

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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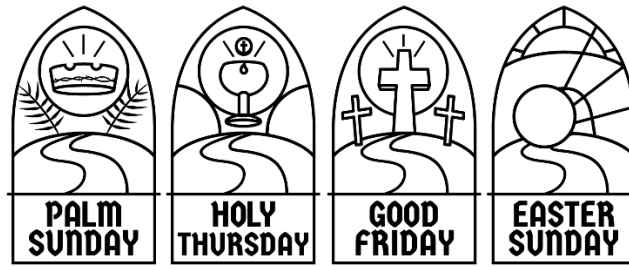
**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- ❖ Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- ❖ There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

**PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 29, 2026**

**LOOK UP—TO SEE YOUR KING**



## **SERIES THEME:**

In the world's first week, God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. The pattern was set. In the world's greatest week, God redeemed the world in six days. And on the seventh day, the Son of God rested in the tomb, the Sabbath of all Sabbaths.

When you see the suffering of our Savior on your behalf this week, you may be tempted to look down, hanging your head in shame. You may be tempted to look around at everything disappointing in this world and shake your head. But God encourages you to look up. Your redemption is near!

## **THEME OF THE DAY:**

You are going about your daily business. There is a crowd. You are easily distracted by all the activity. It's a holiday, and there are extra things to prepare. It is easy to focus on your personal task at hand and lose sight of the bigger picture. Focus! Look up! There is a King who presents himself so humbly that you might miss the importance of his arrival. Hail the King who humbly comes to save us!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INVOCATION <sup>1</sup>

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

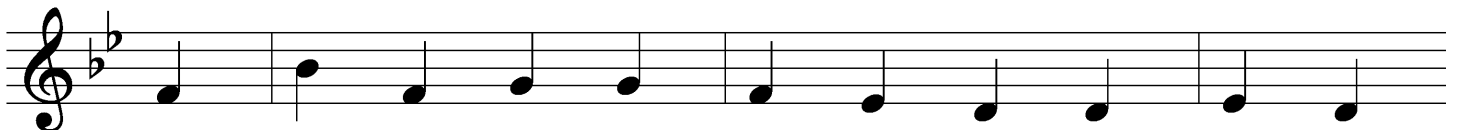
P: Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

**PROCESSION OF PALMS** (*The congregation sings Ride On, Ride On in Majesty while the children process in with palms.*)

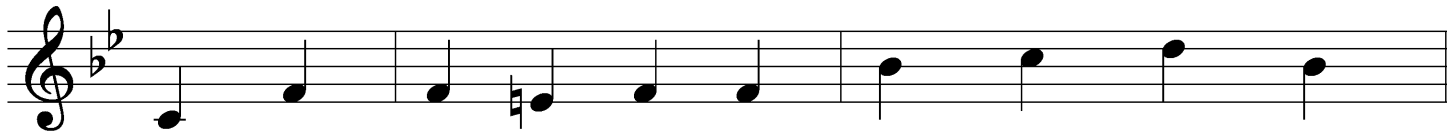
## 411 RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY



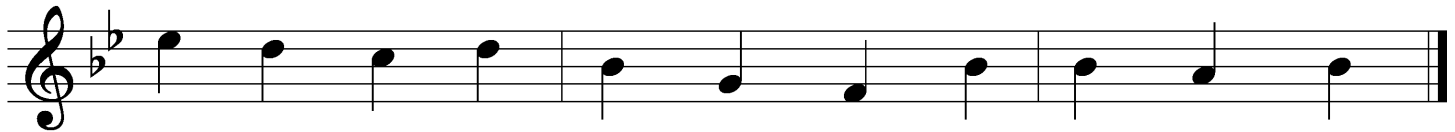
1	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj - es - ty!	Hark!	All	the
2	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj - es - ty!	In	low - ly	
3	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj - es - ty!	The	an - gel	
4	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj - es - ty!	Your	last	and
5	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj - es - ty!	In	low - ly	

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<sup>1</sup> The Invocation, which uses the words spoken over us at our baptisms, reminds us of who we are (children of God) and what we are members of—the church of God on earth.



