# March 24, 2024 **Palm Sunday** Lord of Life Lutheran Church

### WELCOME

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing songs of loudest praise!

Hosanna!

Sing songs that are unashamed.

Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid.

Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

#### **PROCESSION**

**HYMN** 

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

#344

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise! We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.

However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.

Too often we stay quiet.

Too often we let others carry the song.

Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade

but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.

Show us which songs are ours to sing.

Show us which parades are ours to lead,

and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.

With hope and honesty we pray, amen.

#### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace,

your Word is like a song.

It is the melody that we long to sing,

the refrain that we pray will get stuck in our heads.

So as we return to scripture once more,

we pray that you would allow us to sink into this song.

Allow us to hear the truth in between the words.

Allow the cries of the crowd's "hosannas" to feel like our own.

With open hearts and open ears we pray, amen.

# **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





### THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:12-16

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!'

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,

sitting on a donkey's colt!'

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

#### MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING Suzanne Bowen

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

#807

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERTORY** I Come with Joy #482

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

# **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

#359

SENDING

Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | Graphic Design by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Liturgical Items Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted and streamed by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS002100.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.