

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 - 10:30 am

A warm welcome to The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer!

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” The crowd welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is welcoming a savior. That is what “hosanna” means. “Lord, save us!” is the formal translation. We could also render it simply, “Help!” Help! Before we can even form the word itself we are calling “Help!” from our cradles. And we are paying close attention to whether our childish pleas are answered or ignored. Some of us learn quickly that when help is needed – whether because we are in actual danger, or because we are feeling a bit hungry, or just because we cannot reach the brightly-colored toy on the just-too-high shelf – help swiftly and surely comes. Some of us learn, just as quickly, that our cries for help fall on deaf ears. That dichotomy can shape the kind of people we become. Will help be there when we need it?

Help! That one word heard in a crowded public place causes our heads immediately, instinctively to turn to see who is in need. We have all seen strangers rush to the aid of someone they do not know, and will not ever know, to engage in staggering deeds of self-sacrifice. We have, also, all seen strangers bustle past the noisy cries of the apparently deranged, definitely unstable man or woman raging to the heavens for help and salvation from troubles too great for us to imagine and too vast for us to perceive. We have been both the stranger who helped, and the stranger who hurried by.

Help! From the throats of the people of Jerusalem in the days before Passover two millennia ago the ancient, primal cry rose to the ears of Jesus and before the throne of God. Help us! Save us! Hosanna! And from our throats, our hearts, our souls, ourselves the cry still rises. Does God hear? Will help come?

The answer we find in the days ahead is a resounding “Yes!” In Holy Week, we contemplate again the astonishing story of God’s salvation – God’s decisive action to help our helpless race. For the savior has indeed come. God has indeed heard the common cry of all humankind. God himself has drawn near to help us. And, shockingly, he has done so by taking on our helplessness.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hail to our Savior, our Friend, our Helper, our Lord. Welcome to Redeemer in Holy Week 2026.

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God’s love those within and beyond our congregation.

A place where God is at work!
All are welcome. No exceptions.

Those who are able, please gather outside in front of the church doors.

..... † **GATHERING** †

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

The Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Pew Bible page 802

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Compassionate One,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. 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.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. God of honor and celebration, **Together we cry, "Hosanna!" to your son, who rode willingly and bravely into Jerusalem. Hear us as we celebrate your anointed one, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

<We sit.>

SOLO

The Palms
Kristin Caughman, soloist

Jean-Baptiste Fauré

..... ✚ **WORD** ✚

READING

Psalm 24

Pew Bible page 436

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

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL READING

John 12:12-27

Pew Bible page 8

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, 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 of him and had been done to him. 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. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!" Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW Hymn 338

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

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "Hear us, O God," and the response is "Your mercy is great."
At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with ... in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
"Amen."*

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

..... † **MEAL** †

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY

What Shall I Render



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing



and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious Provider, ... through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

