

The background of the poster is a vibrant green with a marbled, textured appearance. Overlaid on this are several long, dark, diagonal strokes that resemble the fronds of a palm tree, creating a sense of depth and movement.

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024,
10am
Facebook Live

PALM

SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

BLESSINGS OF THE PALMS

(The congregation raises their palm branches as the Thanksgiving begins)

P: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

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 our 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. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him 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.**

P: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

GATHERING SONG "He Is Exalted"

Verse

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

Tag

He is exalted, the king is exalted on high

GATHERING PRAYER

SONG "In His Time"

Verse 1

In His time in His time
He makes all things beautiful
In His time
Lord please show me ev'ry day
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say
In Your time

Verse 2

In Your time in Your time
You make all things beautiful
In Your time
Lord my life to You I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time

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“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, our God

You reign forever
Our hope, our strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of all the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.

Song “Come Home Running”

Verse 1
Oh heart of mine
Why must you stray
From One so fair
You run away
And one more time
You have to pay the heaviness
Of needless shame

Verse 2
Oh heart of mine

Come back home
You've been too long
Out on your own
And He's been there all along
Watching for you down the road

Chorus

So come home running
His arms are open wide
His name is Jesus
And He understands
He is the answer
You are looking for
So come home running
Just as you are

Verse 3

Oh child of God
So dearly loved
And ransomed by
The Savior's blood
And called by name daughter and son
Wrapped in the robe of righteousness

(Repeat Chorus)

Tag

Come home running just as you are

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It's Your Blood"

It's Your blood that cleanses me
It's Your blood that gives me life
It's Your blood that took my place
In redeeming sacrifice

Washes me whiter than the snow, than the snow
My Jesus, God's precious sacrifice

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

MILESTONE - 4TH GRADE BIBLES

Amelia Celeste Sparks

Taylor Annabelle Colby

Macy Layne Abbott

Liam Valerio Zuniga

Beatrice Catherine Van Wyk

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - *Lutheran Border Concerns: Unfortunately, many families have lost their homes due to severe flooding. At LBCM, we support our community in times of need. We are committed to providing as many new homes as we can to those affected by the storm. Please consider helping to rebuild and create a brighter future for our neighbors.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

SECOND READING *Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek*

personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL *The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.*

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

“All My Hope”

Verse 1

I've been held by the Savior
I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river
I ain't the same a prodigal returned

Chorus

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood

Verse 2

I'm no stranger to prison
I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same
That's why I sing

(Repeat Chorus) x2

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Charles Taylor, Suzanne Till, Nancy Fahien, Cindy Fallon, Barbara Berg, Neil Vann, Barbara Vann, John Michel, James Vadis, Ralph Jerzy, and Heather Staib-Jerzy and family at the death of her father William and Carol Bruns at the death of her mother. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially Derek Bergeson, and Howard Reese.*

DEDICATION OF THE PRAYER QUILT:

Mike & Jana Feyedelem,

Sponsors: Bernie & Jim Tomsovic & the TLC Congregation

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG “The Blessing”

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

(Repeat Verse)

Chorus

Amen

Amen

Amen (X2)

(Repeat Verse)

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG "The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

(Chorus)

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

(repeat chorus)

Tag

I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

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