

The image features a close-up of several palm fronds. The fronds on the left are illuminated by a warm, golden light, creating a strong contrast with the deep red and black background. The fronds on the right are in shadow, appearing dark and silhouetted. The overall composition is dramatic and evocative of the Palm Sunday story.

# *Palm Sunday*

Hosanna!

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

JOHN 12:13 (NIV)

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**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and confidence that the Lord here offers to us His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His word and promise, repent of all sin, and seek to follow Him in godly living. The Lord's Supper is a public statement of our unity and agreement in the Christian faith. If you hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the sacrament, we ask that you first speak with the Pastor. For those who wish to prepare for attending the Lord's Supper, you will find some questions and answers from Luther's Small Catechism in the hymnal on page 329. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher. We also have a gluten free wafer with wine and a wafer with grape juice for communion. Please let Pastor or an Elder know if you prefer one of these options before the service.

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## **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**WELCOME – Sharing of God's Peace & Announcements**

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father,

**People:** who loved us unconditionally, even before the

**foundation of the world;**

**Pastor:** and of His ☩ Son, Jesus,

**People:** the name above all names, who came to pay a King's ransom for us;

**Pastor:** and of the Holy Spirit,

**People:** who brings us to the faith and keeps us in the faith from the cradle to grave. Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** Hosanna!

**People:** Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

**People:** Hosanna in the highest!

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

**People:** We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.

**Pastor:** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.

**People:** Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.

**Pastor:** So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

**People:** Yes, with the help of God.

**Pastor:** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### COLLECT

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL     *John 12:12-19*

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

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

**HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" LSB 442**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 32:36–39*

(God will vindicate His people.

<sup>36</sup>For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. <sup>37</sup>Then he will say, 'Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, <sup>38</sup>who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! <sup>39</sup>""See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "How Great Thou Art" – *Celebration Ringers*

**THE PASSION READING** (page 9 in bulletin)

*Luke 22:1–23:56*

(The betrayal, arrest, trials, and crucifixion of Jesus)

**HYMN** "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" *LSB* 441

**SERMON**

**CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

People: **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.**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will.

We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.

**People:** We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.

**Pastor:** We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.

**People:** Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was — Your passion to save us.

Pastor: As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.

**People: Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.**

Pastor: You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.

**People: While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.**

Pastor: We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering...

**People: Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**

Pastor: You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.

**People: For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.**

Pastor: For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,

**People: use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.**

**Pastor:** Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.

**People:** We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**     *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** 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.

**BENEDICTION**     *Numbers 6:23–26*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

**HYMN**     "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"     *LSB 443*

**The Passion of Our Lord According to the Gospel of St. Luke**  
**Luke 22:1-23:56**  
**For Congregational Reading**

Narrator: Anne Elphick

Jesus: Allan Smith

Peter: Caleb Fischer

Servant Girl: Meadow Wynne

Courtyard People: Kaia Bode

Pilate: Amir Smith

Criminal 1: Pastor Bode

Criminal 2: Garry Leverenz

Centurion: Mark Bode

(The congregation will read in unison the text in bold type and marked by the symbol ✕.)

NARRATOR: Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put Him to death,

**✕ for they feared the people.**

NARRATOR: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money.

**✕ So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of a crowd.**

NARRATOR: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

JESUS: Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.

NARRATOR: They said to Him,

✠ **Where will you have us prepare it?**

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, "The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.

NARRATOR: And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them,

JESUS: I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

NARRATOR: And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said,

JESUS: Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

NARRATOR: And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

NARRATOR: And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

JESUS: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays Me is with Me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!

**✕ And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.**

NARRATOR: A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And He said to them,

JESUS: The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. You are those who have stayed with Me in My trials, and I assign to you, as My

Father assigned to Me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

JESUS: Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.

NARRATOR: Peter said to Him,

PETER: Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death.

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know Me.

NARRATOR: And He said to them,

JESUS: When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?

NARRATOR: They said,

✦ **Nothing.**

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in Me: "And He was numbered with the transgressors." For what is written about Me has its fulfillment.

NARRATOR: And they said,

✂ **Look, Lord, here are two swords.**

NARRATOR: And He said to them,

JESUS: It is enough.

NARRATOR: And He came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. And when He came to the place, He said to them,

JESUS: Pray that you may not enter into temptation.

NARRATOR: And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

JESUS: Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done.

NARRATOR: And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling



down to the ground. And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and He said to them,

JESUS: Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.

NARRATOR: While He was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss Him, but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

NARRATOR: And when those who were around Him saw what would follow, they said,

**✕ Lord, shall we strike with the sword?**

NARRATOR: And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said,

JESUS: No more of this!

