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*Our Greatest Needs—
A Greater Type of King*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Jesus, Son of David, on this most Holy Week, we begin our remembrance of your saving work by joining the crowds in worship and praise. Hosanna! We are saved by your name alone. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Jesus is the King of kings, God and man in one person. But he is not an impersonal, distant king. He knows you. He is willing to do absolutely anything necessary to serve and protect you. We see that this Holy Week. It begins with Jesus riding a donkey colt into Jerusalem—as the prophet foretold. As this week nears its end, Jesus is given a crown of thorns. He carries a cross out of Jerusalem and is nailed to it. Placed on his cross was this sign: “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” The sign was partially right. Jesus is a king, just not of the Jews. He’s our King, infinitely mightier than any ruler in history, while also being infinitely humbler. King Jesus has come to save us. Earthly rulers can serve as blessings. But this is the greater type of king that we need most.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: Our greatest needs are universal. We all live under the curse of sin, leaving us utterly helpless in our natural state. Left in sin, people are doomed to death, spiritually, physically, and eternally. Lent is the season of the Church Year where we wrestle with our greatest needs, but also find that in Christ, all our greatest needs are met. This Lent, the Spirit makes one thing clear: If you lack Christ, you have nothing. If you have Christ, you have everything you truly need.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week – the most important week of the Christian Year. Palm Sunday has been celebrated in the Church since the 4th Century. For at least 1600 years believers in and around Jerusalem would retrace Jesus’ route from the Mount of Olives back into the city for worship. From halfway around the world, we join the Christian procession as we worship Jesus, our King.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe

Organ: Luke Dorn

Order of Worship



Welcome and Introduction

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

M: Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of the Lord.**

Those who wish to join in the procession of palms gather in the entry and receive palm branches while the organist introduces the hymn. The minister leads the procession as the congregation sings.

Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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The hymn begins with the refrain. The refrain is not sung after the last verse.

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 peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion 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.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet Zechariah foretold of a Savior who would rule with gentleness and bring peace to the ends of the earth.

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the warhorses 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.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

There is no one greater, or humbler, than Jesus, our Savior and King.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Sunday) Men's Chorus Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus

Who is that riding on a donkey? Who is that coming into town?

Who is that Man? Who is that Man? See the Man! See the palms! See the crowd!

Who is that riding on a donkey, riding on through the cheering crowd?

Blessed is He! Blessed is He! Hear their shouts! Hear their cries fill the town!

Chorus: Ride on, King Jesus! Ride on in majesty!

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! Ride on to die!

Who is that riding on a donkey, riding as little children sing?

Anthems they sing, praises now ring: Son of David the Lord, He is King.

He is the King of glory! He is the lord of might!

Lift up your heads, Hosanna sing! He is God! He is Lord! Lift Him high! **Chorus**

A willing and humble sacrifice, the Lord of Light and Life,

The Lamb of God, He is our King! Ride on, ride on! **Chorus**

Please stand.

Jesus humbly enters the royal city Jerusalem, coming in the name of the Lord to save his people.

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” that an - cient song we sing,



thro' pil-lared court and tem-ple the love-ly an-them rang.
 the vic-tor palm branch wav-ing and chant-ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re-deem-er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je-sus, who had blessed them, close fold-ed to his breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav-en rode on in low-ly state
 Oh, may we ev-er praise him with heart and life and voice



the chil-dren sang their prais-es, the sim-plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit-tle chil-dren should on his bid-ding wait.
 and in his roy-al pres-ence e-ter-nal-ly re-joice.

Sermon

Based on Matthew 21:1-11

"Who is this Jesus?"

- 1) The Prophet from Nazareth
- 2) The Great King of Israel

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles' Creed

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

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the
 Father Almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord, the Day of Palms is a day of triumph in your life. As you set your face toward death and moved to the hour of your glory beyond the cross, you came to us as King. Yet you came in lowly pomp that we might know the real purpose of your coming.

C: **Amid the shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David" help us know you as the suffering Servant of God.**

M: On the way paved with the garments of people's praise, we see you as the Son of Man, who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

C: **Through the waving Palm branches let us see you as the King of our peace.**

M: Among the chants and songs of praises of little children, we know you as the one who came to make us the children of God.

C: **Come, King of grace, to rule in our hearts. Lord of all mercy, have mercy on us. Savior of sinners, save us.**

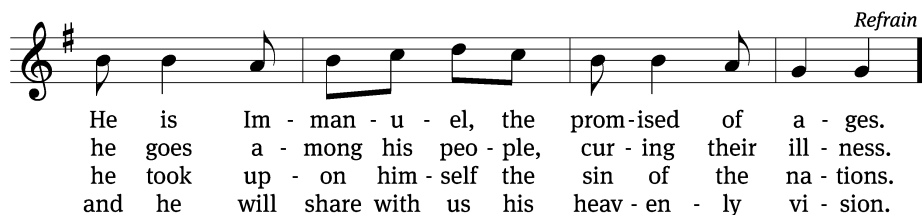
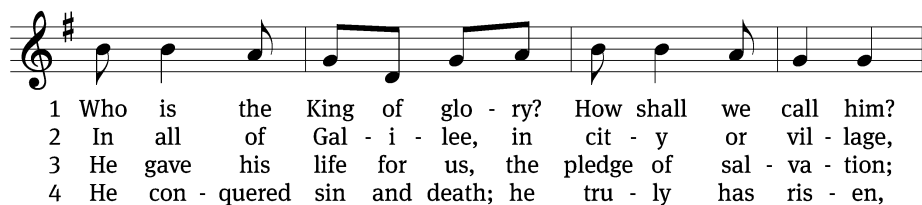
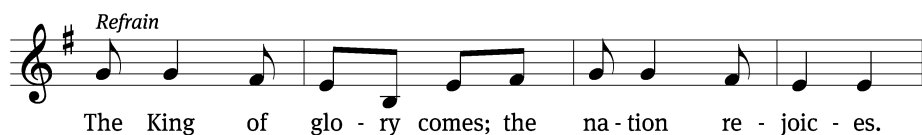
Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: The King of Glory Comes

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Closing Prayer

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet

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1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn;
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake



with ban - ners and with drums, no sound of mu - sic's
 with palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 the palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 the cross and all its pains and chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: the King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn the King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt he pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



no bells in tri - umph ring, no cit - y gates swing
 as loud ho - san - nas ring, or else the ver - y
 the streets with tu - mult ring, as Pi - late to the
 till heav - en's raft - ers ring, and all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:10am in the sanctuary. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Worship (7pm) - Communion Celebrated

Theme: His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room

Readings: Exodus 24:1-11; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28; John 13:1-15, 34

Hymns: 416, 659, Choir

Good Friday Worship (10am, 7pm) - Communion Celebrated

Theme: A Service of the Seven Words from the Cross

Readings: Isaiah 53:1-10; Selections from the Gospels, John 19:31-42

Hymns: 422, 436, 817, Choir

April 8th - NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP!

Easter Dawn Worship (7am) - Communion Celebrated

Theme: He Lives! To dry tears and remove fears

Readings: Isaiah 12:1-6; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-18

Hymns: 466, 451, Duet

Easter Festival Worship (9am, 10:45am) - Communion Celebrated

Theme: He Lives! To dry tears and remove fears

Readings: Jonah 2:2-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 28:1-10

Hymns: 441; 440; 438; Choir

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

