

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...

**Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.**

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024



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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 Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

(Congregational responses are in bold print.)



*Welcome to worship as we enter
into the most solemn days
of the church year.
May God bless you
at this holy time.*

PROCESSION

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

And also with you.

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration with the church throughout the world. Christ entered Jerusalem this day in triumph, a triumph that led through suffering and death to resurrection and new life. In faith and love may we follow our Messiah, this humble ruler, who comes riding on a donkey.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us pray.

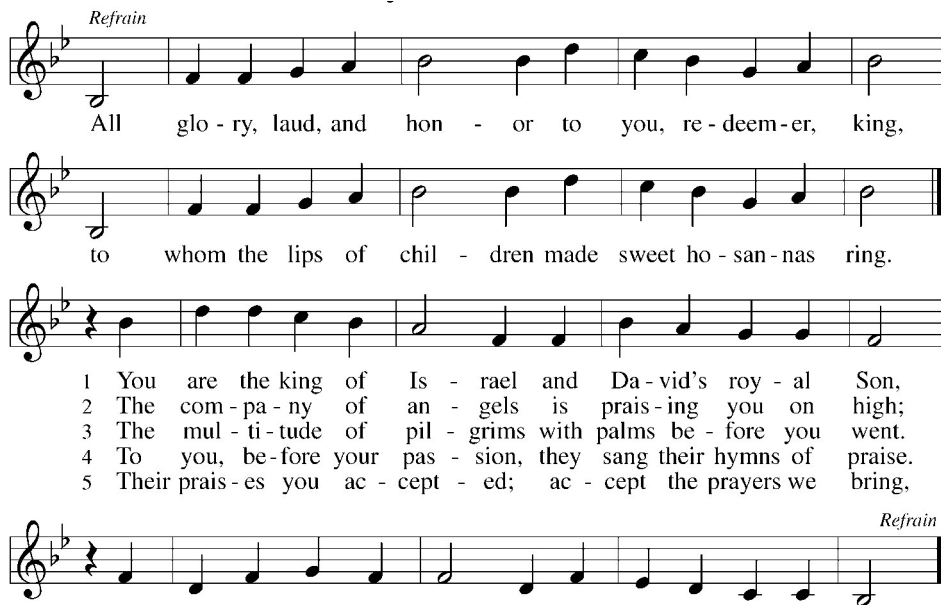
O God, to love and cherish you is true righteousness. Increase in our hearts the gifts of your grace. Just as you have given us hope for the things we believe through the death of your only Son, by his resurrection lead us to follow him where he has gone; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

PROCESSION SONG

"ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR"


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went.
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

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: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

⁴The 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 awakens—
 awakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.
⁶I 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.
⁷The 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;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 (read responsively)

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,
 and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief,
 and my years with sighing;
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
 a dismay to my acquaintances;
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
 I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
 fear is all around;
 they put their heads together against me;
 They plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.**

I have said, “You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who
persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and 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.

GOSPEL: MARK 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'"⁴ They 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY"

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Prepare the Royal Highway



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's Word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

Music: BÄRHEDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen

SENDING SONG

“O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED”



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, c. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500, adapt. Hans L. Hassler, 1564–1612

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants Today! Thank you!

Greeter: Katie

Welcome Desk/Announcements: Passionate Worship

Ushers:

Reader: Mike

Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter

Communion Assistants: Peter & Sarah

Musicians: Nick

Coffee Servers: Deb & Mike

♪ ♪ ♪ *THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!* ♪ ♪ ♪

Thank you for giving to support the ministries at Christ the Servant. You may donate online on our website: www.cslcvh.org/tithe. Offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk.

Prayer Requests...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy: Carol W., Kayla, Linda, Roger, Gary (Uncle of Sue), Sarah, Carol L., Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Jane (Grace's friend), Sylvia, Roberta, Dorothy (mother of Linda), Patty (sister of Mike), and Anna.

(Please call the church office with any prayer concerns or updates.)



Weekly “stayCONNECTED” Newsletter from CSLC...

If you did not receive our weekly newsletter by email or US Mail, you may pick up one at the Welcome Desk.



Easter Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

Joint Service with Lakeview at Christ the Servant

Good Friday

12:00 PM - Good Friday Service
7:00 PM - Joint Service at Lakeview Lutheran

Easter Sunday

7:30 AM - Easter Service
9:30 AM - Easter Service



Cross & Cradle News

Community Life

THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, March 24 - Palm/Passion Sunday

- 9:30 AM - CSLC Worship
- 10:30 AM - CSLC Fellowship Time (Youth Breakfast postponed)
- 11:15 AM - EFLC Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 PM - EFLC Worship

Monday, March 25

- 9:00 AM - Package bread & deliver
- 10:00 AM - Set-up for Blood Drive (FH)
- 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Red Cross Blood Drive (FH)
- 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Piecemakers - CANCELLED

Tuesday, March 26

- 7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (Fellowship)
- 8:30 - 9:30 AM - Bread Distribution + Coffee Get-Together (FH)
- 6:30 PM - AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 27

- 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Senior HiLites (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - YMC & Confirmation (K/FH)
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

- 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM - YogaDevotion (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Revelation Rehearsal (S)
- 7:00 PM - Joint Maundy Thursday Service with Lakeview at CSLC

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - Good Friday Service
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM - EFLC Choir Practice (Class A)
- 7:00 PM - Joint Good Friday Service at Lakeview Lutheran

Saturday, March 30

Sunday, March 31 - Easter

- 7:30 AM - Easter Worship
- 9:30 AM - Easter Worship
- 10:30 AM - CSLC Fellowship Time
- 11:15 AM - EFLC Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 PM - EFLC Worship

Youth Breakfast postponed!!!

Please come to join us for breakfast after service today. A free will offering will be collected to help fund the next youth mission trip!

Palm Sunday Breakfast



Blood Drive at CSLC

Tomorrow, Monday, March 25, is the blood drive here at Christ the Servant from 11 AM to 5 PM.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Thank you to all who helped prepare the Lenten Soup Suppers!

Save the Date

April 14, 2024, EFLC Charter Sunday and Celebration. More details to come.



Vadnais Heights

LIONS

Belgian Waffle Breakfast

Gluten Free Now Available

Sunday, Apr. 7th 8AM - 1PM

Cash or Check Only Please	Seniors \$8 th 63+	Adults \$9 th 15-62	Kids \$5 th 6-14	Li'l Kids Free 0-5
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Information & Activities



Free KidSight Vision Screening
Lions MDSM KidSight Foundation program to safeguard the vision of children aged 6 months through 6 years.



9:00 to 12:00
Lions Kids Sight MDSM Foundation program to safeguard the vision of children aged 6 months through 6 years.

- MN Lions Diabetes Foundation
- MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
- Used Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Collection
- Can De Canines
- Special Olympics Minnesota
- Bike Raffle

- Fire Truck Tours
- Safety & Fire Protection
- Ramsey County Sheriff's Office K-9
- Lakes & Trail Unit



Vadnais Heights Commons
655 East County Road F

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

**Friday, April 26
(4 PM - 7 PM)**

&

**Saturday, April 27
(9 AM - 3 PM)**

We are planning for the Rummage Sale. As you clear out the old, remember that your junk could be someone else's treasure!



RUMMAGE SALE



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