

WELCOME

PALM SUNDAY

SAT. MARCH 28/SUN. MARCH 29, 2026



Theme of the Day: With the coming of Christ, God’s promise to send a messiah who would deliver God’s people from all their enemies is fulfilled. The fervor and excitement at the prospect of his coming carried the people away – but little did they understand all that his coming would mean as the week unfolded.

WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/yVbTecAZKLw?si=vy8ymUk8jxyZFbV4>

- 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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, 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: 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.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Job 41:20-34

²⁰ Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke,
as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.

²¹ His breath kindles coals,

and a flame comes forth from his mouth.
22 In his neck abides strength,
and terror dances before him.
23 The folds of his flesh stick together,
firmly cast on him and immovable.
24 His heart is hard as a stone,
hard as the lower millstone.
25 When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid;
at the crashing they are beside themselves.
26 Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail,
nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.
27 He counts iron as straw,
and bronze as rotten wood.
28 The arrow cannot make him flee;
for him, sling stones are turned to stubble.
29 Clubs are counted as stubble;
he laughs at the rattle of javelins.
30 His underparts are like sharp potsherds;
he spreads himself like a threshing sledge on the mire.
31 He makes the deep boil like a pot;
he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
32 Behind him he leaves a shining wake;
one would think the deep to be white-haired.
33 On earth there is not his like,
a creature without fear.
34 He sees everything that is high;
he is king over all the sons of pride.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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

Pastor: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father, David.

People: **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.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

People: **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, ² 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.

³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ 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!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress”

LSB 656

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/CPclGIRb4M8?si=Hh6SJjQ5Q9uRTAmp&t=18>

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon,
He helps us free
from ev’ry need
That has us now o’er taken
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might**

Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
With might of ours
can naught be done
Soon were our loss effected,
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord.
And there's none other God:
He holds the field forever.

Though devils
all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not over pow'r us
This world's prince
may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's Judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The word they still
shall let remain
Soon were our loss effected,
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life.
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won,
The kingdom ours remaineth.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we admit that we are in a battle with a crafty and cunning enemy.

People: Your word calls him Satan or Accuser.

Pastor: He seeks to kill, steal and destroy.

People: In fact, he is likened to a monster called Leviathan.

Pastor: Who is connected with death,

People: Who is a deceiving serpent.

Pastor: And who is even a deadly dragon.

ALL: On earth is not his equal!

People: Yet we believe this devil is under your control.

Pastor: He has fallen from heaven like lightning.

People: Indeed, the day is coming when he will be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur.

Pastor: We claim this victory—our victory—on Palm Sunday.

People: Secured when Jesus died.

Pastor: And sealed when he was glorified.

ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!

✠Additional Prayers✠

Pastor: Hear these, and all our prayers, loving Father, for we pray in the all-powerful name of Jesus.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

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 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 singing:

SANCTUS

(LSB 507, St. 1 & 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye 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. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

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

**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

“Lamb of God”

LSB p.198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.**

✠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

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/4QLFZApE6AY?si=7-ozfVPthaqX8SC&t=23>

**1.I come, O Savior, to Thy Table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**2. Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art;
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**4. Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**5. What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/vQdnBcNWzlk?si=n0SAHveXsUMa83d0>

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son,
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Mighty Lord, in Your Son we have witnessed the flower of Your eternal love and the power of His saving will. Give us Your Holy Spirit that, having been made one with Him in our baptism, we show forth the fruits of His redeeming work in holy lives and in faithful voices raised in witness to Him who died for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/HPSKbXpudU?si=96Znwoh0pJu-3vZZ&t=8>

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 “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!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Lina Schall and Patti Falipiak will be playing select music on
Salturday**



Preacher (Sat.):	Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
Liturgist (Sun.):	Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
Sat. Organist:	Lina Schaal
Sun. Organist:	Gail Feick
Choir Director:	Gail Feick
A/V Team:	Brian & Amanda Larie, Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald

- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests. We are not collecting prayer request cards.**
- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP: We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami**

Voigt.

- **HOPE’S TWIN LAKES FOOD PANTRY DONATION LOCATION-**The donation location is moving from under the coat rack to the wire baskets at the top of the stairway to the lower level. Signs on the baskets identify which baskets are for Twin Lakes Food Pantry and which are for the Sharing Center. Thank you for your support of these ministries.
- **There are sign up sheets in the narthex for the *EASTER BREAKFAST*.**
 - *If you would like to bring an egg casserole, fruit, bagels, muffins, juice, milk etc., please sign up.
 - *If you will be attending please sign up and include the number of people attending the breakfast.
- **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AS FOLLOWS:**

April 2 - Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm

April 3 - Good Friday: 7:00 pm

April 4 - Saturday: 9:30 am

April 5- Easter Sunrise: 7:00 am

Easter Breakfast: 8:00am

Easter Worship: 9:30am

THIS WEEK

Reader: Erna Wishnew

Communion: Mike Gomski

Ushers: Joseph & Trina Metz

Fellowship:

Altar Guild: John & Peggy Tueting

NEXT WEEK

Reader: 7:00am Sunrise: Dawn
9:30am Worship-Gary Estes
Communion: Peter Voigt
Ushers: Paul & Carol Trettin
Fellowship: Peter & Tami Voigt
Altar Guild: Peter & Tami Voigt

BIRTHDAYS

4/2 Kyle Wachholder
4/4 Kenneth Kelley

ANNIVERSARIES

3/31 Erv & Mary Hintz

Calendar of Events This Week

3/30/26–04/04/26

Thursday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast
Elders Meeting
6:00pm AA Meeting
7:00pm Maundy Thursday

Friday: 7:00pm Good Friday

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

Sunday: 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service
8:00am Easter Breakfast
9:30am Easter Worship Service
7:00pm AA Meeting