

# *Salem Lutheran Church and School*

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Divine Services:

Sunday 10:00 AM; Wednesday 7:00 PM

**WELCOME** to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

**INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS** are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** and **PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON** are available in the narthex.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

**DOORS ARE LOCKED** after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

*On the cover: Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, Anthony van Dyck, 1617.*

*We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children  
to live loving lives in faith.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

## **LIFE THOUGHT**

When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, he gave up, washed his hands, called himself innocent, and let the Innocent One, our Lord Jesus Christ, be taken away and crucified (Matthew 27:24-26). As the world around us continues to call for the death of the innocent, it may seem that we are gaining nothing, and we will be tempted to wash our hands and give up like Pilate did. But the Lord, in His mercy, has given you a tongue to speak that you may sustain with His Word those who are weary (Isaiah 50:4). God grant us the strength to speak up on behalf of the innocent ones and let "every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11).

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

Preacher:	Pastor Martin Dressler
Organist/Pianist:	Elin Hogan-Gomez
Greeter:	Sharon Knabach
Prayer Team:	Fred Petty

*(Please silence your cell phones)*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WELCOME

### OPENING RESPONSORY

*Palm branches may be raised.*

P: Hosanna!

C: **Hosanna!**

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

P: Behold, your King is coming to you;

C: **righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey.**

P: Look! He has come to save us from our enemies!

C: **Hosanna!**

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C: **Hosanna!**

*As the organ prelude is played, all worshipers are invited to gather in the Narthex to participate in the Processional Hymn. Following the cross, those in the procession will travel up the center aisle to the chancel, then those in the pews by the side aisles. Those who choose to remain in their seats may turn and face the cross. The entire assembly is encouraged to wave their palm branches throughout.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (LSB 442)

*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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Brothers and sisters, “Hosanna” means “Please, save us now!” And it is *precisely* the cry we must have on our lips.

C: **We cry out for Jesus to save us from our greatest enemies—sin, death, and Satan.**

P: Then let us go to the Son of David and ask for His salvation.

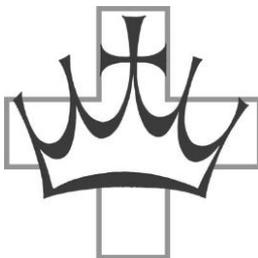
*Silence for reflection.*

P: Hosanna, Jesus!

C: **Save us now, Jesus! I confess that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have failed to do. Unless You rescue me, I will be overcome by the enemy. Help me. Rescue me. Save me, because I cannot save myself. Hosanna, Jesus! Save us now, Jesus!**

P: Jesus is the good King. He rules *over* you and *for* you. He is righteous and brings salvation with Him. Through His death on the cross, Jesus fought the enemy, and by His resurrection, He secured the victory. He *has* rescued you now and forever. In His stead and by His command, I forgive your sin in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!



## KYRIE (This Far By Faith)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**Refrain**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Refrain**

### Refrain:

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy; have mer-cy on us, O Lord.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 32:36-39*

The LORD will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants,  
when he sees that their power is gone  
and there is none remaining, bond or free.  
Then he will say, "Where are their gods,  
the rock in which they took refuge,  
who ate the fat of their sacrifices  
and drank the wine of their drink offering?  
Let them rise up and help you;  
let them be your protection!  
"See now that I, even I, am he,  
and there is no god beside me;

I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 118:19-29

*The leader will sing through the refrain once. The congregation is invited to join the second time, and as indicated throughout.*

The Lord is my strength, my strength and my song. The  
Lord is my strength, my strength and my song!

Open for me the gates of righteousness,  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.  
This is the gate of the LORD;  
he who is righteous may enter.  
I will give thank to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

#### C – Refrain

This is the LORD’s doing;  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
On this day the LORD has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Hosanna, LORD, hosanna!  
LORD, send us now success!  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

#### C – Refrain

God is the LORD;  
he has shined upon us;  
Form a procession with branches  
up to the horns of the altar!  
You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures forever!

