



Our Redeemer  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Palm Sunday  
March 24, 2024

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** What a great joy to have you here with us today praising God and receiving His gifts. If you are a guest or visiting with us, toss one of those Welcome cards in your pew into the offering basket--we'd love to connect! Should you need it, there is a "cry room" next to the church office on the main level. Feel free to ask an usher if you need assistance. Welcome!

## **A Word about Holy Communion**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday at ORLC. In this meal, instituted by the Lord Himself, we receive the True Body and True Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. We believe that the Lord is truly present during this Holy Meal, and we approach the altar in humility and gratitude. Baptized believers in Christ who also share our confession at this altar are welcome to commune.

**COMMUNION CUPS** The center, gold-colored cups are alcohol-free.

**GLUTEN FREE WAFERS** Available upon request; simply ask the pastor or an elder.

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Divine Service, Setting 3 – page 184*

## **AS WE GATHER**

Jesus' life of perfect obedience leads Him finally to the gates of Jerusalem. He must now fulfill the prophecies regarding the coming King of Israel. He does that in memorable fashion, turning the people's expectations upside down by an entrance marked by humility and solemnity. In this most holy of weeks, our Lord calls on each of us, not to cheer from the sidelines, but rather to join with Him in His walk to the cross and the empty tomb. May His Spirit bless you this week as you take that walk.

## **Call to Worship – Welcome**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

**Processional Reading.....John 12:12-19**

The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, <sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." <sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. <sup>17</sup> Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

**Processional Hymn** ~ We stand to face the processional cross

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

**Confession and God's Forgiveness**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

*(We silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's grace is greater)*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C: **Amen!**

### Introit ~ Psalm 24:7-10; 118:26

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

C: **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

C: **Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

C: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

### Gloria Patri

☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Kyrie

☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria In Excelsis ~ omitted during Lent

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

**The First Reading**..... Zechariah 9:9-12  
(Zion's King; p.803 of your pew bible)

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Second Reading**.....Philippians 2:5-11  
(Imitating Christ's Humility; p.992 of your pew bible)

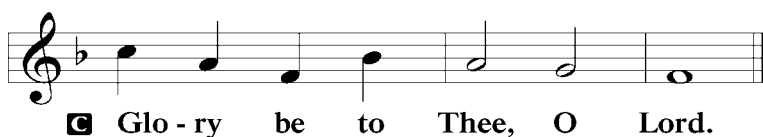
Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** ~ omitted during Lent

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



## The Gospel Reading.....John 12:20-43 (Jesus Predicts His Death; p.909 of your pew bible)

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. <sup>27</sup> "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>34</sup> The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?" <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

<sup>37</sup> Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. <sup>38</sup> This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: "Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" <sup>39</sup> For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: <sup>40</sup> "He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn-- and I would heal them."

<sup>41</sup> Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him. <sup>42</sup> Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Children's Message

# Hymn of the Day

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

## Sermon

*Posture of Humility..... John 12:12-19*

## Apostles' Creed

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

And 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.

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. Amen

## Offertory

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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

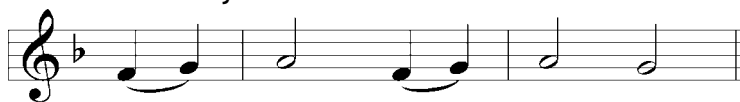
## Offerings

## Prayers of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## 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.

## The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - men.

## Agnus Dei



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymns

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423

Lamb of God

LSB 550

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

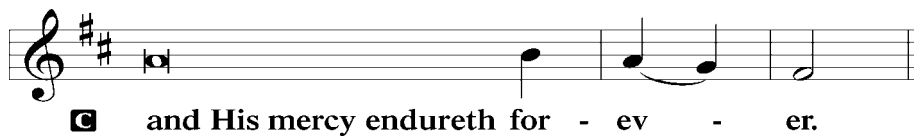
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## Nunc Dimittis



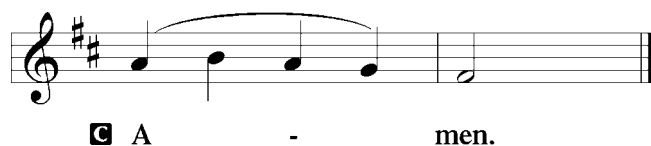
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Announcements

### Departing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements

Church Member Updates - Help us keep our records up to date and keep you informed with what's happening at Our Redeemer. Please contact the office if your email, phone number or address has changed. You can also download the "Church Center" app on your phone to update you own info, learn some new faces, find contact information, and more.

