finished*

This choral Tenebrae service will be presented by the choir and chamber orchestra of St. John's Lutheran Church from Springfield under the direction of Matt Woodson **today**. We will have a small luncheon at 1:00pm followed by the Cantata at 2:00pm. The luncheon is \$5 and will include soup, sandwich, and a cookie. This very moving cantata will lead us into Holy Week. Please join us!

### Post-Service Discussions

After the service, grab some refreshments and join us in the Justice Room to further encounter the readings – and the sermon. *Naomi Hahn*

### Easter Choir

There will be 2 rehearsals at 6:00pm on **Wednesday, April 1 and Friday, April 3** (before the Good Friday service). Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in singing or **sign up at the tall counter by the Coffee Bar**. Copies of the music are available there.

### Easter Lilies

We have ordered 16 lilies to put in the Chancel for Easter. If you would like to give a lily in honor or memory of someone, please sign up in the Gathering Area and indicate whose life you would like to celebrate. **The cost per lily is \$12** – please put your money in the provided box (checks made out to Faith Lutheran Church noting *Easter Lily* in the memo line). After the Easter worship service, please take your lily home to enjoy.

### Easter Breakfast

Our Easter Breakfast will again be held both before and after worship. We realize that many have plans to gather with family and friends on this day, and an earlier breakfast may work better for your schedule. The men's breakfast crew will serve the meal from 8:00-9:15 before worship and resuming after worship. We could use some donations of Coffee

Cake; 2%, Skim, and Chocolate Milk; and Orange Juice – **please sign up at the Coffee Sales Counter**. A free-will offering will be taken for the ministry at Faith.

### **Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens**

Beginning after Easter, we will be purchasing flowers each week for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

### **Read the Bible in a Year**

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.

### **Bible Boot Camp and Faith Inkubators**

Pastor Adam is available to lead gatherings on April 12 & 19. If others would like to help provide a meal or lead a fun activity, please contact Pam Devlin, Carol Freesen, or Celeste Hill on our Discipleship Core Team or **sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area**. Our typical schedule is for Bible Boot Camp from 4:30-5:30, a meal for 15 people from 5:30-6:00, and Faith Inkubators from 6:00-7:30.

### **"Go. Together!" Synod Relation Trip, April 18, 9:00am – 4:30pm**

Join this one-day, synod-wide relation trip (formerly the synod-wide mission trip) to the Champaign-Urbana area, where we will serve neighbors in need and build relationships across our communities of disciples. Projects include work at Sola Gratia Farm, a bike rodeo with St. Matthew's Lutheran, Urbana, work at a clothing distribution center, painting and building projects at St. Andrew's Campus Center, projects with LSSI, and more. You pick your projects when you register! All projects are within a five-mile/15-minute drive of Good Shepherd.

Registration is open at [CSIS-ELCA.org/gotogether](https://CSIS-ELCA.org/gotogether). **Please register before March 31**.