



# *Palm Sunday*

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**Saint Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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March 28-29, 2026  
5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.**

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# Welcome to St. Matthew

## AS WE GATHER

Today we enter the Great and Holy Week of our faith, the very heart and center of God's greatest act since the Creation itself—the salvation of mankind by the overthrow of sin, death, and the devil, and the restoration of all creation through the power of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. As we join the crowds welcoming Jesus, the one who comes in the name of the Lord, we plan to get swept up in the drama of the story many know so well.

## LITURGY

We are using the musical portions of Divine Service, Setting 3, during this season of Lent. It is tradition, because of the penitential nature of this season, that during Lent the alleluia's are omitted. We also will pause longer for the silence during the confession and absolution.

## PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ..... J. Wayne Kerr  
"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" ..... Otto Abel  
"All Glory, Laud and Honor, BWV 736" ..... Johann Sebastian Bach

## BELLS AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

# PALM SUNDAY ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

## ✠ The Gathering ✠

### WELCOME

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(We rise.)*

### INVOCATION

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

**People: And also with you.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God, our heavenly Father.

**People: Gracious God, we confess to you our sins of thought, word and deed. Forgive us for the times when our praises were just hollow, thoughtless words. Forgive us for praising you only when times are easy, and deserting you when the opposition seems formidable. Forgive us for lives that shout "crucify," rather than "hail, hosanna." Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ, whose way now leads to the cross for us. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

*(We turn to face the processional cross.)*

## OPENING HYMN

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”** ..... *LSB 442, stanzas 1,2,3*  
*Hymns are found in the back of this worship bulletin beginning on Page 9.*

## INTROIT *(spoken)*

*Psalm 118:19; St. Mark 11:9-10*

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Open to me the gates of righteousness;  
That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
The Lord is God and he has made his light to shine upon us.**

Pastor: Join the festal procession with branches  
up to the horns of the altar.

**People: You are my God and I will give thanks to you;  
You are my God; I will extol you.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## THE COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Most merciful God, as the people with palms in their hands gathered to greet  
your dearly beloved Son when he came into Jerusalem, 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; who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

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

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

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL St. Matthew 21:1-9

*(Jesus enters Jerusalem on His way to His death.)*

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!"

*(ESV)*

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Facing the processional cross, we then turn and face the altar.)*

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

**Refrain:** All glory, laud and honor  
To you, Redeemer King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

**Stanza 4:** To you, before your Passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. *Refrain.*

**Stanza 5:** Their praises you accepted;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. *Refrain.*

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Glory to God in the highest.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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 Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*(We are seated.)*

## ✠ The Word of God ✠

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9

*(Isaiah prophesies the Messiah's sufferings.)*

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?  
*(ESV)*

**EPISTLE** Philippians 2:5-11

*(At the name of Jesus.)*

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. (ESV)

*(We rise.)*

**VERSE**

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God,

**People: For He is gracious and merciful,**

Pastor: Slow to anger,

**People: And abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** St. Matthew 20:17-19

*(Jesus predicts His death and resurrection.)*

And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day." (ESV)

*(We are seated.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" ..... LSB 531**

**SERMON**

*(We rise.)*

**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.

**PRAYERS (After each portion of the prayers...)**

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,  
People: Hear our prayer.

**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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

**OFFERING and SIGNING OF THE FELLOWSHIP BOOK**

*(Please sign the red fellowship book located in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.)*

**CHORAL OFFERTORY (SUNDAY ONLY)**

**"How Blest Is He Who Comes"** ..... *Alfred V. Fedak*

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| 1. Let us rejoice in Christ, whose Kingdom is at hand! He comes to be the Lord of Life in ev'ry life and land. Hosanna in the highest! How blest is He who comes! | 2. When, lowly born, He came, for us condemned to die, They brought Him to Jerusalem with this triumphant cry: Hosanna in the highest! How blest is He who comes! |
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Rejoice that now He comes to us in those who walk His way,  
To make this stricken world His own, and ev'ry day His day.

3. Then let us yield to Him the loyalty He claims, and never cease to celebrate the Name above all names. Hosanna in the highest!  
How blest is He who comes!

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**☩ The Lord's Supper ☩**

**PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.** *Colossians 3:1*  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *Psalms 136*

**PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THE SACRED WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI** (*The Peace of the Lord*)

John 20:19

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

People: **And also with you.**

*We greet one another with the Lord's peace.*

**AGNUS DEI** (*Lamb of God*)

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(We are seated.)

**HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

- “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” ..... LSB 443
- “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ..... LSB 549

**✠ Sending ✠**

**NUNC DIMITTIS (Song of Simeon)**

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
People: and His mercy endureth forever.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
People: **Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”..... **LSB 441**

**SILENT PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”..... Stephen P. Johnson**

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*Reaching the lost and encouraging the found with the saving grace of Jesus Christ*

*Holy Week Worship Schedule*

*Maundy Thursday*  
7:00 PM

*Good Friday*  
*Noon and 7:00 PM, No Communion*

*Holy Saturday*  
*No worship service*

*Easter Sunday*  
*7:00 AM and 10:00 AM*

**“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



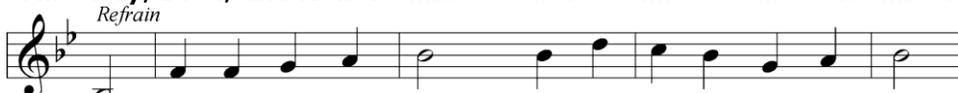
tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



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.

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**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”** ..... LSB 442, stanzas 1,2,3



*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;



*Refrain*  
 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.

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**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”** ..... LSB 443



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

**“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”** ..... LSB 531



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er  
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast  
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed  
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ..... LSB 549**



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 The wormwood and the gall,  
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry 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.

7 Oh, 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.

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