## Newest News

**Natural Church Development-** The results are in, and it is time to talk about our minimum factor in a Focus Group! Your thoughts and opinions are incredibly valuable, so please join the conversation on Sunday, March 24th following worship service. This meeting is for everyone, not just for those that participated in the survey. We want to hear from YOU! Bring a potluck item to share. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up in the Connection Corner.

**Easter Altar Set up-** If you would like to help set up the Altar for Easter we will be meeting at the Church on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All help will be greatly appreciated.

**Youth Fundraising-** The youth going to the next NYG will be helping with the Easter Breakfast. There will be an at will donation area set up during breakfast. If you would like to donate funds for their trip, it would be greatly appreciated!

**Title Nominations-** It's time to nominate a Christian mission support non-profit to receive the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter tithe. Find the nomination forms near the blue jar on the connections table all entries are due Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.



**ORLC Scholarship-** The ORLC Scholarship will be offered again this year. The scholarship is for ORLC members who are pursuing post-secondary education and who have been active in church activities. Application forms will be out by March 15. If you would like to donate to this fund, please mark your donations “scholarship fund”. Please contact Gaye Sarvela, 907-841-2046, if you have questions.



**The Power of Prayer** – ORLC has an electronic prayer group who will pray for you and/or your loved ones. Email your electronic prayer request to [orlc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:orlc.prayers@gmail.com)



**Alaska Mission for Christ** – Do you love telling others about Jesus? Have a heart for missions? Open to new adventures? We've got something for you! Alaska Mission for Christ is looking for passionate, faith-filled, Christ followers to fill various missionary positions in Alaska. Contact Jerry Simpson, Executive Director, if you're curious about what God might have in store for you in Alaska! [JerrySimpson@amc-ak.org](mailto:JerrySimpson@amc-ak.org), 907-726-3062, [www.amc-ak.org](http://www.amc-ak.org)

In order to lift up to God the people of Our Redeemer, we'll include a staff member, Church board, and three families from our church directory to pray for each week:

- \*Lauren Johnston - Youth Ministry Director
- \* Elders
- \* Ryan and Heidi Enlow, Justin and Nicole Farr, Carl Firmstone, and their families.

Serving the Sunday School Youth		
Grades	March 24th	March 31st
PreK-K	Abby Keller	No Sunday School
1 <sup>st</sup> -4th	Lauren Johnston	No Sunday School
Middle School	Kristianna Coburn	No Sunday School
High School	Join Bible Study	No Sunday School

**March Birthdays**

23 Matthew Coburn  
 27 Justin Farr  
 27 Nicole Farr  
 27 Pace Newkirk

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER		
HOW	THIS WEEK (03/17/2024)	NEXT WEEK (03/24/2024)
Altar Guild	Christie Andrews Marianne Dabbs	7:30am Marianne Dabbs 10:00am Lydia Wirkus/ Lauren Johnston
Accompanist	Jess Della Croce	Jess Della Croce/ Carol Shearer
Lector	Scott Roelfs	7:30am Kristianna Coburn 10:00am Martha Wilkins
Elders	Jeff Smith Jerry Simpson	7:00am Jerry Simpson/Forrest Wacker 10:00am Ryan Enlow/ Wes Moore

**OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES**

03/20/2024--03/31/2024

**Today**

Bible Hour 9:00 am  
Worship Service 10:00 am  
Confirmation Class 11:15am  
NCD FOCUS GROUPS/potluck 11:15am

**Tuesday**

Fall Prevention class 10:00am

**Thursday**

Fall Prevention class 10:00am  
Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

**Friday**

Good Friday Worship Service 6:30pm

**Saturday**

Easter Set up 9:00am

**Next Sunday**

Early Easter Service 7:30 am  
Easter Breakfast 8:30am  
Easter Worship Service 10:00 am  
Puppet Show 11:15am

**EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 SUNRISE SERVICE  
8:30 BREAKFAST  
10:00 FESTIVAL SERVICE  
11:15 PUPPET SHOW



FRAGMENTS OF HOPE



# Easter Puppet Show

MEET IN THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY ROOM  
FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM SERVICE  
EASTER MORNING

Play during  
Offering  
May 5

Practice  
8:50 am

Ages  
PreK to 4th  
Grade

April 14,  
21, 28  
May 5



## KIDS BELL CHOIR

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 7th



## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING



**Parent Meeting**

**April 28th following worship service**

New Orleans-summer 2025 (all youth 14-18 at time of the gathering are welcome to attend.)