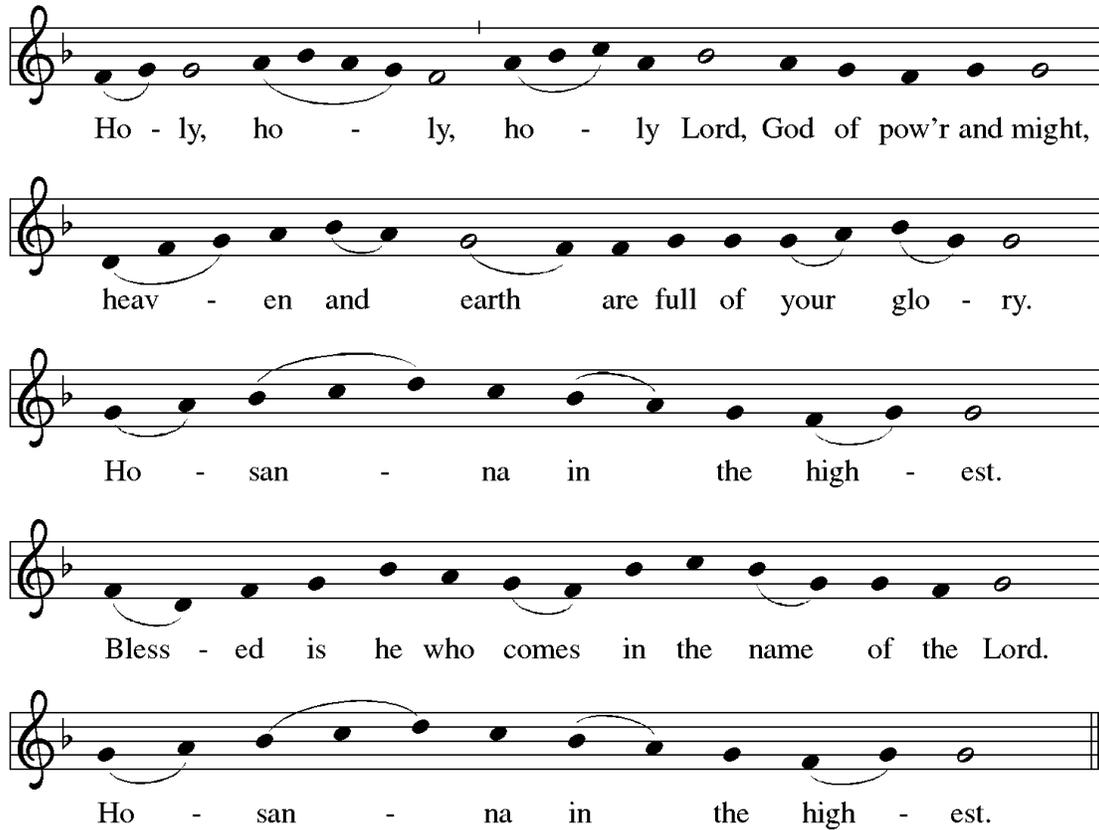
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW setting 5 page 162



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Come to the table. Feast on God’s goodness and mercy.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God’s love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host, ... in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

..... ✚ **SENDING** ✚

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✚ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW Hymn 349

<Please turn and face the rear of the nave.>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Michael Burkhardt

FLOWERS the front door spray flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harry Cromer, Sr. and Carolyn Cromer by John Cromer.

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt - join the Christian Education Committee for an Easter Egg Hunt this afternoon at 4:00pm in the FLC. A hot dog supper and Palm Sunday "Sundaes" will be served after the hunt. All are invited and encouraged to come!

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday - April 2, worship at 7pm in the church

Good Friday - April 3, worship at 7pm in the church

Easter Sunday - April 5: Sunrise Service at 7am on the front lawn; Worship at 10:30am in the church

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Intergenerational Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 11:40am-12:20pm Easter Egg Hunt - 4pm			Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	Maundy Thursday Service - 7pm	Good Friday Service - 7pm		Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 7am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship
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Worship Leadership - This Sunday
Worship Asst: Mary Alex Kopp
Acolyte: Miriam Titus
Crucifer: Zarek Reid

Maundy Thursday
Worship Asst: Joe Bucher
Acolyte: Dennis Caughman
Crucifer: Zoe Reid

Sunday, April 5, 2026
Worship Asst: Andrew Boozer
Acolyte: Elin Cary
Crucifer: Griffin Long

Comm Prep: Kathy Riggin
Altar Flowers: John Cromer
Ushers: Kathy Riggin, Nikki Chapman, Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

Bible Bearer: Ashleigh Titus
Torch Bearers: Henry Chapman & Thomas Boozer

Comm Prep:
Flowers: Betty & Benny Ferguson
Ushers: Chad Cary, Norris Long, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for Sunday, March 22, 2026:

Attendance:
 03/11: Mid-Week Lenten Service: 26
 Sunday School: 24
 In-Person: 71
 Online: 44
Total: 115

Offering:
 Gen Op Account: \$ 5,108.84
 Major Maint.: \$ 850.00
 Lenten Meals: \$ 65.00
 Special Flowers: \$ 116.00
 Choral Scholar: \$ 20.00
 Abiding Memorials: \$ 75.00

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director
A/V Team: Annette Belcher, Wayden Caughman, Nikki Chapman, and Matt Bowers

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 Crafting A Green World

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