

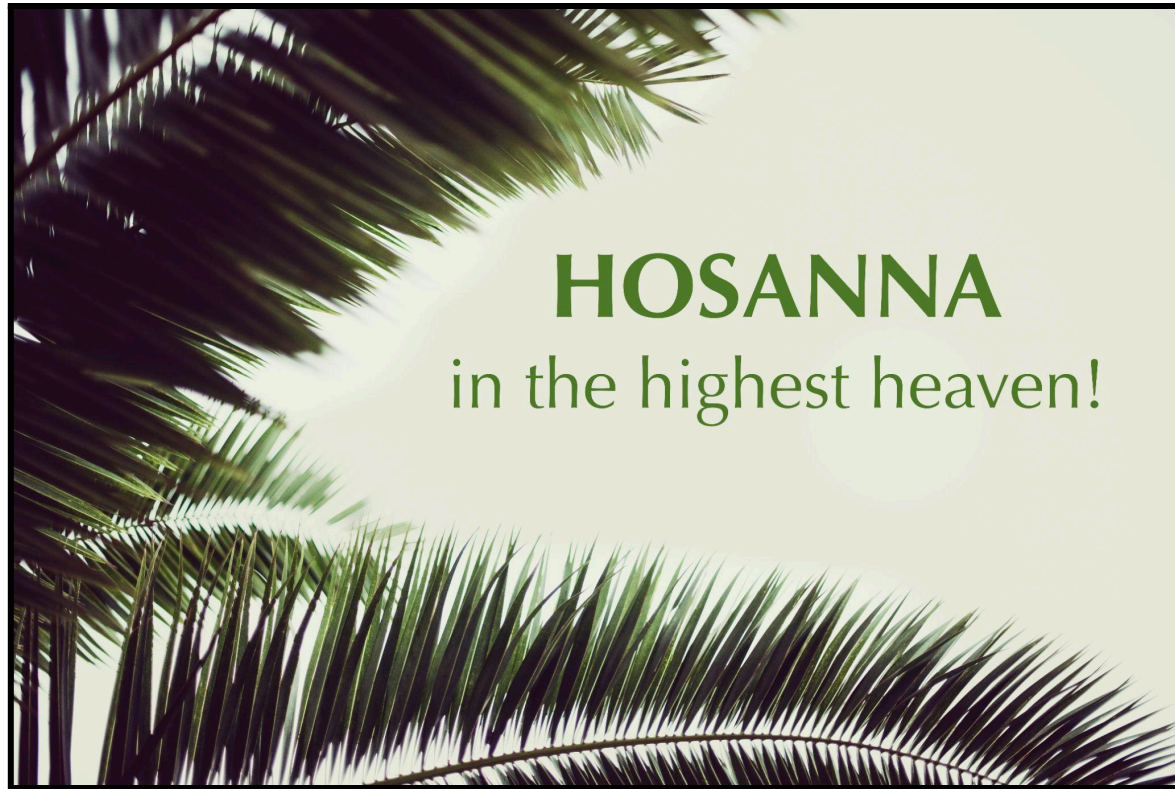


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PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024 8:30am & 10:00am, (no 5pm service)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Weather permitting, **we will begin outside** and then process in with a donkey, remembering Jesus' entry. May God's Spirit help us to fully enter into this Holy Week and understand deeply the amazing love of God. Grab a palm cross and join in!

THE PRELUDE: *Hosanna to the Son of David* by Larry Shackley Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

(Weather permitting, we begin outside and gather at the processional cross. If you're unable to stand for a few minutes, please join us inside the Sanctuary.)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(People read **bold** words.)

We follow Jesus into Jerusalem and enter this Holy Week.

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the humble King!

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

With Palm branches and shouts of Hosanna, we worship You, O God of grace.

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

THE GATHERING HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Refrain: **All Glory, laud, and honor to You, redeemer, king.**

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,

now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

The company of angels are praising you on high;

creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Annette Fettis

(Children may leave for Sunday school.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 12th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *My Song is Love Unknown* by Jayne Southwick Cool

Sanctuary Choir and Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: That Priceless Grace

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**That priceless grace, that priceless grace,
that priceless grace, which gave me life:
Jesus' life is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

That priceless blood, that priceless blood,

that priceless blood was shed for me:

Jesus' blood is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

That painful death, that painful death,

that painful death took sins away:

Jesus' death is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

That precious word, that precious word,

that precious word, which brought me light:

Jesus' word is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

THE MESSAGE: "*FOMO*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Hosanna* Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (2x) *Take Oh, Take Me as I Am*

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**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe that Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children may come forward for a blessing. For those that prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will guide you down the center aisle and you will return to your seats down a side aisle.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

Lamb of God (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

Lamb of God... You take away...

the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.

Lamb of God... You take away...
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei... You take away...
the sins of the world... Dona nobis pacem...