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your 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 your meek head to



sue your 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 th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.  
 mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

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**JOY ON THAT DAY** (*Sung by the Sunday school children.*)

There was joy on that day. There was joy in the presence of Jesus.  
 There was joy on that day, as the children waved the palms.  
 As they welcomed the King, sang their praise to the Son of David,  
 There was joy on that day, as the children waved the palms.

“Hosanna, loud hosanna,” the little children sang.  
 Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem ran.

There was joy on that day. There was joy in the presence of Jesus.  
 There was joy on that day, as the children waved the palms.  
 As they welcomed the King, sang their praise to the Son of David,  
 There was joy on that day, as the children waved the palms.  
 There was joy, joy, joy!  
 There was joy on that day. There was joy!

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS <sup>2</sup>

- P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**
- P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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<sup>2</sup> Publicly confessing sins might seem like a strange practice to those not familiar with it. But to confess our sins is to speak the truth about our lives. To confess our sin is to state our agreement with God's just verdict that we have sinned against him and so deserve only death and hell (1 John 1:8-10). The truth of our sinfulness is answered by the truth of God's forgiveness for the sake of the suffering and death of his Son. From the lips of a pastor "called and ordained" as a servant of the Word, we hear God himself speaking absolution – that is, the forgiveness of sins. To that forgiveness faith says, "Amen," that is, "Truth."

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

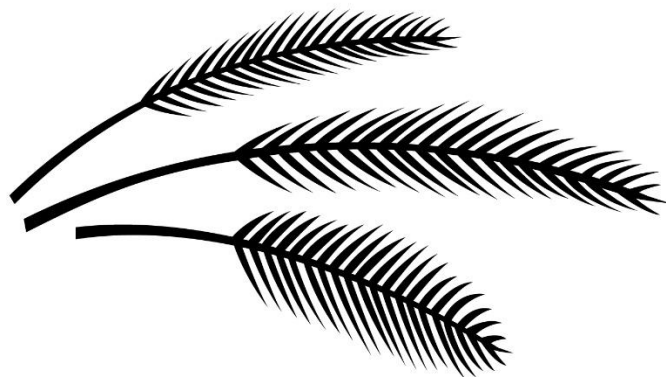
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY<sup>3</sup>**

P: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



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<sup>3</sup>The Prayer of the Day is a short general prayer that makes a request of God based on the theme of the day. It is (normally) a five-part prayer: 1) Address; 2) Basis for the petition; 3) the Petition; 4) Reason for the petition; 5) Conclusion of praise to God.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## FIRST LESSON: ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

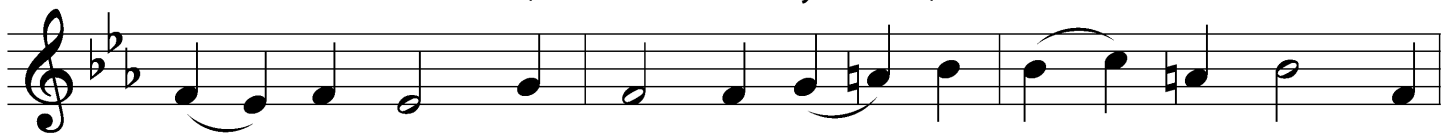
His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

## 305 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU MIGHTY GATES <sup>4</sup> *(There will be a brief interlude between verses 2 and 3.)*



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of  
2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, his char - iot is hu -  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the rul - er



glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; the  
mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, his  
is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes to

<sup>4</sup> The Church sings Psalm 24 in services on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent and Palm Sunday, both anticipating the arrival of Christ the Lord. The psalm is a processional liturgy for the entrance of the King of glory into Zion.



Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion  
 scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our  
 whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of



he will bring; there - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To  
 woe he brings; there - fore the earth is glad and sings. To  
 joy is he who comes to set his peo - ple free. To



God the Fa - ther raise your joy - ful songs of praise.  
 Christ the Sav - ior raise your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
 God the Spir - it raise your hap - py shouts of praise.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Georg Weiszel, 1590–1635 Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

## SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 <sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,  
 did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own  
 advantage;

<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing  
 by taking the very nature of a servant,  
 being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
 he humbled himself  
 by becoming obedient to death—  
 even death on a cross!

