



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

*Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...*

**Encountering God, Loving One Another,  
& Reaching the World.**

*Palm Sunday*  
*March 29, 2026*



## *Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church*

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **INVOCATION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

### **ACCLAMATION**

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

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: Mercifully assist us, O Lord 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. **Amen.**

### **PROCESSION GOSPEL - MATTHEW 21:1-11**

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup>"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."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## BLESSING OF PALMS PRAYER

### PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,

**in the name of the Lord.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*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 are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.  
**Amen.**

**READING - Psalm 24** (*Read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it,

<sup>2</sup> **for he has founded it on the seas  
and established it on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift  
up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.**

<sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup> **Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!

<sup>8</sup> **Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!

<sup>10</sup> **Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

**PASSION GOSPEL - Matthew 27:11-54**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" <sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup> Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So after

they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"<sup>18</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.<sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."<sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.<sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!"<sup>23</sup> Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."<sup>25</sup> Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"<sup>26</sup> So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.<sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,<sup>29</sup> and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"<sup>30</sup> They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.<sup>31</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.<sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),<sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.<sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;<sup>36</sup> then they sat down there and kept watch over him.<sup>37</sup> Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

<sup>38</sup> Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.<sup>39</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads<sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come

down from the cross.”<sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,<sup>42</sup> “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.”<sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ”<sup>44</sup> The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.<sup>46</sup> And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”<sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.”<sup>48</sup> At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.<sup>49</sup> But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”<sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.<sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.<sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.<sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** - Pastor Jon

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - All Hail the Power/All Hail King Jesus

*All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.*

*Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.*

*All hail, King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel, King of kings, Lord of lords,  
Bright morning star. And throughout eternity I’ll sing your praises,  
and I’ll reign with you throughout eternity.*

*Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.*

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Your mercy is great.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERING HYMN - My Jesus, I Love Thee**

1 My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; For thee all the  
2 I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me, And pur - chased my  
3 I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, And praise thee as  
4 In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll ev - er a -

fol - lies of sin I re - sign; My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my  
par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I love thee for wear - ing the  
long as thou lend - est me breath; And say when the death - dew lies  
dore thee in heav - en so bright; I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing

Sav - ior art thou: If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
thorns on thy brow: If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
cold on my brow: If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
crown on my brow: If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now. A - men.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **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**

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

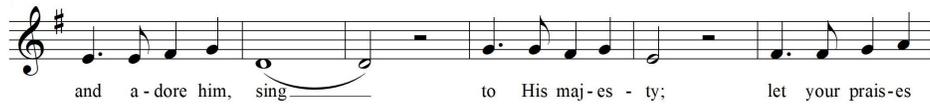
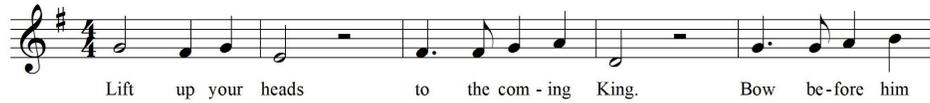
#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### **COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

## SENDING HYMN - Lift up Your Heads/Oh, For a Thousand Tongues



- 1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
- 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Look unto him, your Savior own,<br/>O fallen human race!<br/>Look and be saved through faith alone,<br/>be justified by grace!</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 To God all glory, praise, and love<br/>be now and ever giv'n<br/>by saints below and saints above,<br/>the church in earth and heav'n.</li> </ol> |
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## *Announcements*

### **Statistics**

The attendance on Sunday, March 22 was 55. 16 attended online.  
This week's offerings to General Fund: \$2,245; Received online:  
\$379

### **Holy Week Schedule**

Join us for our continued Holy Week services:

*Maundy Thursday Worship - 7:00 PM*

*Good Friday Worship - 7:00 PM (At Lakeview Lutheran Church*

*Easter Worship - 9:00 AM*

*All are invited and all are welcome!*

### **Be part of the 2026 St. Paul Area Synod Assembly**

Do you have an interest in learning more about our church leadership at large? Consider being a delegate for CSLC at the St. Paul Area Synod Assembly - May 15 & 16 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. This year's assembly is particularly important as the SPAS is electing a new bishop. Speak with Pastor Jon if you are interested.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

April 24-25                      Spring Rummage Sale

June 24                              CSLC Night at the Twins

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### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

**Today: Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday**

8:00 AM - Bible Study  
9:00 AM - Worship  
10:00 AM - Fellowship  
11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School  
12:30 PM - EFLC Worship  
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

**Monday, March 30**

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery  
12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)

**Tuesday, March 31**

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)  
8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)  
6:00 PM - VH Green Team  
6:30 PM - AA (FH)

**Wednesday, April 1**

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)  
6:00 PM - Youth  
7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

**Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday**

12:00 PM - UCG (K/FH/S)  
7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship (at CTS)

**Friday, April 3 - Good Friday**

5:30 PM - EF Choir Rehearsal (Class A)  
7:00 PM - Good Friday Worship (at Lakeview)

**Saturday, April 4**

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study  
11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

**Sunday, April 5 - Easter**

8:00 AM - Bible Study  
9:00 AM - Worship  
10:00 AM - Fellowship  
12:30 PM - EFLC Worship  
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

### THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

**Today: Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday**

10:00 AM - Fellowship  
10:45 AM - Worship  
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

**Monday, March 30**

7:00 AM - AA

**Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday**

7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship (at Christ the Servant)

**Friday, April 3 - Good Friday**

7:00 PM - Good Friday Worship (at Lakeview)

**Sunday, April 5 - Easter**

10:00 AM - Fellowship  
10:45 AM - Worship  
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!**

Greeter: Katie Wright  
Ushers: Matt & Jayson Mehring  
Reader: Mike Woehrle  
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony  
Communion Assistants: OPEN  
Musicians: Gaye Lindfors, Tony Lee  
Coffee Servers: Souza/Yurk Family  
Bread Pickup: Matt Mehring  
Counters: Loretta Markham, Roger Gullickson

## **PRAYER REQUESTS...**

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:  
The family of Pastor Dick Mork on his passing, Pastor Jon and family on the passing of Helmut Yurk, Tony L., Susan R. and family on Audrey's passing, Mark (brother of Sarah K.) Michelle, (Sister of Linda W.), Eileen S., Emily B., Mary-Kay L., Laiden S., Karen R., Norma (Mother of Leila H.), Sharon G., Deb C., Brian I, Katie W., Steve, Paul S., Brian, Tony L., Roger K., Gary C., Sarah K., Carol L., Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Patty W. (sister of Mike W.)

(Please call the church office with prayer concerns or updates.)

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