#### C – Refrain

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 2:5-11*

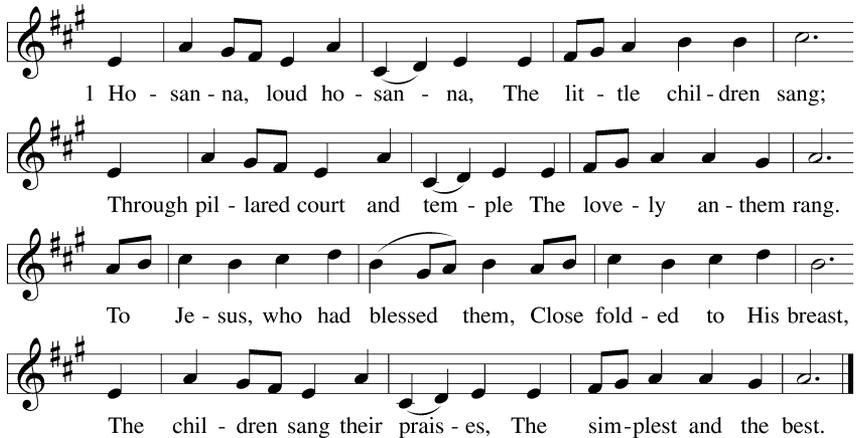
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (LSB 443, st 1)



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 12:12-20*

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

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

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So 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!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

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

His 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. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (LSB 443, st 3)**

3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;  
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.  
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice  
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joyce!

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821-80, alt.  
 Tune: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, 1784, Württemberg

# APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*(Please be seated)*

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON HYMN: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet (LSB 444)



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name

No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926  
 Tune: English; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, alt.  
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**SERMON: "The Mind of God"** Philippians 2:5 Pastor Dressler

**OFFERING** (*prayer requests*)  
*OFFERING VERSE - "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Psalm 118:22*

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Kingsfold"  
 Traditional English Melody  
 arr. Garrett Breeze

*(Please stand)*

**PRAYERS** - *Each petition concludes with "Lord, hear our prayer."  
 Congregation responds with verse below.*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
 U - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

*Translation: Where charity and love are found, God is there (based on 1 John 4:16)*

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# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.*

## PREFACE

LSB 177

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.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 962



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; 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, grant us Your peace.

Text: Traditional; tr. International Consultation on English Texts, alt.

Tune: Paul D. Weber, 1949

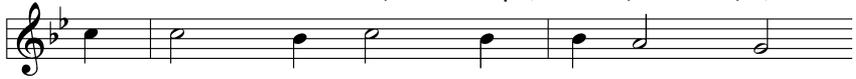
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(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: O Love, How Deep (LSB 544, stz 1-5, 7)**



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
Of high - er or low - er place,  
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
For us tempt - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-85, alt.  
Tune: English, 15th cent.



## Behold the Lamb (Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond



And we remem - ber the pro - mise made that all who  
 Eat and remem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that  
 Drink and remem - ber He drained death's cup that all may  
 and to remem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this  
 brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So we share in this  
 en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this  
 steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we share in His



bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our  
 bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our  
 bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our  
 suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace a - round the tab - le of the King.  
 bonds of love a - round the tab - le of the King.  
 bonds of grace a - round the tab - le of the King.  
 feast of heav'n a - round the tab - le of the King.

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## Cross of Jesus (LSB 428)



- 1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
- 2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
- 3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!
- 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
 Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
 O a ban - don - ment sub - lime!  
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,

Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,  
 Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,  
 Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing,  
 Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,

Per - fect God on thee has bled!  
 Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
 All the suf - fer - ings of time!  
 Per - fect God on thee has bled!

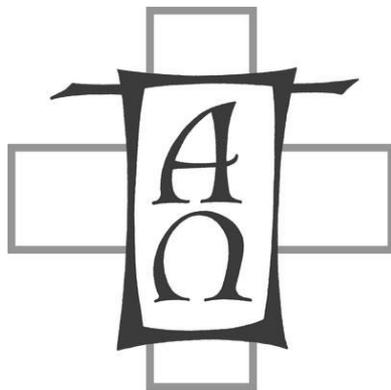
Text: William J. Sparrow Simpson, 1860-1952  
 Tune: John Stainer, 1840-1901

*(Please stand)*

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## CLOSING RESPONSORY

P: Brother, sister, listen carefully. Do you hear it? A steady beat grows beneath our joyful songs.