<sup>5</sup> Every eye will see Jesus exalted.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## VERSE OF THE DAY <sup>6</sup>

JOHN 12:23

P: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

## GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 21:1-11 <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>"Say to Daughter Zion,  
'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

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<sup>6</sup> It is the custom of the church that *Alleluia* is not spoken or sung in the church from Ash Wednesday until Easter morn. It is omitted from the Verse of the Day, the hymns, and liturgical songs. We stifle our joy during the season of Lent as we prepare to observe the Passion of our Lord. But the church will shout *Alleluia* again on Easter morning as she rejoices at the entrance to the empty tomb.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your head to join the chorus of praise for King Jesus.

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## 413 HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA



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 - ult - ant crowd,  
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” that an - cient song we sing,



thro' 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 roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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## Rejoice!

- I. Your King Brings Justice
- II. Your King Brings Peace

APOSTLES' CREED<sup>9</sup>

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	<i>2 Cor. 6:18</i> <i>Is. 51:13</i>
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.	<i>1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18</i> <i>Lk. 1:35</i> <i>Lk. 1:34; 2:7</i> <i>Lk. 23:16</i> <i>Mt. 27:32-61 et al.</i>
He descended into hell.	<i>1 Pet. 3:19</i>
The third day he rose again from the dead.	<i>1 Cor. 15:4b</i>
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.	<i>Ac. 2:33-34</i> <i>Heb. 1:13</i>
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	<i>Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1</i>
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.	<i>Mt. 3:16-17</i> <i>Eph. 5:23</i> <i>Eph. 4:3-6</i> <i>Rom. 4:6-8</i> <i>Ecc. 12:7</i> <i>1 Th. 4:17</i>

<sup>8</sup>The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

<sup>9</sup> Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

# THANKSGIVING

## OFFERING

The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:



This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.

## 511 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH <sup>10</sup>

### LORD'S PRAYER <sup>11</sup>


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.

### 412 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

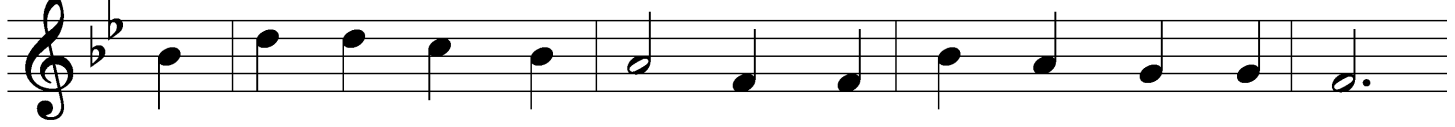
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All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,



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,

*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.

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<sup>10</sup> Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given us by Christ himself. Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

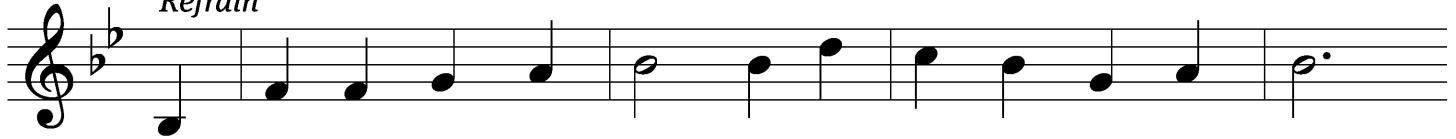
## THE LORD'S BLESSING <sup>12</sup>

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

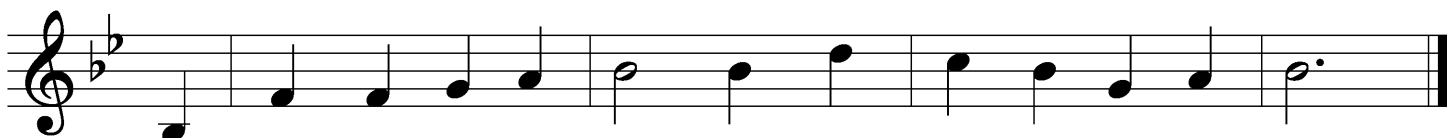
C: Amen.

