A decorative border of various tropical leaves, including palm fronds and monstera leaves, surrounds the central text. The leaves are in shades of green and purple, set against a dark green background.

March 29, 2026  
8:30am Worship  
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.

Busy Bags for kids and children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

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Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

### PRE SERVICE *Piano*

### HANDBELL PRELUDE "Festival Procession"- Frey

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### 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 we remember that 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 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 HYMN** ELW 344 “**All Glory, Laud and Honor**” (*with Handbells*)

*Refrain*

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

**APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *This text, the third of the Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the future of Christ in these poems.*

### **Isaiah 50: 4-9**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**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 This Mind Be In You"** - Courtney (Sung by the choir)

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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** *In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

**C:** *(Sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 21:1-11**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: Here ends the Reading of the Gospel.

**C:** *(Sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC "The Palms"- Faure/Amos (Handbells)**

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### **MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY "Ride On, Ride On In Magesty" (stz. 1, 2, 4, 5)**

*(Tune: Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing)*

- 1 Ride on, ride on in maj-es-ty!  
Hear all the tribes ho-san-na cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue Your road

with palms and scattered garments strowed.

- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your 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 Your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O Christ, Your pow'r and reign.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 FAITHFUL**

**P:** Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

**P:** O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day, especially: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Barbara Vann, Anastasia Balmaceda, Armando Caragan, Robin Holt, and Mary Peters. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially Jake Hovde.* Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: For what else do the people pray? Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C: Amen.**

**MISSION MOMENT ON MOC FOOD DRIVE** - *Marcia Abbott*

**MISSION MOMENT ON LWR** - *Marcia Abbott*

**MISSION MOMENT ON LWR QUILTS** - *Cathi Gerding*

**HOLY WEEK VIDEO**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN** ELW 188 **“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**CHILDREN’S OFFERING - God’s Global Barnyard** *We can donate money through the ELCA to purchase farm animals and related resources (like tools, seeds, training) to help hungry families globally achieve long-term food security and self-sufficiency, turning gifts into food, income, and fertilizer.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your  
Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (ELW page 144, sung)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in  
all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn:

*Choir only:*

**“Santcus”** - *Bach/Fettke*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of  
your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### ELW 616 - "Jesus, Remember Me"

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community Text © 1981 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Incagent.*

### HYMN ELW 661 "I Love to Tell the Story" (stz. 1, 2)

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

#### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN ELW 324 "In The Cross Of Christ I Glory" (Stz. 1 & 2)**

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.
  
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, + bless you now and always..

**C: Amen.**

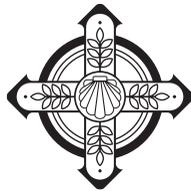
### **THE DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Christine Durnell  
Comm: Pete Hovde  
Usher: Bill Stephenson, Charlie Durnell  
Altar: Beckie Ryan  
Coffee: Jo & Rick Vroman  
Nursery: Zach Sparks, Marieke Caragan

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