C: **Under our shouts of jubilation, a dark and sinister murmur begins.**

P: The day has come.

C: **The hour is at hand.**

P: What the disciples have tried so hard to avoid,

C: **what I would shun from myself,**

P: it is now upon us. Jesus will not turn aside.

C: **No, Jesus has set His face like flint.**

P: In a few days, He *will* accomplish His mission. He will drink the cup.

C: **He will face the cross, the judgment, the death, and the damnation that I deserve.**

P: Mark it well, brother. Attend with all your heart, sister. Let us follow Jesus through Jerusalem and make our way to the cross with Him.

C: **Amen.**

*The final Lent candle is extinguished, leaving only the Christ candle in the center illuminated.*

## SENDING HYMN: Ride On, Ride On In Majesty (LSB 441)



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.

Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, 1690, Hamburg, alt.

*Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - "[The Palms] are emblems of praise, and the signs of victory; because the Lord by death conquered death, and with the sign of victory, the cross, overcame the devil, the prince of death."

—St. Augustine (354-430)

### **PRAYER CORNER**

Almighty God, grant that Your holy word which has been proclaimed this day may enter into our hearts through Your grace, that it may produce in us the fruit of the Spirit for witness and service in the world and to the praise and honor of Your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Holy Week Worship Schedule:**

April 2, Maundy Thursday 4:00PM and 7:00PM

April 3, Good Friday 4:00PM and 7:00PM

April 4, Holy Saturday 7:00PM

April 5, Easter Sunday Sunrise IN THE CEMETERY! 6:30AM

April 5, Easter Sunday Festival **9:30AM**

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**OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS**  
**For the week of March 29 through April 5**

- TODAY: Palm Sunday**  
*Exodus 8:1-32; Hebrews 1:1-14*  
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM  
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM
- MONDAY: Exodus 9:1-28; Hebrews 2:1-18**  
\*\*\***Easter Lily orders due**\*\*\*  
Confirmation Class 7:00PM
- TUESDAY: Exodus 9:29—10:20; Hebrews 3:1-19**
- WEDNESDAY: Exodus 10:21—11:10; Hebrews 4:1-16**  
School Chapel 8:45AM  
NO DIVINE WORSHIP
- THURSDAY: Maundy Thursday**  
*Exodus 12:1-28; Hebrews 5:1-14*  
Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM  
Noon dismissal—school  
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 4:00PM & 7:00PM
- FRIDAY: Good Friday**  
*Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16; Hebrews 6:1-20*  
NO SCHOOL  
DIVINE SERVICE 4:00PM & 7:00PM
- SATURDAY: Holy Saturday**  
*Exodus 13:17—14:9; Hebrews 7:1-22*  
Egg Hunt 10:00AM  
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday**  
SUNRISE SERVICE in the CEMETERY 6:30AM  
Easter Breakfast 7:00AM  
**NO** Sunday School/Bible Class  
FESTIVAL SERVICE with COMMUNION 9:30AM

**A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD –Week of March 22, 2026**

Sunday School 9 students, 3 teachers  
Friday Bible Class 6

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, March 22 – **90**  
Wednesday, March 25 – **39+ 22**

Online views

Sunday, March 22, 10AM – **9**  
Wednesday, March 25, 4PM – **3**

Tithes and Offerings (Weekly Budget: \$8,200.00)

March 22: Physical-\$7,672.02; Online-\$1,098.25

**Total-\$8,770.27**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. BIBLE STUDY** No Bible Study on Easter Sunday. Join us for breakfast instead!

**2. TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** – We continue our practicing our Easter Sunday music preparations. The entire Sunday School took a trip to the balcony to practice there and get the feel of singing from the balcony. We also studied the story of Holy Week from Palm Sunday – Holy Saturday from Matthew 21: 1-11; 26: 14 – 27: 66. We learned how Jesus did everything perfectly according to our Heavenly Father’s plan for our salvation.

