

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Feast of Palm Sunday + March 24, 2024 + "Why, O Israel did you do this strange injustice? You dishonored the one who had honored you. You held in contempt the one who held you in esteem. You denied the one who publicly acknowledged you. You renounced the one who proclaimed you his own. You killed the one who made you to live. Why did you do this, O Israel? Has it not been written for your benefit: 'Do not shed innocent blood lest you die a terrible death'? Nevertheless, Israel admits, I killed the Lord! Why? Because it was necessary for him to die."

-Melito of Sardis, On the Pascha



## **DIVINE SERVICE III**

The service begins in the narthex outside the sanctuary. Please pick up a service folder and palm leaf before the service begins.

#### GREETING

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

- **C** Amen.
- **P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

#### COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### HOLY GOSPEL

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast 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 upon it, as it is written,

"Do not be afraid, O Daughter of 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 they had done these things to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** In the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL H	YMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor	#442
Re	<i>frain</i> : 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 Blessèd One. <i>Refrain</i>	
2.	The company of angels are praising You on high, Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. <i>Refrain</i>	
3.	The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present. <i>Refrain</i>	
4.	To You before Your passion they sang their hymns of praise; To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise. <i>Refrain</i>	
5.	Their praises you accepted; Accept the prayers we bring, Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. <i>Refrain</i>	

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

A time of silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination is observed.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

**INTROIT: DOMINI EST TERRA** 

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 24:7-10; Ant. Psalm 118:26



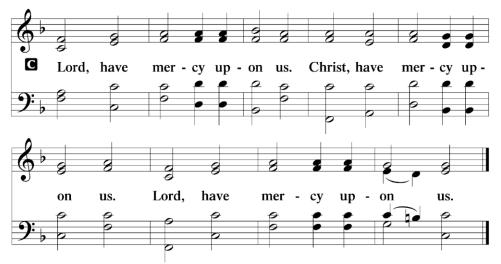
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\* We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

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, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them 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!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

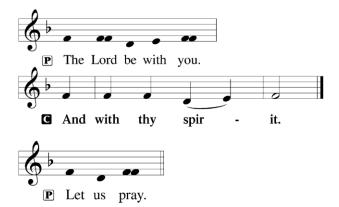
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

#### **Kyrie**

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



 P 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.



Please be seated

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey. on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off. and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### GRADUAL

Hebrews 9:12, 15; Psalm 111:9



[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,\* thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance. He sent redemption to his | people;\*

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

#### **EPISTLE READING**

Philippians 2:5-11

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became 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 confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Philippians 2:8b



He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the | point of death,\* Even death up- | on a cross.

#### Please stand

#### HOLY GOSPEL

 $\blacksquare$  The Holy Gospel + according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

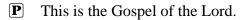
When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." John 12:20-43

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.





Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY	Not All the Blood of Beasts	#431
SERMON	Hosanna	
Please stand		
NICENE CREED I believe in one God, (Rom 10:10; I) the Father Almighty, (Mt 6:9; maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible a	Ex 6:3) I (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)	
and was made man; (Jn 1:14) and was crucified also for u He suffered and was buried	od, (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16) pre all worlds, (Jn 1:2) t, (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1) 2:9) h the Father, (Jn 10:30) tade; (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3) r salvation (1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23) n 6:41; Lk 15:20) Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Lk 1:34-35) us under Pontius Pilate. (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18) d. (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53) again according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4; Acts 1:9) of the Father. (Acts 7:55) ith glory (Mt 26:64) d the dead, (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)	Lk 24:6)
And I believe in the Holy Spir		

the Lord and giver of life, (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6) who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (Jn 15:26) who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17) who spoke by the prophets. (Eze 11:5) And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22) I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5) and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18) and the life + of the world to come. (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42) Amen. (Ps 106:48)

> Us men means all people. Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.



