



## Palm Sunday - April 2, 2023

**Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us to worship the Savior at Living Savior!**

- Restrooms are located down the second hallway on your right as you leave the church.
- Please help us be a friendly church by filling out the Connection Card during the service and placing it in the offering plate on the table just outside the sanctuary.
- Would you like to know more about Jesus, the basic teachings of what it means to be a Christian, or the Bible? Please mark the box on the Connection Card or email Pastor Persons for more information: [persons@1791.com](mailto:persons@1791.com). Visit our website: [livingsaviourmissoula.org](http://livingsaviourmissoula.org).

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### Palms Aplenty

*For 1700 years the Church has celebrated with hosannas and palm branches this festival opening Holy Week. The time for Christ's glory had come. He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Rather, he would humble himself in great acts of love for us, and then the Father would exalt him to the highest place, because he had fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.*

*The potted palms and palm branches honor Christ the King in his great victory celebration. All saints and angels rejoice in his reign. We look forward to the Day when we will join the celebration in his royal presence!*

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

*Psalm 92:12-13*

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

*Revelation 7:9-10*

# The Service

Service Notes:

**Congregation: Bold** | *Gathered today, please stand as you are able; all rise in spirit.*

## Apostolic Greeting

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Gathering Rite for Palm Sunday

Who is this riding an animal meant to carry burdens?

**Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**

Blessed be the coming kingdom of David.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* | **Christian Worship: Hymnal 412**

*Refrain* All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

Who is this riding among us?

**Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Refrain* All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

4 To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Who is this Liberator of Israel?

**Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**

Blessed is he who is the King of peace.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Refrain* All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

5 As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.

Who is he acclaimed by palms of victory and shouts of joy?  
**Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**

Blessed is he who comes to save his people.  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Refrain* All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before you we present.

Who is this who comes to destroy the power of Satan?  
**Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**  
Blessed is he who restores the paradise of Eden.  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Refrain* All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
2 The company of angels is praising you on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

*Be seated*

## **We Confess to our King**

Let us confess our sin to the King of all, trusting in his tender mercy.

O Lord, you deserve our glad cries of 'Hosanna', but we confess that so often our praise is the muted sounds of disinterest. Instead of praising your name, we have profaned it. Instead of glorifying you, we have dishonored you.

**Instead of boldly speaking your truth, we have given way to the fear of what others may think of us. Lord, our sins brought you to the cross — forgive us because of your redeeming love.**

*Please take a moment to confess your sins silently and personally.*

## **Our King Has Forgiven Us**

"There is no condemnation for you who are in Christ Jesus." - *Romans 8:1*  
No shame to cripple your life. No guilt to press you down. You have been set free by the blood of the Lamb. Live your lives in the joyful obedience of "thank you" and show your gratitude by freely forgiving others – just as God has so freely forgiven you! Now let us join together with true shouts of 'Hosanna!'

At stanza 3, please rise and lay your palm branches in the aisle in honor of Christ the King.

## The Word

### Greeting

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

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, the energy and emotion of your triumphant entry into Jerusalem still brings incredible joy to our hearts.

**Yet the joy of that moment so quickly turned to sorrow and pain.**

May Palm Sunday be a reminder to us that while emotions can be fickle, your faithfulness and love remain true.

**Your sacrificial love brought forgiveness and hope to a dying world. Use us to share that same forgiveness and hope to all those around us.**

When life's struggle sears our souls or sacrifice strips us of hope,  
**strengthen us with your bold spirit—a spirit that strode bravely into Jerusalem to face death.**

Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, and forever.

**Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Reading

**Zechariah 9:9-12** NIV

- <sup>9</sup> **Men:** Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
**Women:** Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
**Men:** See, your king comes to you,  
**Women:** righteous and victorious,  
**Men:** lowly and riding on a donkey,  
**Women:** on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- <sup>10</sup> **Pastor:** I 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.  
11 As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.  
12 Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;  
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

**Philippians 2:5-11** NIV

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:  
6 Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
7 rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
8 And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!  
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand to welcome the Good News of Jesus.*

## The Gospel Acclamation

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
***The hour has come.***

**John 12:23** NIV

## The Gospel

**Matthew 21:1-11** NIV

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "Say to Daughter Zion,  
'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The 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!"

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## The Hymn of the Day

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* | **CW 411**

1—All 2—Women 3—All 4—Men \*5—All, following the Sermon\*

## Sermon

**"A Choice that Pays"**

**Psalm 8:1-9**

## Confession of Faith

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*Council of Nicea, A.D. 325  
Council of Constantinople, A.D. 381*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, He came down from Heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **Prayer of the Church — PALM SUNDAY**

Lord Jesus Christ, our gracious and glorious King, on that first Palm Sunday you came in triumph to Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna!"

**Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises long ago.**

Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

**Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**

Give us opportunities to share this saving message with those around us. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

**Move us to confess you as our Lord and to dedicate all that we are and have to your glory.**

O Lamb of God who came to suffer and die, come now as King into our hearts to reign. Rule us with your grace, forgiving all our sins and moving us to serve you in righteousness.

**Give us faith to trust you, courage to confess you, strength to bear our crosses, and zeal to follow you all the days of our lives.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in quietness.



*Silence is kept for prayer.*

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week on the road toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this message of salvation.

**Hear us, blessed Jesus, our Redeemer and King. Amen.**

## The Offering | Offertory

"The Palms"

*Jean-Baptiste Faure, 1830-1914*

**While the offering is brought forward, please fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering basket on the table to the right of the church entry. Thank you.**

*Members of Living Savior support the ministry of sharing the good news of Jesus through their offerings. Guests may choose to give back to the Lord at Living Savior, through their own congregation, or in other ways that reflect a thankful heart. We are glad to share our joy and hope with you.*

*Stand*

## The Sacrament

### "The Great Thanksgiving of Holy Communion"

HYMN TO JOY - Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt.: Edward Hodges 1796-1867

Minister: *Regular*    Congregation: **Bold**



1 God be with you. Lift your hearts, in faith and  
2 **Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly — God of**

*Words of Institution and the Peace of the Lord are spoken while music plays softly.*

3 **Christ died once, a - rose, as - cend - ed — pro - mis-**



hope and love—out-poured. **God be with you. Hearts we  
pow-er, God of might; heav'n and earth pro - claim your  
ing he'll come a - gain; we re - ceive his real**



**raise; in Spir - it and in . truth ac - cord.  
great-ness — splen - dor, maj - es ty u - nite.  
pres - ence in the feast both now and then.**



To our gra - cious God be the glo - ry; in ev'-ry-  
**All God's chil - dren shout, "Ho - san - na, blest for-  
 Christ, the Lamb of God, our Re-deem- er, you take a-**



thing give thanks and praise! **With all saints and hosts of  
 ev - er is the One; in your name and mer - cy  
 way the whole world's sin. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have**



**heav - en, mag - ni - fy the Lord al - ways:  
 bear - ing, comes your own be - lov - ed Son."  
 mer - cy. Christ, grant us your peace. A - men.**

*Spoken after stanza 2 of "The Great Thanksgiving"*

**Words of Institution**

*Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:23b-25*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**The Peace of the Lord** *Pax Domini*

*John 20:19*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

*Spoken after stanza 3 of "The Great Thanksgiving"*

**Prayer for Communion**

*Veit Dietrich, 1506-1549*

O Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for your grace that through your Son Jesus Christ you established this supper in which we eat his body and drink his blood.

By your Holy Spirit, help us to use this gift worthily, to confess and forsake our sins, to confidently believe that we are forgiven through Christ, and to grow in faith and love day by day until we come at last to the joy of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Chronicles 29:11

**Our Father, which 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.**

*Be seated*

## Common Union

*The Lord's Supper is a beautiful expression of unity—with our Lord and among believers in full faith confession. Confirmed members in good standing within the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) may come forward to the Lord's table today. Those wishing to join us in the future are kindly invited to speak with the pastor. Instruction classes are offered explaining what we believe, teach, and confess in our fellowship; membership is offered upon completion and full agreement. To God be the glory!*

## Distribution | Hymns

*Exult Today, Jerusalem* | **CW 415**

*No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet* | **CW 414:1, 2**

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

1 Chronicles 16:34

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

1 Corinthians 11:26

## Prayer

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here *with hosannas* may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Blessing *Benediction*

Numbers 6:24-26

*'Aaron's Blessing' has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them."*

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 T peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated

**Hymn** *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet* | **CW 414:3, 4**

### Announcements

Tuesday 9:00am, Lizzie Confirmation Class, church  
Wednesday 10:30am, Preschool Devotion

**Easter lilies/flowers** may be brought to church on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and the Altar Guild will place them around the altar for Easter Festival Worship. Thank you for considering these gifts!

## Worship With Us Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday, April 6

7:00 PM with Lord's Supper

### Good Friday, April 7





10:30 AM Good Friday worship with Lord's Supper at Kalispell, Springhill Suites, Old Reserve Ave

7:00 PM – **Tenebrae** Service of Darkness

### Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM Easter Festival Service

<h1>HOLY WEEK</h1>			
			
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>