What Wondrous Love Is This

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: We're Marching to Zion

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: **We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

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Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God:
but children of the heav'n-ly King, but children of the heav'n-ly King
may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad. (Refrain.)

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'n-ly fields, before we reach the heav'n-ly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Carillon de Joie* by Douglas E. Wagner

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Dave Ross; Communion: Martyn & Vanessa Frost; Lector: John Adams; Ushers: John Adams & Bob Gaumer; Welcome Table: Kathy Martino

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Lector: Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Usher: Lisa Mers & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Daneen Pysz

5pm: Communion & Lector: Stephanie Anderson

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Gloria Dei in honor of Palm Sunday!

WE CELEBRATE with the following young people as they receive their First Communion today: Aria Kelly; Logan McDonald; Micah Merchant; Charlotte Naranjo; Ansley & Will Ramsaur.

EASTER LILIES - To honor or remember a loved one this Holy season, you may wish to purchase a lily for our Easter worship. Cost: \$10 per plant. Due by 3/ 24. Forms are available at the Welcome Table.

CANDY FILLED EASTER EGGS - We need **candy filled plastic eggs** to hide for the Egg Hunt. Please leave them in the large basket by the Welcome Table TODAY or bring them to the church office asap.

SANCTUARY CHOIR FOR EASTER - Join the choir on Thursday and sing through Holy Week and Easter. This would be a great gift to the community and add to the celebration of the resurrection! Thursdays, 7:30pm. Questions, speak with Music Director Kathy Person.

EASTER REFRESHMENTS - If you would like to bring refreshments on Easter Sunday, please sign up at the Welcome Table.

HOPE PHOTOS - Join the art ministry in our Easter project this year! Take photos of where you see hope and submit them for viewing. Link to the submission form at the Welcome Table.

LENT 2024

The Great Lutheran Bake Off (John 6)

WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS FOR LENT - Thanks to ALL who provided soups during lent.

LENTEN OFFERING BOXES - Lent offerings will go to ELCA World Hunger. Due today or drop by the office this week.

HOLY WEEK:

- Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7pm (Mystics inspired service with Communion)
- Good Friday, March 29, Noon and 7pm (Tenebrae - 7 Last Words as the Sanctuary grows darker. Nailing of Prayer Concerns to the Cross);
- Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil - March 30, 10am, Brief service celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with Adult Baptisms and Renewal of Baptism;
- Easter - Resurrection Sunday, March 31 (6:30am-outside; 8:30am, 10am); Eggstravaganza (9:30am). Trumpets, choirs, special music, refreshments.

FLIER FOR HOLY WEEK - Grab a flier at the Welcome Table. It has all the details and invite a friend to join you for worship!

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (3/24 -Jeremiah 8:18 - 38:28). This group will be taking a break for Lent and begin after Easter.

GOT VASES? If you have any extra vases to donate, please bring to the Welcome Table or the church office. Vases will be used to deliver unclaimed Altar flowers to members unable to make it to church.

DEVOTIONALS - Pick up a *Christ in Our Home* devotional (April - June) at the Welcome Table.

LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY (LSM) - Residential academy for high school musicians at Valparaiso University. Scholarships available. (LSMacademy.org)

NURSERY is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services (babies - pre-K.). It is located up the steps, inside the preschool room, closest to the church. Sign your child in and grab a pager.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service). Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Communion. To register your child for Sunday school, speak with Susie Boland: fellowship@mygloriadei.org. Thanks to all our leaders and teachers!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday at 10am all women are invited to join in! However we will not meet on 3/27. Study is led by Assistant Minister Dana Becker and Pastor David.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE VISIT - Directors, Manager, and some of the older youth will be in worship on April 7 (morning). If you would like to help with activities that weekend, see the sign-up.

DANIELA Y SU MARIACHI provides special music on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at both morning services (8:30 & 10am). They will perform during the service times, but also in between on the patio (9:30am).

YOUTH FUND RAISER DINNER - Gloria Dei Youth will be serving a cajun dinner to congregation members & friends on April 19, 6pm as a means to raise funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY PETTING ZOO - Gloria Dei will host a petting zoo (with sheep) on April 21 between the morning services (9:30am). Invite a friend to join in the fun and worship!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Ordination of Deacon Daneen Pysz and Cinco de "Magico" Dinner (May 5, 5pm); Mom's & Mimosa Pancake Breakfast (May 12, 11am); Church Campout (June 7-9); Vacation Bible School (June 17-21) - VBS Registration is open online.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 24 - 30, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Memorial for Don Scroggin (11am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Men's Book Club (11:30am); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); So. Coast Literacy Council Games & Conversation (1pm); Fred Johnson Rehearsal (5pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Maundy Thursday Service (7pm)

Friday - Good Friday Worship (12pm & 7pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Easter Vigil Baptisms (10am); Hope Photos Installation (10:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Ukrainian Worship (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)