#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition of the prayer:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

For comfort, health, and recovery: Blair Alford, Faye Hartman, Rodney Mullen, Denee Smith, Sherri Smith, Terry Swisher, Leslie Thomas, John Weidner;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Lecil Hollis;

For those who are ill or distressed: Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Robert Kelly, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Rod Loose, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Leslie Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields, Will Nelson;

For military servants and their families: Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;

For foreign missionaries: especially Rev. Vance & Linda Becker;

This week's prayer family: The Nelson Family and their loved ones.

Please be seated

#### OFFERING

#### **OFFERTORY**

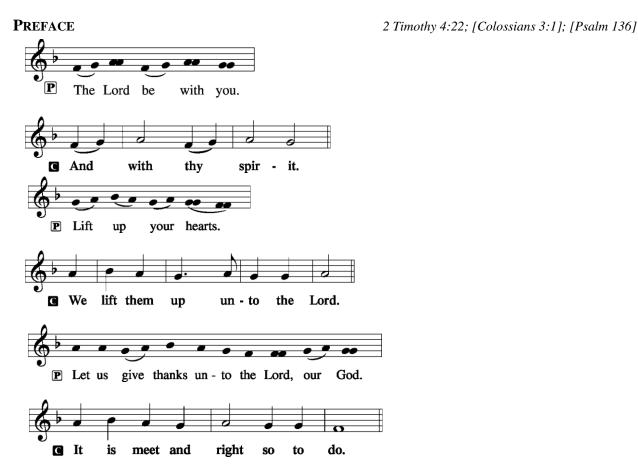
Psalm 51:10-12

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:





## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



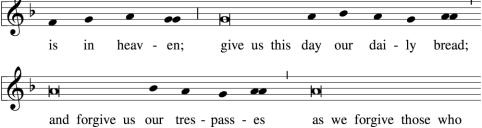
 It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again 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:

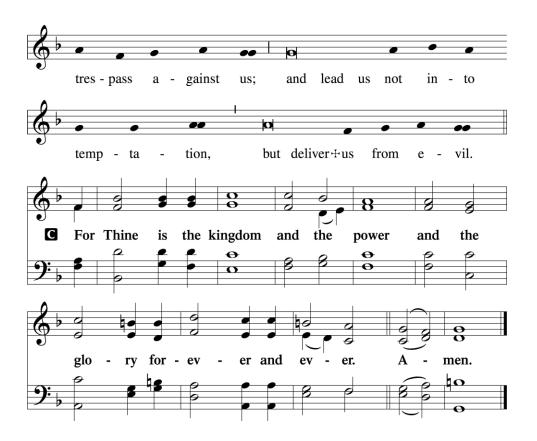


Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Matthew 6:9-13





#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

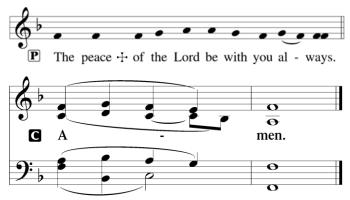
Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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 + 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 + 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**





#### **AGNUS DEI**

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:



Please be seated

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty	#441
Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted	#451
O Perfect Life of Love	#452

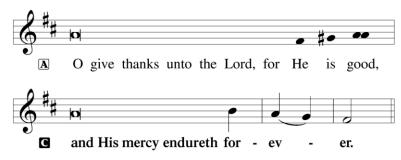
Luke 2:29-32

#### When all have received the Holy Supper, we stand to sing:





#### THANKSGIVING



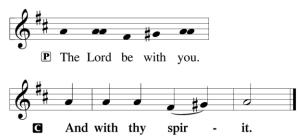
#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

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.



