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Look Up To
See Your King



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Palm Sunday

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: Savior Jesus, twenty centuries ago you entered your holy city to the songs and praise of crowds who adored you as king of kings. Bless our praise today that our voices would join theirs in giving you glory. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: You are going about your daily business. There is a crowd. You are easily distracted by all the activity. It's a holiday, and there are extra things to prepare. It is easy to focus on your personal task at hand and lose sight of the bigger picture.

Focus! Look up! There is a King who presents himself so humbly that you might miss the importance of his arrival. Hail the King who humbly comes to save us!

WORSHIP SERIES: In the world's first week, God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. The pattern was set. In the world's greatest week, God redeemed the world in six days. And on the seventh day, the Son of God rested in the tomb, the Sabbath of all Sabbaths.

When we see the suffering of our Savior on our behalf this week, we may be tempted to look down, hanging our head in shame. We may be tempted to look around at everything disappointing in this world and shake our head. But God encourages us to look up. Our redemption is near!

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Preacher: Pastor Ryan Wolfe Piano/Organ: Luke Dorn
Men's Chorus Director: Steve Angus

Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Two



Those who wish to join in the procession of palms gather in the entry before the service to receive palm branches. The minister joins them after the service introduction and leads the procession as the congregation sings.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Welcome & Introduction

Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CW 412

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



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.

Refrain

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Sunday) Anthem: Who Will Be a Witness

Donald Moore

Who will be a witness, O my Lord? Who will be a witness, my Lord?
Who'll be there beside me? Who'll be there to guide me?
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

I'm goin' to heaven, want to do it right.
I'm goin' to heaven, I'll be dressed in white.
Who'll be there to meet me? Who'll be there to greet me?
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

Don't want to stumble, don't want to fall.
I'm goin' to heaven when the roll is called.
Who'll be there to meet me? Who'll be there to greet me?
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

Who'll be there beside me? Who'll be there to guide me?
Who'll be there to meet me? Who'll be there to greet me?
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet Zechariah draws our attention to a Savior King who will rule with gentleness and bring peace.

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.**



Psalm of the Day: Welcome the King

Psalm 24B

The Church sings Psalm 24 on the first Sunday in Advent and Palm Sunday, both anticipating the arrival of Christ the Lord.

Refrain



Wel - come the King of glo - ry, each tribe and na - tion!



He is the LORD Al - might - y, bring - ing sal - va - tion.



- 1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;
- 2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?
- 4 Come, lift your voic - es high, be lift - ed to glo - ry;
- 6 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;
- 7 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?

Refrain (sung after each verse)



God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions.
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing.
the LORD our God ap - proach - es, come, shout the sto - ry.
the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.
Our God, this LORD of hosts, the vic - t'ry is bring - ing.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Every eye will see Jesus exalted.

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!

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 CW 413



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.

“Look Up To See Your King”

- 1) Look up to see him on a donkey
- 2) Look up to see him on a cross
- 3) Look up to see him on the clouds

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,
the 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

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.

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.

Be seated.

Hymn: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

CW 414 sts. 1, 4

1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake
with ban - ners and with drums, no sound of mu - sic's
the cross and all its pains, and chose a ser - vant's
mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns.
To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name
no bells in tri - umph ring, no cit - y gates swing
till heav - en's raft - ers ring, and all the ran - somed
o - pen wide: "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 fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the kindergarten room. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs.

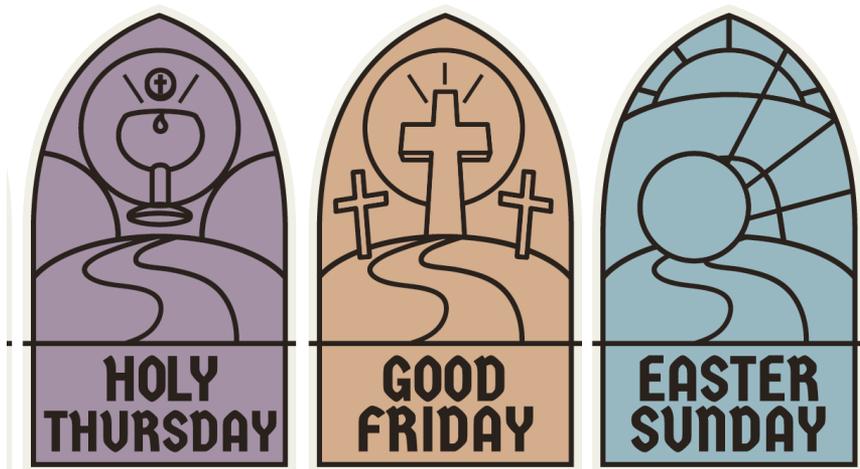
For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: He Lives to Take Me From Death to Life

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

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

Hymns: 443, 453, 824, 441, 445



HOLY WEEK

LOOK UP

Maunder Thursday (April 2)- 6:30 pm Worship with Communion

Good Friday (April 3)-10:00 am & 6:30pm Good Friday Worship with Communion

NO SATURDAY SERVICE on April 4th

Easter Sunday (April 5)

7:00 am Easter Dawn Worship with Communion

8:00 - 10:30 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 & 10:45 am Easter Festival Worship

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 with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags 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 a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**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.**