**NOTE:** *There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5. Sunday School will resume Sunday, April 12 at 8:45AM.*

**3. TO GIVE ONLINE**, head to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXSD/campaign/C-162XY>. There, you can set up your account. If you have any questions, please speak to Lisa Briggs, Elin Hogan-Gomez, or Nancy Joy.

**4. EASTER BREAKFAST:** Easter Sunday, April 5, 7 AM – 9 AM, there will be a breakfast served in the church basement. All are invited and welcome to join us for this delicious meal!

**5. EASTER LILIES** – It’s time to place your order for Easter lilies. They are \$16.00, and order forms are available in the Narthex. Please order by **TOMORROW, Monday, March 30.**

**6. OUR NEXT HYMN SING** is on April 19. It will begin roughly at 9:45AM and will take the place of the usual preservice music. We will focus specifically on selections from [LSB 457-490](#) and [LSB 644-669](#).

**7. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is set for June 15-18, from 5:45-8:15PM each evening. Don’t miss out on this fun week! Whether you attend as a participant or are able to give your time as an adult, these summer evenings are always great fun and full of learning more about Jesus. Even if you can’t come to all four evenings, we can use you! Sign up in the Narthex starting today and plan to join us for this excellent week!

**8. CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS** – Trivia night on April 11! Doors are at 6:00PM, trivia starts at 6:45PM. This event will be held at Lutheran High School South (9515 Tesson Ferry Road). Cost is \$30/person, or \$200 for a table of 8. To register or donate online, visit [cfnastl.org/trivia](http://cfnastl.org/trivia).

## EASTER EGG HUNT!

This year, we will again host an Easter egg hunt for members and friends, on **Saturday, April 19, at 10:00AM**. The event will feature craft and coloring opportunities, of course, eggs filled with candy and other treasures! We will have 3 areas set up to accommodate different ages.

If you were able to participate last year, you know that this was a very successful event, and we welcomed many from the neighborhood. **Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect!**

During the event, we need:

- folks to chat with the adults who bring their children
- people to offer light supervision of the crafting stations
- children of all ages to come hunt these eggs (invite your neighbors!)

Can't make it at 10? Great! Come earlier and help with a bit of setup. Can't make it until 10:45? Great! We'll put you on clean-up duty.

Haven't volunteered yet? There is ample time to do so! The more, the merrier. Call Elin in the Church Office (314-741-6781) so she knows to expect you!

**9. GET READY!!!!** *Get ready to join the new Bible Class every Friday from 10:30 - Noon. What is it? The Book of Luke. Begins in a week or so. Watch the bulletin. Do you have to read out loud? No! Do you have to answer questions? No! Do you have to do homework? No! But you will be encouraged to do so, so that you get more out of the class. Who is the teacher? Rev (retired pastor, Rev. Richard Thur). Where do we meet? Church basement. Come in the basement door. Can't make the first class? Start the following week or month. Where do you sign up? Print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Rev at 314-706-6232 for more information.*

**10. THE AMERICAN KANTOREI** will present the 1725 setting of Johann Sebastian Bach's St. John Passion at **3:00PM this afternoon** in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on the Concordia Seminary campus (801 Seminary Place). They will also present this Passion narrative on **Tuesday evening, March 31** at 7:30PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres (12345 Manchester Road). Both events are open to the public, and will feature soloists, choir, and instrumentalists. Sunday's performance will also be livestreamed at [csl.edu/live](http://csl.edu/live).

# Good Friday Treore Service

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## The Seven Last Words of Christ

April 3, 2026

12 Noon - 3:00 P.M.

*“Father, Forgive  
Them They Don’t  
Know What They’re  
Doing...”*

*Rev. Nathan Ruback*

*“Today You Will Be  
With Me in  
Paradise”*

*Rev. Dr. Martin Dressler*

*“Woman Behold  
Your Son”*

*Rev. Robert Briggs*



*“My God, My God,  
Why?”*

*Rev. Matthew Roeglin*

*“I Thirst”*

*Rev. Ellory Glenn*

*“It is Finished!”*

*Vicar Chuck Wallace*

*“Father, Into Thy  
Hands...”*

*Rev. Eric Stacy*

Public Cordially Invited — Come and Go to Fit Your Schedule