



Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
March 29, A+D 2026



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified

“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming.” He comes in gentle humility, “sitting on a donkey’s colt,” yet also as the King of Israel “in the name of the Lord” (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service “to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face “from disgrace and spitting” (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that “after his resurrection” we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52-53).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Palm Sunday Worship

Children’s Palm Procession – *The Sunday school Children will begin our Palm Sunday with a Palm Procession. The congregation will stand*

to face the Processional Cross, which will lead the procession. During the procession, the congregation will sing "Hosanna It's Jesus!"

Hosanna It's Jesus!

Chorus: Hosanna, Hosanna,
blessed is He, Who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna, Hosanna,
blessed is He, Who comes in the name of the Lord!

- 1 Son of David, the King of Israel
Our Salvation, it's Jesus! Jesus! (Chorus)
- 2 Peace in Heaven and glory to the earth.
Hosanna in the highest! it's Jesus! Jesus! (Chorus)
- 3 Rejoice greatly, behold your King has come.
Our Salvation, it's Jesus! Jesus! (Chorus)

Stand

Invocation

P 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 for Palm Sunday

P Let us pray.

P 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**

Gospel for Palm Sunday*John 12:12–19***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And 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!"

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.****Blessing of the Palm Crosses****P** The Lord be with you.**C** **And also with you.****P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P We praise and thank You, O God, for the great acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path.

P We ask that You bless these palms and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Jesus as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our

Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Distribution of Palm Crosses

Stand

Responsive Verse

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

Sunday of the Passion Worship

Confession and Absolution

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

Absolution

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P 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

A The Old Testament Reading for Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion is from the fiftieth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

⁴The 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.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷But 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.

⁸He 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.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

A The Second Reading is from the second chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with
God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form
of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in

human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and 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.**

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Children's Message

588 Jesus Loves Me

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–43

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, 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. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If 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.

²⁷"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. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it

said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."
³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So 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?" ³⁵So 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. ³⁶While 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. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so 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?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"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."

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

⁴²Nevertheless, 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; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

sts. 1–4

Sermon

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

sts. 5–6

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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C 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.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



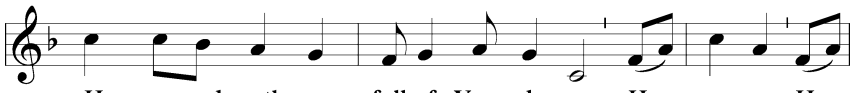
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, 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:

Sanctus*LSB 161*

C 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. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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**

The Words of Our Lord

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

requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

547 The Lamb

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

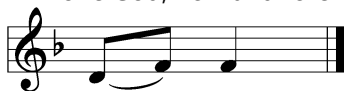
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

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- P** 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.

**Duet: Give Me Jesus***Rev. Dr. Allan Buss & Tracy Gribbin**Silent Prayer**Announcements***Acknowledgments**

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Holy Week

Thu, April 02, 2026, 7:00 PM

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

Behold My Servant - The Exalted Lord

Fri, April 03, 2026, 7:00 PM

Good Friday

Behold My Servant - The Dying Lord

April 05, 2026, 7:00 AM

The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:30 AM Easter Breakfast



The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

March 29, 2026

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Chris Carr
 Diana Carr
 Nicholas & Dana Carr
 Nathaniel Conway
 Judy Diekelman

BIRTHDAYS

Brian Wiltjer, 4/4

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Dean Bloom, 3/31

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Madelaine Zander, 3/30	Sondra Budde, 4/2
Hope Krieger, 4/2	Kaylee Krieger, 4/2
Dean Bloom, 4/4	Sandy Bodza, 4/4
Mary Sella, 4/4	

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Pastor Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray & Madelaine Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Dakota Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Harrison & Arianna Cromey, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at www.splcms.org/worship.



St. Paul Book Club will meet on Wednesday April 8th at 10:00 am, to review *The Ritual Bath* by Faye Kellerman. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Christ For You the week of March 29th on KFUE.org: A blessed Holy Week to you! Join us for worship on Maundy Thursday with a broadcast from Peace Lutheran Church in St. Louis at 11:30 a.m. CT. Tune in on Friday at 10 a.m. CT for a Good Friday German service, broadcast from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wartburg, IL. Following our Good Friday service, we will be broadcasting the three-hour long Tre Ore service (commemorating the three hours Jesus hung on the cross), live from St. Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis from 12:00-3:00 p.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

The Week of March 29th Podcast Programming for Holy Week...

Issues, Etc. is a podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Judas; the Lord's Supper & Closed Communion; The Holy Week Hymns "The Royal Banners Forward Go," "Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle," "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

"No place on earth should be a safer refuge for that tiny innocent child than the womb, the place of racham, the place of mercy. Abortion invades and destroys that refuge, that mercy, at its very source. Sadly, abortion has become a part of the brutalization of human life, a sad commentary on the cruelty of human nature." Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan— A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

"My Soul Is Troubled"

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" John 12:27-28a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 12:27-29



H L S M R H R T R H P Q T N N
 V O I C E C V E R F E P L R A
 W E E O M V R B A O L A F T M
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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

March 18th Attendance 20

March 22nd Attendance 19, 17 Communed, 5 Online

Envelopes	\$552.00	Weekly Missions	\$30.00
Basket	5.00	Church Maint	20.00
Lenten	261.00	Social Ministry	935.00
Fellowship	115.00		
Budgeted Total	<u>933.00</u>	Non-budgeted Total	<u>\$985.00</u>
Offering Needed	1,342.00		
Short	\$-409.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday		
Sunday	7:00 am	Easter Worship Service
	8:30 am	Easter Breakfast

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Mar 29, 9:30 AM	Sun, Apr 5, 7:00 AM
Pastor	Pastor Buss	Pastor Buss
Lay Reader	Bill Sommer	Norma Allen

Let's Discuss

ZOOM ROOM

MONDAY – FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am

Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm

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