



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (please rise as you are able)

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

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

C. Hosanna in the Highest!

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 12, Verses 12-16:

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ 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.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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

The people raise their palm branches

P. 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.

C. Bless these branches and we who carry them.

P. 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 peace, **C. In the name of the Lord.**

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

C. Hosanna in the Highest!

GATHERING SONG "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

OPENING PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.** P. Let us pray,
C. Everlasting God, in Your endless love for the human race You sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In Your mercy, enable us to share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SONG OF PRAISE “Hosanna in the Highest”

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION *(Please rise as you are able)*

P. Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess You publicly as Lord of our lives:

C. Forgive us.

P. When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness,

C. Forgive us.

P. When we have betrayed Your love for us through our lack of love for You, for others and for ourselves:

C. Forgive us.

P. When we find ourselves glossing over the events of Your passion and death because we look forward to Easter as a time to enjoy holidays and have fun:

C. Forgive us.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, fix Your mind in us;

C. Remake us in Your likeness;

P. Empty us of all that hinders us from following You

C. to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist.

P. Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify You and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord.

C. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P. Hear the good news: “Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave ...and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.” *(Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b)* Through His obedience we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us.

C. THANKS BE TO GOD.

(Please be seated)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

R. The first reading is from the book of Philippians, Chapter 2, verses 5-11:

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R. This is the word of the Lord ***C. Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 31:9-16:

R. ⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

C. ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

R. ¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

C. ¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

R. ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

C. ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”

R. ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

C. ¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 15: 1-15:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹ And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ² And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ³ And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵ But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶ Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas.

⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹ And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³ And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged^[a] Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***C. Praise to you, O Christ.***

APOSTLE'S CREED *(Please rise as you are able)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

SERMON SONG "How Great Thou Art

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please rise as you are able)

(Offering plates located at rear-thank you thank you, thank you!)

P. The Lord be with you. ***C. And also with you.*** **P.** Let us pray,

C. The crowds offered You their coats to walk on; they waved palm branches, honoring Your presence. Today we honor You, Lord with these offerings. We lay these gifts before You, humble tokens of our love. Amen

Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud.

Please close your prayer concern with "Lord in your mercy".

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation:

**C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say, the words:
You are holy, Lord!**

Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord’s Prayer

BLESSING, BENEDICTION

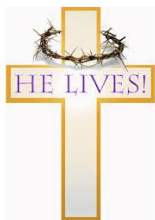
SENDING SONG “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

P. Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us. **C. Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Invite a friend or relative to join us in worship for these special services!



4/2 Community Good Friday Worship 7 PM
KEMA presents “The 7 Last Words of Christ”
College Park Church Community Center
1990 E. Jagerson Ave.



EASTER WORSHIP 4/4

8:30-9:30 Fellowship and light breakfast treats served by
W.O.W

10 AM Easter Worship

Join us as we resurrect the Alleluias and worship our risen



COMING UP:

- April 5-Council meets at church 5 PM
- April 11-Special Congregational meeting following worship

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Chorus All glory laud and honor
To Thee Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring

Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest
The King and Blessed One

Chorus

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high
And mortals joined with all things
Created make reply

Chorus

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present

Chorus

To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise

Chorus

Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King

Chorus

Hosanna in the Highest

Hosanna hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Chorus Lord we lift up Your name

With hearts full of praise

Be exalted oh Lord my God

Hosanna in the highest

Glory glory. Glory to the King of kings

Glory glory, Glory to the King of kings

Chorus

Repeat song

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye 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

Let every kindred, every 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

O 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

We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all!

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How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed

Chorus Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander and hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Chorus

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Chorus

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation, and take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

Chorus

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