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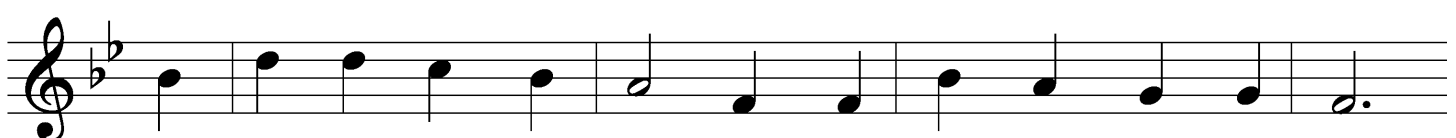
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All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,

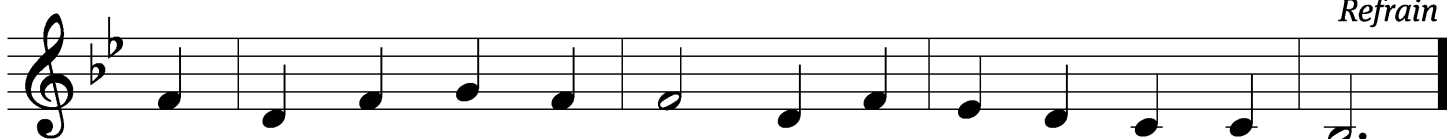


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

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<sup>12</sup> As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

*The altar flowers are given by Ryan and Tai Hintz in celebration of their 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32      1 Corinthians 15:1-11      Matthew 28:1-10

## SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5:

Nursery:    4/2: Aubrey Moore  
              4/3: Lisa Seltz  
              4/5: 7:00 AM Lisa Seltz  
                  10:00 AM Jamie and Sawyer Davis

Ushers:    4/2: Brad Lewellen and Adam Kock  
              4/3: Daniel Davis/Matthew Turner/ Aaron Jacobs  
              4/5 7:00 am Terry Kardatzke/Tim Lenart/Daniel Davis  
                  10:00am Larry Williams and Bob Davis

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study	9:45-10:45 AM
Lord's Supper	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays (not on 4/5)
Youth Grade Confirmation	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Men's/Women's Sunday Night Bible Study	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Bible 101	Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
Choir	Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
Iron Sharpens Iron	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:30 AM

## Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday	4/2, 7:00 PM
Good Friday	4/3, 7:00 PM
Easter Worship	4/5, 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM
Easter Breakfast	4/5, 8:30 AM
Children's Activities	4/5, 9:00 AM



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**Adult Bible Study:** Stewardship is the lifelong management of all the resources God has given us. That includes a quickly-depleting resource called "time." So much competes for it. Taking the time to manage the time we have left has huge implications on how we individually and as a church use it for Christ and each other. "A Time for Everything" is a stewardship series to draw attention to the precious time we have left in our lives. On Sunday mornings during the Bible study hour (9:45am), we will discuss how God would have us steward these important times:

- A Time to PRIORITIZE
- A Time for PERSPECTIVE
- A Time to PLAN
- A Time to PAUSE

**Please note there will be no Bible Study or Sunday School on April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Help Needed 4/2:** Volunteers are needed to disassemble the preschool classroom in preparation for Easter breakfast. This will take place on Maundy Thursday (4/2) after the service. Plan to stick around and help! Contact John Dale ([john.dale@coslutheran.com](mailto:john.dale@coslutheran.com)) with questions.

**Easter Breakfast:** We will have Easter breakfast following the 1<sup>st</sup> service on April 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship area for food/helpers. Contact Sarah Fowler ([sjfowler@comcast.net](mailto:sjfowler@comcast.net)) if you have any questions.

**Easter Lilies:** If you would like to donate an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning, please bring it during Holy Week (no later than April 3) and place it in the conference room. Please contact Sara Kueck (office@coslutheran.com) with any questions.

**Holy Week Devotions:** Our synod's called worker training school, Martin Luther College, will be offering a digital series of Holy Week devotions. To get a copy emailed to you daily during Holy Week, sign up at this link: <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/#email> or use this QR Code:



### **Camp South 2026**

**WHO:** Students entering grades 4-9.

**WHAT:** Get ready for the most fun you'll have this summer at Camp South! With incredible activities like Tough Mudder, zip line, inflatables, and massive group competitions, you're sure to have a blast! The camp also features inspiring worship and the opportunity to make more new friends than you can count.

**WHERE:** Georgia FFA Camp, just outside of Atlanta.

**WHEN:** July 20-24, 2026

**HOW:** Register online now at [coslutheran.com](http://coslutheran.com) . The cost is \$365 per attendee and will be collected later.

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