NARRATOR: And He touched His ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against Him,

JESUS: Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

NARRATOR: Then they seized Him and led Him away, bringing Him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said,

SERVANT GIRL: This man also was with Him.

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: Woman, I do not know Him.

NARRATOR: And a little later someone else saw him and said,

COURTYARD PERSON 1: You also are one of them.

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I am not.

NARRATOR: And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying,

COURTYARD PERSON 2: Certainly this man also was with Him, for he too is a Galilean.

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I do not know what you are talking about.

NARRATOR: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him,

JESUS: Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.

✘ **And he went out and wept bitterly.**

NARRATOR: Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him as they beat Him. They also blindfolded Him and kept asking Him,

✘ **Prophecy! Who is it that struck You?**

NARRATOR: And they said many other things against Him, blaspheming Him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led Him away to their council, and they said,

✘ **If you are the Christ, tell us.**

NARRATOR: But He said to them,

JESUS: If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

NARRATOR: So they all said,

**✕ Are you the Son of God, then?**

NARRATOR: And He said to them,

JESUS: You say that I am.

NARRATOR: Then they said,

**✕ What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from His own lips.**

NARRATOR: Then the whole company of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying,

**✕ We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a king.**

NARRATOR: And Pilate asked Him,

PILATE: Are you the King of the Jews?

NARRATOR: And He answered him,

JESUS: You have said so.

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: I find no guilt in this man.

NARRATOR: But they were urgent, saying,

**✕ He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.**

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

NARRATOR: Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release Him.

NARRATOR: But they all cried out together,

**✘ Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas**

NARRATOR: — a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting,

**✘ Crucify, crucify Him!**

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: Why, what evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him.

NARRATOR: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

NARRATOR: And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed Him a great

multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said,

JESUS: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us," and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

NARRATOR: Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said,

JESUS: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying,

**✘ He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!**

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying,

**✘ If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!**

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying,

CRIMINAL 1: Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.

NARRATOR: And he said,

CRIMINAL 2: Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

NARRATOR: And He said to him,

JESUS: Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.

NARRATOR: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!

✠ And having said this He breathed His last.



NARRATOR: Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying,

CENTURION: Certainly this man was innocent!

NARRATOR: And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all His acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

NARRATOR: Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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**OPENING SONG**

**RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY**

Ride on, ride on in majesty  
Hark all the tribes Hosanna cry  
O Saviour meek pursue Thy road  
With palms and scattered garments strow'd

Ride on ride on in majesty  
In lowly pomp ride on to die  
O Christ your triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquer'd sin

Ride on ride on in majesty  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice

Ride on ride on in majesty  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh  
The father on His sapphire throne  
Expects His own anointed Son

Ride on ride on in majesty  
In lowly pomp ride on to die  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain  
Then take O God your power and reign

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

**People:** We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.

**Pastor:** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.

**People:** Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.

**Pastor:** So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

**People:** Yes, with the help of God.

**Pastor:** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

*John 12:12-19*

*Page 3 in bulletin*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 32:36-39*

*Page 5 in bulletin*

### **THE PASSION READING**

*Luke 22:1-23:56*

*Page in 9 bulletin*

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

### **WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME**

Let the weak say I am strong; Let the poor say I am rich.  
Let the blind say I can see; it's what the Lord has done in me.

*Repeat*

*Refrain:*

*Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.*

*Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.*

Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away,  
From the heaven's mercy stream of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.

I will sing salvation songs: Jesus Christ has set me free!

*Refrain*

Let the weak say I am strong; Let the poor say I am rich.  
Let the blind say I can see; it's what the Lord has done in me.

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## **SERMON**

### **CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for**

our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING

### THE WONDERFUL CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

*Chorus:* O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all  
(*chorus*)

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## PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

+++ THE LORD'S SUPPER +++

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION

### WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

What wondrous love is this  
O my soul O my soul



What wondrous love is this O my soul  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul for my soul  
To bear the dreadful 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 and joyful be  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on I'll sing on

And thro' eternity I'll sing on

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING SONG**

### **THE KING IS COMING**

The market place is empty  
No more traffic in the streets  
All the builders' tools are silent  
No more time to harvest wheat  
Busy housewives cease their labors  
In the courtroom no debate  
Work on earth is all suspended  
As the King comes thro' the gate

Happy faces line the hallways  
Those whose lives have been redeemed  
Broken homes that He has mended  
Those from prison He has freed  
Little children and the aged  
Hand in hand stand all aglow  
Who were crippled broken ruined  
Clad in garments white as snow

I can hear the chariots rumble  
I can see the marching throng  
The flurry of God's trumpets

Spells the end of sin and wrong  
Regal robes are now unfolding  
Heaven's grandstands all in place  
Heaven's choir is now assembled  
Start to sing Amazing Grace

*Chorus:        Oh the King is coming  
                 The King is coming  
I just heard the trumpet sounding  
                 And now His face I see  
                 Oh the King is coming  
                 The King is coming  
Praise God He's coming for me  
                 Repeat Chorus*

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**Due to Pastor's busy schedule**, if you make an appointment with him in passing, please confirm the appointment with MaryAnn in the Office. Thank you!

