Palm Sunday

+ Order of Worship +
March 24, 2024

Pre-Service Music

Ringing Of The Bells

(Congregation Rises)

The Processional Hymn: ♫“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”

Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. Refrain

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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

Amen.

Introit

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O
ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

The Catechumen’s Confession Of Faith

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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 Blessèd One. Refrain

2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
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 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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Sermon: “Connected”

By Pastor John Schmidt

Romans 15:5

Stand

Offertory

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

Sit

Offering

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

Offering Hymn: ♫ “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

Sit

The Confirmation Vows

Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

You have been baptized and you have been taught the faith according to our Lord’s bidding. The fulfillment of his bidding we now celebrate with thankful hearts, rejoicing to confess the faith into which you were baptized and which you yourselves will now confess before the Church.

Jesus said: “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.”

Lift up your hearts therefore to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what, in the name of the Lord, as a minister of his Church, I now shall ask you.

Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in your Baptism?

I do

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

I do

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?
Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, 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.

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

I do so intend with the help of God.

Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

I do.

Do you desire to be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation?

I do.

Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the divine Word, to be faithful in the use of God’s Word and Sacraments, which are his means of grace, and in faith, word and action to remain true to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit even to death?

I do so intend by the grace of God.

Give then your hand as pledge of your promise, and kneel to receive the blessing.

(Blessing by: Pastor John Schmidt)

The Class Hymn: "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"  
Radio

Stand

Prayer Of The Church

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

Sit

The Hymn of Confirmation: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"  
Radio

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
   O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
   With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   In lowly pomp ride on to die.
   O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
   O’er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   The angel armies of the sky
   Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes
   To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   Thy 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 Thy meek head to mortal pain,
   Then take, O God, Thy pow’r and reign.

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Stand

Collect
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing these your sons and
daughters to the knowledge of your Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to
believe and with the mouth to confess his saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may
continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of the faith shall receive
the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♫ Amen.

Benediction
♫ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord
look upon you with favor and give you peace.

♫ Amen, Amen, Amen.

Sit

The Announcements

Stand
Recessional Hymn: ♫“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

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**HOLY WEEK**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
March 28  
Worship w/Communion  
7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
March 29  
Worship w/ Communion  
9:00 a.m.  
Service of Darkness  
7:00 p.m.

**EASTER DAY**  
March 31  
Easter Sunrise Service  
6:30 a.m.  
Festival Worship  
9:00 a.m.