

WELCOME

**PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
SAT. MARCH 23/SUN. MARCH 24, 2024**



“STEP BY STEP”

AS WE GATHER

Today’s processional Gospel looks at the first day of Holy Week, and the Passion carries us on to Jesus’ tomb. Throughout the entire week, and since His transfiguration, our Lord has moved toward the cross step by step. Despite opposition from crowds and His circle of friends, He has been determined to love us to death so that He might open heaven to us by the grace of God. Zechariah had written about the procession centuries earlier, and Paul proclaims that God the Father has exalted Jesus for His steadfast commitment to our salvation. But this is no mere history! We also are called to follow, to live through each day, step by step, faithful under various circumstances yet confident of mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN AND CHOIR PROCESSION

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *LSB 442*

(all children invited to join the choir in the procession)

1. All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
And David’s royal son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming,
Our King and Blessed One.

2. All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply.

3. All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present

. 4. All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

5. All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,

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

When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Today is the beginning of Holy Week. We shall recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.

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

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

(LSB, page 186)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Lead On, O King Eternal”
Sturtleff/Smart

EPISTLE LESSON *Philippians 2:5-11*

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Philippians 2:8b*

Pastor: He humbled Himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death,

People: even death on a cross.

GOSPEL LESSON *John 12:12-19*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”
LSB 813

Sts. 1,2,3,5,6

**1.Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks,and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king.**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**2.With voice as full and strong
As ocean’s surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**3. With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**5. still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day.**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**6. At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest.**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ, our Lord; who step by step obediently went to the cross to overcome sin and death and give salvation to all who believe; and so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise Your name and sing:

SANCTUS HYMN
(*Tune: LSB 442*)

“Sing Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Sing holy, holy, holy To God the Three in One.
With saints and angels praising—Our vict'ry He
has won.**

**The earth and all creation Sound forth His
awesome praise.**

**With them we lift our voices And hymns of joy
we raise.**

**Sing holy, holy, holy To God the Three in One.
With saints and angels praising—Our vict'ry He
has won.**

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew*
26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1
Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

THE 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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “To Thee, O Christ, Our Savior”
(Tune: LSB 442)

**To Thee, O Christ, our Savior,
O Lamb of God, our King,
We bend the knee in homage;
To Thee our praises bring.
In mercy You pressed onward,
All sin fully to pay,
And on the cross You opened
A new and living way.**

**To Thee, O Christ, our Savior,
O Lamb of God, our King,
We bend the knee in homage;
To Thee our praises bring.**

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+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- *are baptized and confirmed*
- *believe Christ's words*
- *repent of their sins*
- *fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- *anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Lamb of God”

LSB 550

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“All Glory to the Father” (*Tune: LSB 442*)

**All glory to the Father, And glory to the Son.
All glory to the Spirit, While endless ages run.
Hosanna in the highest,
From earth and heav’ns above.
For trespasses forgiven,
Praise God’s triumphant love.**

**All glory to the Father, And glory to the Son.
All glory to the Spirit, While endless ages run.**

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, gracious God, for the gift of Your Son’s body and blood, by which we are assured that His victorious death and resurrection mean grace and every blessing now and into an eternity with You. Strengthen us by this Sacrament that we may serve You constantly in faith and fervent love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

CLOSING HYMN

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

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark!
All the tribes hosana cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garment strowed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. 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.

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

5. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:
“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
known to others”**

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- **Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**

- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski**
 - **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie**
Stan & Cheryl Grey
Dawn Oswald, Josh Walton
- **WHO ARE THE PEOPLE WE ARE TRYING TO REACH?** All are invited on Monday, April 8, 3:00pm, for pizza and a presentation on the demographics of our community. How old are your neighbors? How much do they earn? What is their education? What do they think about things? We want to understand them better so we can reach them better with the Gospel. Please join us!
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** Scheduled services will be held in spite of inclement weather. Please use your best judgment to determine if you can safely attend.
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: George Kelm
Communion: Jim Tonkinson
Acolyte: Danica Olsen
Ushers: Gary Estes & Gary Schaetten
Fellowship: Phyllis Klen

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Brian Larie
Communion: Jim Tonkinson
Acolyte: Grace Urban
Fellowship: Tami Voigt

BIRTHDAY
3/25 Yecenia Medina

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week
3/25/24 – 3/31/24

Thursday:	6:00pm	AA Meeting
	7:00pm	Maundy Thurs. Worship
Friday:	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
Saturday:	9:30am	Easter Vigil
Sunday:	7:00am	Easter Sunrise Worship
	8:00am	Easter Breakfast
	9:30am	Easter Worship
	7:00pm	AA Meeting