### **Worship News for April**

Maundy Thursday, April 17th and Good Friday, April 18th have services at 1 PM and 7 PM. The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) has services at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM this year. We finish the month with the Second Sunday of Easter.

### **Lutheran Hour April 20<sup>th</sup> "A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7)

[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org), or 990 AM., 107.1 FM, Sundays at 8:00 AM, Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 10:00 AM

### **Donations for the Fall Festival / Rummage Sale will now be accepted.**

They can be taken to the lower level in the room where everything will be sorted, a sign is on the door. Any questions? Contact Tracey 301-0716 or Diane 964-2861

### **Information to add to your Church Directory:**

Kayli, Greg & Wyatt Hedger

4545 State Rt. 245

Naples, NY 14512

### **From the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee:**

We still have some sweatshirts, t- shirts and mugs available for sale. They are set up in the middle meeting room. Stop by and shop for your Valentine or yourself! Sweatshirts are \$20, t- shirts and mugs are \$10 each. Thank you!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - If you have a friend or relative who is going through a "tough time" and would appreciate a prayer shawl, please call the church office or Cherie Rockow at 964-3179 or Cindy Smith 964-3772. If you would like to join us in this ministry, patterns and yarn are available. Call Cherie or Cindy for information.

**Hi everyone,**

I have been cleaning out the craft room downstairs in preparation for VBS and have found a lot of used crayons. A suggestion was made to recycle them and I found out about "The Crayon Initiative". <https://thecrayoninitiative.org/give-crayons/> They recycle crayons and donate them to Children's hospitals around the country and Golisano Children's Hospital in Rochester is on their list. All we have to do is collect and take to Staples and they will ship them to the recycler. If there is anyone else who has a bunch of old crayons, they would like to donate, I have a container on the counter in the Narthex and will be collecting until the end of April..

VBS news will be coming soon, and I will set up a meeting in April - I hope everyone can volunteer again and would welcome new faces as well. Our theme this year is "Road Trip" The Lord your God is with you wherever you go! Joshua 1:9 - Save the date July 14-18!

Laurie Streb  
VBS Director

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY**

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Michael Cappuzzo        Kyle Ketcham            Riley Robinson

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## FILL THE SILLS FOR LENT

(6 Weeks of Lent)

<u>Week</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Shoebox</u>
March 5 – 11	canned vegetables	pencils
March 12 – 18	small shampoo	index cards
March 19 – 25	fruit cups	small flashlight
March 26-April 1	tuna	toothbrush
April 2 – 8	bar soap	scissors
April 9 – 15	snack bars	comb or brush





**PORK DINNER UPDATES**—THE Dorcas Society's annual Roast Pork Dinner will be held this year on Wednesday April 30. We are serving dinner **INSIDE** this year, in the gym, and serving from 4:30 – 6:30 pm, or takeouts are also available then.

Ticket prices are: Adults--\$15.00; Ages 4-12--\$7.00; Ages 3 and under are free. There will be **NO** tickets sold at the door, so please either buy them on Sundays between services—March 30, April 6 and April 13, or by calling the Church Office – 964-2550, or Anne Elphick – 755-5108, to leave your name, phone number, if you want to eat in or take out and number of tickets needed. Your tickets will be waiting in the Annex the evening of the dinner. Last day for phone orders is Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>.

We're posting a sign-up sheet in the Annex for anyone wishing to bake a pie (or two!). If so, these should be brought to the kitchen no later than noon on the day of the dinner. We thank you so much!!

**Indoor  
Dining**

**Take out's  
Available**

A cartoon pig with a friendly expression, wearing a simple dress, is holding a large rectangular sign in front of its chest. The sign contains text about a pork dinner event. The pig has a curly tail and is standing on four legs.

## **PORK DINNER**

**April 30, 2025**

**4:30 – 6:30**

**St. John Lutheran  
Church – Hamlin  
1107 Lake Rd – West Fork**

**Includes:** Pork, Sauerkraut,  
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,  
Stuffing, Roll, Applesauce,  
& Dessert.

**Adults - \$15.00  
4 - 12 - \$7.00  
3 & Under - Free**

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or  
964-2550**