

Lutheran Church of Hope

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Drawn together by God, celebrating Grace, serving all

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PALM SUNDAY



Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you are here. May you feel the presence of God with you and in this community as we sing, pray, hear the Word and share in God's communion.

If you would like to share with us your name and connect with us in other ways, there is a visitor card at the back of this bulletin that may be filled out and placed in the offering plate.

Here's some things it may be helpful to know:

Most of what you need to follow the service is in this bulletin. "ELW" refers to the red hymnal at your seat. If a song is not in the bulletin, it will be in that book.

Our "Pray & Play" area is for our children! We are so glad they are here and rejoice that God gives us many ways to worship, learn and pray. We love their giggles and squirms. Children's coloring pages are available for them. There are books and bibles available for all ages, and kids are encouraged to participate and help with every and any aspect of the service - including reading Scripture and helping with communion! There is also a "Wiggle Room" towards the back of the sanctuary if you need a separate space for your little one where you can still hear the service.



This Sunday

Next Sunday

Communion Preparation

Chris Terry

Chris Terry

Fellowship

Beaty Graves

Patty Bryant

Technical Support

Megan Bladow

Don Bladow

Altar Flowers

In celebration of
Susan Halvor's
mother's birthday.

In memory of Laura,
the Courtices' sister.

WELCOME

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then 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.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Pave the Way with Branches

ACS 928

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics '* Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.' The second staff has the lyrics 'Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.' and includes first and second endings. The third staff has the lyrics 'Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -' and includes a repeat sign. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.' and also includes first and second endings.

* Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

**Additional verses ad lib.:*

Release for the captives . . .

Hope for the downtrod . . .

Land for the landless . . .

Debts are forgiven . . .

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla

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OPENING PRAYER

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE—Mark 14:1-11

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

SERMON

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Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -

man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re -

deem - er, liv - ing Word. Word.

Optional repeat
D G/A A

Last time
D

Text: Naida Hearn
 Music: Naida Hearn
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERING PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

EUCCHARIST PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary and rose again to make us living branches, drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world. Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power, to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord who comes to us in his body and blood.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;


all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
 prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

PASSION OF OUR LORD (*insert*)ANNOUNCEMENTS (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

Lamb of God

Your Only Son

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Refrain
 sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me
 in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: Twila Paris

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YOUR ONLY SON
LMD

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

welcome

Name:

I am a...

- ☐ First Time Visitor
- ☐ Regular Visitor
- ☐ Church Member
- ☐ In Need of Prayer

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

I would like to...

- ☐ receive the Weekly News email
- ☐ receive the monthly Newsletter
- ☐ learn how to get involved
- ☐ receive a call from Pastor Liz



PRAYER REQUEST

Please place
this tab in the
offering plate.

☐ I would like a call from
Pastor Liz
March 24, 2024

CALENDAR

*Lutheran Church of Hope events are in **bold***

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- **8:30 AM—Bible Study**
- **10 AM—Worship with Holy Communion**
- 2 PM—Christian Worship Center

MONDAY, MARCH 25 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- 6 PM—Sit Stay Play AK

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- 4:30 PM—Mobile Food Pantry
- 7 PM—Plus 24 AA
- 7 PM—Shoulder to Shoulder Al Anon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- **6:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Meal and
Worship Service**
- 6:30 PM—Overeaters Anonymous

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- 6 PM—Sit Stay Play AK
- **6:30 PM—Good Friday Worship Service**

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- **10 AM—Decorate for Easter**
- 12 PM—United Church of God

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- **8:30 AM—Easter Breakfast**
- **10 AM—Worship With Holy Communion**
- 2 PM—Christian Worship Center