

Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Procession of the Palms-
Passion Sunday

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Divine Service III

Messiah Lutheran Church

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: Nate Nevius

Ushers: Mark Mielke & Garrett Koch

Greeter: Vicky Nelson

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Cara Zietz & Angela Pynaker

Fellowship: Mike & Sandy Martin

Stand and face the processional cross.

Greeting

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

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Collect

P 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.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12—19

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion,
behold, 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 about Him and had been done to Him. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

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

All Glory Laud and Honor

LSB 442

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphant entry and His passion.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

LSB 428

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Gradual

Ps. 73:23b–24, 1



You hold my | right hand.*

**You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will
receive me to | glory.**

**Truly God is good to | Israel,*
to those who are | pure in heart.**

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Stand

Tract for Lent

Psalms 22:1, 4, 5



My God, my God, why have You for- | saken me?*

**Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my |
groaning?**

In You our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and You de- | livered them.

To You they cried and were | rescued;*

in You they trusted and were not | put to shame.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:1—27:66

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples....

....So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Apostles' Creed	<i>p192</i>
<i>Sit</i>	
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	<i>LSB 438</i>
Sermon	
<i>Stand</i>	
Offertory	<i>p192</i>
Prayer of the Church	
<i>Sit</i>	
+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+	
<i>Stand</i>	
Preface	<i>p194</i>
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Distribution	
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	<i>LSB 443</i>
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty	<i>LSB 441</i>
Jesus, Refuge of the Weary	<i>LSB 423</i>
Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You	<i>LSB 668</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
Nunc Dimittis <i>(the Gloria Patri is omitted)</i>	<i>p199</i>
Thanksgiving	<i>p200</i>
Salutation and Benedicamus	<i>p201</i>
Benediction	<i>p202</i>
No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet	<i>LSB 444</i>

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**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever**

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rick Zuehls, Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, and veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Kathy Krause (niece of Jane Gundlach), Carl Jagow (cousin of Ted Scholz), Betty Nemeth (sister of Mary Jo Jiter), Judy Dissen, Michelle Knull, Diane Ciesielczyk (aunt of Vicky Nelson), Helen Nelson (mother of Kelvin Nelson), Pamela Hammond (daughter of Kathy Knutell), and Bob Halvorson (relative of Vicky Nelson).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24th+

- ✘ **FUNERAL LUNCHEON:** Thank you to all of you who contributed food and/or helped to serve at the luncheon for Bob Clauer’s family on Friday. Your help is appreciated.
- ✘ **WEDNESDAY:** At 9:00 am we will have a spoken Divine Service. There will be no Bible study.
- ✘ **EASTER BRUNCH:** We will have an Easter brunch potluck after the service on Easter morning. Sausage patties, biscuits, and sausage gravy are being provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway to provide a dish.
- ✘ **NEW BULLETIN BOARDS:** You may have noticed that we installed new bulletin boards in the hallway. They are dry erase and also magnetic. If you have something you would like posted, please have it approved by Pastor Roemke first. Postings must be church related and will have a limit on how long they will be up. All sign-up sheets for potlucks, fellowship, activities, and altar flowers will now be located on the board closest to the kitchen.
- ✘ **THRIVENT CHOICE:** Thank you to all of you who have directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Messiah. In 2023, we received \$1,421 through this program. Any Choice Dollars you have now will expire on March 31st, so you must chose a beneficiary before then. Please contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord’s Work contributions budget YTD as of 3/22:	\$60,989
Lord’s Work contributions received YTD as of 3/22:	\$50,367
Difference:	-10,622
Restricted contributions YTD as of 3/22:	\$3,208
Mortgage Balance as of 2/16:	\$21,919

ATTENDANCE 3/17: 121

BIRTHDAYS

3/27 Toni Marshman
3/30 Mark Mielke
Pat Tomsheck

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/28 Scott Tobalsky
3/29 Bob Hagerman
3/30 Terry Sommer
Tatum Nehls
Lena Roemke

ANNIVERSARIES

3/24 Barry & Robin Tegel (6)

+HOLY WEEK AT MESSIAH+

Monday	3/25	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Tuesday	3/26	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Wednesday	3/27	9:00 am	Spoken Divine Service
		6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Thursday	3/28	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday	3/29	12:00 pm	Good Friday Chief Service
		6:30 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
Saturday	3/30	7:15 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	3/31	10:30 am	Easter Brunch Potluck