

We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others."

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 14, 2019

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Bless these parade palms, O God of Celebration.

May they remind us of the simple joys of living. May we remember the excitement that comes with following Christ.

Bless these protest palms, O God of Justice.

May they remind us that Empire is not a thing of the past. May they make us bold and brave to stand up against injustice.

Bless these funeral palms, O God of Comfort.

May they remind us of the road that lies ahead. May they encourage us in times of grief and pain.

We give you thanks for the parade, the protest, the processional. Guide our steps through this holiest of weeks as we cry out together "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!" Amen.

CONGREGATION (those who desire): MOVE TO THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR THE PROCESSIONAL.

PROCESSIONAL READING

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " 32So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." 35Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PROCESSIONAL DIALOGUE

Jesus is coming!

From the mountainside, from the seaside, from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor, from the bedside of

those who are sick,

Jesus is coming!

Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travellers,

Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Jesus comes to worship.

Will we greet him with Hosannas?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" #344 VS 1. 3 & 5

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*
- 3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*
- 5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

LITANY OF CONFESSION

The streets were crowded. A parade mood filled the air.

Shouts came from deep in the heart. Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from lukewarm faith. Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from callous indifference. Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams. Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from unquenchable greed. Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness.

Hosanna. Save us.

We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls.

Hosanna. Save us. Save us now.

OPENING PRAYER

We have come to meet you today, Jesus.

We don't know quite what to expect. We think we know what we need, how you can meet our needs. But we come humbly, laying our coats before you. It's your call. Reveal to us who you are, how you can be a Savior in our lives, a Savior in our world today. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

SONG "Oh, Lord, You're Beautiful"
Oh Lord You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me (Repeat)

Oh Lord please light the fire That once burned bright and clear Replace the lamp of my first love That burns with holy fear

(Repeat first verse)

SCRIPTURE READING

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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "A God Who Needs"

HYMN "Behold the Man"

APOSTLES CREED

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer #751 – sing through twice Prayer petitions are read O Lord, Hear My Prayer #751 – sing through twice

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING LITANY

We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!

Because even if we were silent the stones themselves would have called out.

We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed, and then it changed.

We have walked with another crowd.

One that called words of scorn and condemnation.

And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross, and yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.

Because God is with us. God will be with us. Whatever happens. We are not alone.

And so we watch the crowd and we follow...

SENDING HYMN

"Lamb of God"

#336

VISUAL BENEDICTION (As hymn is sung)

The wooden cross is brought to the front of the church to remind us of where Jesus' journey will take him before the triumph of the empty tomb on Easter morning.

This journey, which we call Holy Week, begins today and ends on Easter morning. It is meant to feel as one worship service flows into another – Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday to Good Friday to Easter Vigil to Easter Sunday. To assist in honoring the significance of this week, we will not have a dismissal. Instead the congregation is free to leave when the hymn is finished.

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Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: Dar and Gwen Schroeder

Reader: Gwen Schroeder **Music:** Carla Oerter

Fellowship Servers: Marvin and Carol Neugebauer & Darwin and

Bernie Schock

Serving Next Week (Easter Sunday) 7:00am Service

Greeters/Ushers: Cleon and Adare Diers

Reader: Adare Diers

Communion Prep/Assist: Carol Neugebauer and Linda Morrison **Fellowship:** WELCA hosts Easter Breakfast 8:15-9:15

9:30am Service

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JOIN US Totay!

The whole community is invited to this wonderful event, "Portraits in Grace" 'Portraits in Grace" is a musical gallery of fait

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As the cantata moves through Christ's extraordinary life, each song displays the sacred beauty of the Savior, and lingers with His many graceful acts of love.

Sunday, April 14th 3:00pm Our Savior's Lutheran Church

A TIME TO

INTERACTIVE PRAYER STATIONS OUR SAVIOR S LUTHERAN CHURCH

> Stations Available: Sundays 8-12 Mondays 10-7 Wednesdays 10-4 Fridays 10-7

During this season, unique, interactive spaces have been set up around the main floor of OSL for you to come alone or with another and spend time reflecting and praying. All are welcome to take time and stop and be present with God in these spaces all throughout the season of Lent.



Wednesday Nights (Beginning 4/24) 7:00am and 7:30pm

Gathering together to hear God's word and raise our voices in prayer is but one of the ways we live out our baptism. These midweek services are another opportunity to do just that during the Easter season! OSL and community members of all ages are welcome to be a part of these 30 minute, informal, interactive services! A great way to start or end your day when the boost from Sunday might be wearing off!



WELCOME to our worship service

If you would like to be added to our church mailing list or have other information you would like us to know, please fill out an information card located with the hymnals.

Today, Sunday, April 14th

Palm Sunday

9:30am Worship Fellowship to follow

11:00am Church Council Meeting

3:00pm "Portraits in Grace" Cantata- @OSL- The whole community is invited!

8:00am-12:00pm Interactive Prayer Stations available @ OSL

Monday, April 15th

9:00am and 6:00pm "Behold the Man" Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Deb 10:00am-7:00pm Interactive Prayer Stations available @ OSL

Tuesday, April 16th

7:00am Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, April 17th

No DOG Night

10:00am-4:00pm Interactive Prayer Stations available @ OSL

Thursday, April 18th

Maundy Thursday

3:00-5:00pm Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank open

6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday

6:30pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 20th

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt @ OSL

Sunday, April 21st

Easter Sunday

7:00am and 9:30am Easter Services

8:15am-9:15am Breakfast @ OSL - hosted by WELCA

No Sunday School