

# Palm Sunday

Hosanna in the Highest



March 29, 2026 | 8:00 • 9:30 • 10:45 am

## **INVOCATION**

*Please rise as you are able and turn to face the processional cross.*

## **PRAYER**

Lord God, as the people in Jerusalem gathered to welcome Your Son, our Lord, when He came into His holy city, so we sing of Your coming among us today with songs of praise. Keep us steadfast in our hope and confession of faith throughout our lives that we may meet Him with grateful hearts when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

## **PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front 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, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN

## “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442, v. 1

### Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

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You are the King of Israel  
And David’s royal Son,  
Now in the Lord’s name coming,  
Our King and Blessèd One. **Refrain**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## HYMN

## “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB 443

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.

“Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O Lord, with the Palm Sunday crowd, we cry to You this day:  
Hosanna!

**People:** **Hosanna! Save us now, we pray!**

**Men:** *Save us for we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.*

**Women:** **Save us for we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

Pastor: Hosanna!

**Men:** *Save us, for we have not loved You with our whole heart.*

**Women:** **Save us, for we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: Hosanna!

**People:** **For the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David and the Son of God, have mercy on us. Forgive us and cleanse us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, so that through faith in Him you could receive life and salvation. It is in His name, the name that is above every name, that I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To Him be the glory. Hosanna!

**People:** **Amen. Hosanna!**

## CHORAL ANTEHM (8:00/9:30)

"Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

Mark Shepperd

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LENTEN VERSE



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-31 (NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Pastor: "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?"

Pastor: But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge--to the great amazement of the governor. Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them,

Pilate: "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

Pastor: For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him." But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

Pilate: "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

Pastor: The people answered:

**All: "Barabbas"**

Pilate: "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?"

**All: "Crucify him!"**

Pilate: "Why? What crime has he committed?"

**All: But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"**

Pastor: When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd.

Pilate: "I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your responsibility!"

**All: "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"**

Pastor: Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him.

**All: "Hail, king of the Jews!"**

Pastor: They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY      “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”      LSB 444**

*Verse 1 sung by Choir/Soloist.*

*No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet  
With banners and with drums,  
No sound of music’s martial beat:  
“The King of glory comes!”  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride  
No bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide:  
“Behold, behold your King!”*

And yet He comes. The children cheer;  
With palms His path is strown.  
With ev’ry step the cross draws near:  
The King of glory’s throne.  
Astride a colt He passes by  
As loud hosannas ring,  
Or else the very stones would cry  
“Behold, behold your King!”

What fading flow’rs His road adorn;  
The palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn  
The King of glory’s crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,  
The streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies,  
“Behold, behold your King!”

Now He who bore for mortals’ sake  
The cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant’s form to take,  
The King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior’s name  
Till heaven’s rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim  
“Behold, behold your King!”

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**SERMON**

**“And it Begins”**

**Pastor Barry**

**RESPONSE HYMN      “My Song Is Love Unknown”      LSB 430, vv. 1-3, 5**

My song is love unknown,  
My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

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Sometimes they strew His way  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify!”  
Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suff’ring goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

### **“O Savior, Precious Savior”**

**LSB 527, vv. 1-2**

O Savior, precious Savior,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
All other names above,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
Our holy Lord and King.

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O bringer of salvation,  
Who wondrously hast wrought  
Thyself the revelation  
Of love beyond our thought,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
Our gracious Lord and King.

### APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O God, with joy the people in Jerusalem greeted Your Son when He entered the holy city for the final time. Grant us both joy and heartfelt remembrance this day as we see through Your Word the entry of Jesus and all He will do over this week for our salvation. Give us a faith that moves us to gather together as we walk the path to the cross and the empty tomb. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant that the Good News of Your Son would be proclaimed throughout the world today through Your holy church. Give wisdom, faith, and boldness to pastors, teachers, church leaders and to the priesthood of all believers that they may share Your lifegiving Word to those near and far to You. Lord in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and guidance to all leaders throughout the world. Work through them as the God of all creation so that peace and righteousness may prevail. End all conflicts and wars, safeguard the vulnerable, and end generational hate and animosity. Lord in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

As we struggle with the challenges of living in a sin filled and fallen world, we pray that You would look upon all those who are sick, or injured, recovering, or waiting. We lift up especially today... Be the strength of the weary and bring restoration in accord with Your good and perfect will. Lord in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN            "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"            LSB 441, vv. 3-5**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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## **SENDING**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH ST. JOHN'S TODAY!**  
**If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.**



**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preacher: Pastor Barry  
 Liturgist: Pastor Snow  
 Pianist: Kristin Johnson  
 Choir: Messengers of Praise, directed by Dr. Katie Rolf

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Acolytes: 8:00 Hadley Schmitz/10:45 Hannah Davenport  
 Elder: 8:00 Zac Lewis/9:30 Pete Siedelman/10:45 Josh Peterson  
 Usher Team: 8:00 Jeff Rasmussen/9:30 Brian Dahlke/10:30 Craig Pauling  
 Welcome Team: 8:00 Gayle Degler, Gary Herber/9:30 Michael Bennes  
 10:45 Steve and Mindi Baker  
 Tech Crew: 8:00 Jason Eickhoff/9:30 Bennett McGlothlin  
 Coffee Hour: 9:00 Davenport Family

<b>UPCOMING WEEK</b>	
Monday, March 30	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Thursday, April 2	Messengers of Praise Rehearsal 8:00pm
	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion 4:15/7:00pm
Friday, April 3	Good Friday 10:00am/7:00pm
Sunday, April 5	Easter Sunday 7:00/8:30/10:00am

**In Thanksgiving**

The birth of a son, Wesley, to Tanner and Izzy King.  
 The wedding of Bill and Allison Walters.

## **Prayers for Healing and Strength**

Stephen Wetzel  
Anne Dutcher  
Brody Miller  
Tim Laubach

Sandra Lovan  
Lois Wenz  
Steve Lenzen  
Mary Swanson

Pastor Al Holthus  
Jolene Berg

## **Ongoing Prayers**

Carol Affeldt  
John Barney  
Merlin Bentz  
Jack Boman  
Jimann Campbell  
Julie Carver  
Marguerite Craighead  
Sunnie Deis

Anita Doss  
Sid & Merna Fjelstad  
Dennis Gaarder  
Ruth Harms  
Eugene Henke  
Carol Jones  
Len Kallsen  
Tracy Koepsell

Gretchen Laubach  
Marilyn Lenzen  
Melinda Meuwissen  
Steve Pond  
Cliff Waller  
Ruth Ziegler

## **Celebrating Birthdays**

3/30  
Ashlee Bahl  
3/31  
Evan Siegle  
Martin Sihombing  
4/1  
Lynn Hennen  
Becky Herreid  
Karl Wachter

4/2  
Caden Gilmore  
Brandon Olson  
Elise Wercinski  
4/3  
Logan Anderson  
Nate Goltz  
Kinsley Siegle  
Kenna Siegle

4/3  
Emily Watry  
4/4  
David Heacock  
Dennis Larson  
Drew Pandolfo

## **Expectant Moms**

Clara Crawley-Reid  
Christina Krueger

Brenda Simpson  
Brittany Thormodson

Kourtney Vipond

## **Celebrating Anniversaries**

4/2 Mike and Jessica Johnshoy  
4/3 Mark and Missy Young  
4/4 Tim and Darlene Peterson  
4/4 Spencer and Alexis Roxas

# HOLY WEEK *at* ST. JOHN'S

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2  
4:15 • 7:00 PM

## GOOD FRIDAY

April 3  
10:00 AM • 7:00 PM

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 5 | 7:00 • 8:30 • 10:00 AM

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