

# **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025~9:45 a.m.

## THE SERVICE

**BOLD** *lettering indicates a spoken response*

Prelude

Announcements

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Blessing of the Palms:

P: Blessed is he 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 pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

Reading: **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: 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 him 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 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 these branches and 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**

***and Children's Procession with Palms***

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
Swing wide, you everlasting doors.  
Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
Swing wide, you everlasting doors. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* That the King of glory may come in,  
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That the King of glory may come in,  
That the King of glory may come in.

Greeting

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: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

**C: that he may teach us his ways and  
that we may walk in his paths.**

P: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

**C: in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.**

P: Return to the Lord, your God,

**C: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

# THE READING OF THE PASSION

*Congregational responses will appear on the screens at the appropriate times.*

## PART 1: THE LAST SUPPER

### Communion Prayer

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 him thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

One bread, one body

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*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with the word 'Refrain' and contains the melody for 'One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of'. The second staff continues with 'bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y'. The third staff concludes with 'through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

### The Meal

*Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

## MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

Come to the table

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Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Father, I adore you

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Father, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
How I love you.

Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
How I love you.

Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
How I love you.

## PART 2: IN THE GARDEN

### Prayers

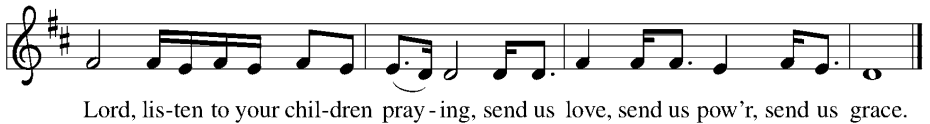
P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



*The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.*

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**



## PART 3: THE BETRAYAL

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of love and forgiveness,

**C: We confess to you and to one another that we fall far short of your expectations. We have not responded well to your gracious act of dying on the cross for our forgiveness. We have neglected you, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are a sinful people. Please free us from the guilt and power of our sinfulness. Please help us see more clearly your love for us, and respond appropriately. Amen**

P: Purely by God's grace, through Jesus on the cross, all your sins are forgiven. Now may you be strengthened daily to believe in Jesus and to live the joy and freedom his forgiveness brings.

**C: Amen**

#### PART 4: THE QUESTIONS

##### Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**



**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## PART 5: THE CRUCIFIXION

Song - Amazing Love

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My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;  
That I, the guilty one, may go free? *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,  
The Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt he pays and my death he dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

And so they watched him die, despised, rejected;  
But, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me. *Refrain*

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rives;  
Come, wash you guilt away, live again. *Refrain*

## PART 6: THE BURIAL

*The Offering is collected and brought forward in silence.*

### Prayer

P: Almighty God you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

### Blessing

P: The God who formed us in love, who renews us through grace, and who will transform us into glory, + bless you this day and always.

**C: Amen**

### Closing Song – There is a Redeemer

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There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son  
And sending your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
There I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place. *Refrain*

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

## OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

### Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Special Holy Week Sunday School Class

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

**Monday**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers / 6:00-Property

**Tuesday**-2:00-Bible Study

**5:30-Council**

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

**Thursday**-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

**Friday**-1:00-Good Friday Service

4:30-Confirmation Event / 7:00-Good Friday Service

**Saturday**-8:30-Easter Breakfast Kitchen Prep

9:00-Easter Egg Hunt Prep-youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades

10:00-Easter Egg Hunt

## FUTURE MINISTRIES

**Sun-Apr 20**-Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

7:30-Traditional Worship

8:45-Easter Breakfast – All are invited!

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

**Mon-Apr 21**-Office Closed

**Tues-Apr 22**-6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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**Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-58; 9:45-106; 11:00-55**

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of Martha & Elmer Hallstrom by Joe & JoAnn Kruckow.

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**We thank *Roses on Main*** for donating the palms used this morning.

**New Organ Donations.** . . If you would like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the

organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

**Special Holy Week Sunday School** class for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Lent Devotions “Five of the Seven Deadly Sins”** are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

**Summer Youth & Adult Stay-At-Home Mission Trip “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD – SO SHINE WHERE YOU ARE!”**

This year’s mission will be a stay-at-home event serving our church and local service partners **Monday, June 9 – Thursday, June 12**. Sign up on the bulletin board to express your interest in participating! Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

**Mission of the Month:** YMCA programs lay the groundwork for healthy futures. They are committed to providing their programs and services to anyone who would like to use them. Gifts to the Strong Kids Campaign are used to provide assistance to those in our community experiencing financial difficulty. If you would like to contribute, please use a pew envelope and write “*Strong Kids*” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

**Good Friday Confirmation Event . . . this Friday, April 18** from 4:30-8 p.m. with dinner. Parents, please join us for worship at 7:00 and sit with your son or daughter.

**Easter Egg Hunt . . . this Saturday, April 19**, 10-11:30 a.m. rain or shine. All children are invited and friends are welcome. Bring a basket and join us for songs, the Easter story, crafts and refreshments. Please dress for the weather. Sign up today!

**Helpers are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt.** Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service . . . this Friday, April 18** at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Easter Morning Schedule, next Sunday, April 20:** 7:30-Traditional Worship; 8:45-Easter Breakfast; 9:45-Contemporary Worship; 11:00-Traditional Worship.

**Easter Morning Breakfast . . . next Sunday, April 20** at 8:45 a.m. It is the perfect time to celebrate this holy day and connect with your church family. All are welcome. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Also, **helpers are needed** for the Easter Breakfast! Sign up today!

**Food Pantry Items** for April are TUNA and/or TUNA HELPER.