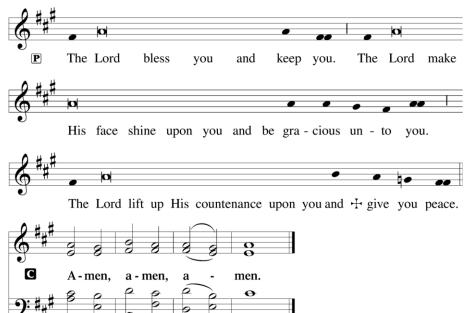
**SALUTATION** 



**BENEDICAMUS** 



**BENEDICTION** 



**CLOSING HYMN** 

#### **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

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Serving Today: Pastor: Rev. George Fields Torchbearers: Nathan Hansford, William Hansford **Interpreter:** Denee Smith Altar Guild: Mary Atchley

Elder: Keith Martin Organist: Sr. Sara Fields **Cantor:** Natalie Rudsenske

Holy Week Services: Today commences Holy Week, wherein we trace the steps of our Lord during His Passion. See below for service times:

> Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Chief Service Friday Saturday 8:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Divine Service Sunday

**No Lenten Dinner or Vespers this Week:** If you come to church Wednesday evening, you are welcome to pray as always, but alas, there will no dinner or vespers. See you *Thursday*!

**Easter Lilies:** You are invited to purchase one or more Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Day. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the foyer. The cost per plant is \$15. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. You may take your plants home after the service on Easter morning.

**Easter Brunch:** Our annual Easter Brunch will be held Easter morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m., complete with an Easter egg hunt for the kids! (There will be no Sunday School classes that morning.) If you would like to bring a dish to the brunch, please sign up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Come join the feast before *the* Feast as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

**New Sunday Morning LifeLight:** The Sunday morning LifeLight Bible study is beginning a new study on the Gospel of St. Mark. If you would like to join them, contact Bob Pedersen!

**No Bible & Breaky This Week:** Due to the Holy Week schedule, we will break from midweek studies this week and resume again next week.

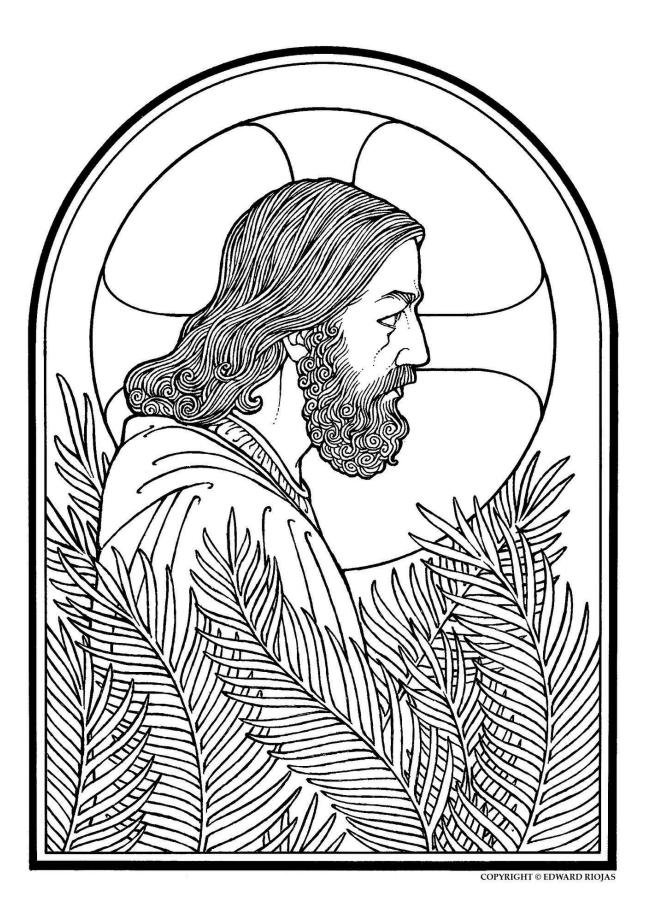
**Readings for next Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord:** Introit Ex. 15:1-2a, 6, 13, 17-18; Psalm 16; Isaiah 25 :6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16 :1-8.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: March 25 – March 31

Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Chief Service
Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt
-	10:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Service—The Feast of the</b>
		<b>Resurrection of Our Lord</b>



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