



## **Our Savior's Lutheran Church – Cleveland, MN**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

March 29, 2026

*We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's*



### **Palms Journey**

Inspired by Matthew 21:1-11

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**The Good News is... *inspiring us to act!***  
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## Call to Worship

Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout "Hosanna"?

Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

**We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.**

**We will worship. We will follow.**

Hosanna in the highest!

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## Confession & Forgiveness

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action.

So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation.

Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives.

Let us begin with confession.

**Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray, Amen.**

Whether or not you wave your palm branch, whether or not you live out your faith, whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions, God will never stop loving you. Jesus will never stop marching for you. The Spirit will never stop listening to you. We are claimed, loved, and held in grace. What good, good news. **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

*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. *Refrain*

2. The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

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

5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious 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**

Holy One, **if we've heard this story before, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, then help us to hear it again. And if we've never heard this story before, if we've never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna," then give us the wisdom to follow along. Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth. We are listening. Amen.**

**First Reading – Isaiah 50: 4-9a** *The servant of the Lord submits to suffering.*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 100** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### **Palm / Passion Sunday: The Story of Holy Week**

Inspired by Mark 11:1-11, John 13:1-35, Luke 22:66–23:25, and Luke 23:33-38, 44-46

Written by Rev. Anna Strickland

### **Hymn of the Day**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Red #324

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o’er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upn my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane ad blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that though all time abide.

### **Affirmation of faith**

We believe in a table-setting God **who always has a seat saved for you.**

We believe in an inviting God **who leaves the porch light on and a hand extended.**

We believe in a radically welcoming God **who eats with the overlooked and the outcast, the hungry and the downtrodden.**

We believe in the good news of the gospel, which reminds us **that all are welcomed, all are celebrated, all are loved, and all are claimed.**

Pull up a seat at God’s table. **There is good news to be shared here. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

God of love. **Hear our prayer.**

### **Offering & Giving Prayer**

Gracious God, **giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives.**

**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Announcements**

## Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless us now and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

“Lead on, O King Eternal”

Red #805

1. Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
hence-forth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.

Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirrings drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy the heav’nly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where’er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

## Dismissal

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

### Holy Week at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday/1 <sup>st</sup> Communion	6:30 pm
Good Friday	6:30 pm
Easter Sunday	Breakfast 8:15 am
	Egg Hunt 8:30 am
	Worship 9:00 am

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