



# PALM SUNDAY

*with Shining Stars*



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ***Regarding Holy Communion***

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a family meal. We invite you to join us in this meal. If you are our guest this morning and have any questions regarding the Lord's Supper, please speak to Pastor Bart Loos before the service. As you prepare to receive this family meal, it is helpful to ask yourself these questions:

- Am I a baptized Christian who trusts in Jesus Christ alone for salvation?
- Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
- Do I believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine?
- Do I desire to live in the strength of the Holy Spirit and walk in the path of righteousness as revealed by God's holy laws?

*If you have not spoken with Pastor Bart, we still encourage you to come up during communion and cross both arms over your chest to receive a blessing of forgiveness.*

## INVOCATION

### OPENING READING

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you;

**All: righteous and having salvation is he,**

Pastor: humble and mounted on a donkey,

**All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Pastor: <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

**All: and the war horse from Jerusalem;**

Pastor: and the battle bow shall be cut off,

**All: and he shall speak peace to the nations;**

Pastor: his rule shall be from sea to sea,

**All: and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

**All: I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.**

Pastor: <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

**All: today I declare that I will restore to you double.**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### OPENING PRAYER



*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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
 And we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

EPISTLE READING

*Philippians 2:5-11*

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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

*John 12:12-19*

<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."

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF FAITH

### *Version of the Apostles' Creed*

#### *Verse 1*

I believe in God the Father  
mighty and eternal Lord  
Our Father is the creator  
forming all things by His work  
I believe in our Lord Jesus  
God's only Son who came to earth  
Born a man, by the Spirit,  
by a virgin given birth

#### *Chorus*

Sing praise to the Father,  
to the Spirit and the Son  
Sing praise to our holy God,  
forever three in one

#### *Verse 2*

I believe that Jesus suffered  
On the cross He bore my shame  
I believe that He was buried  
Then triumphant rose again  
Glorified, He has ascended  
Seated at the Father's side  
He will come again in judgement  
Justice will be satisfied

#### *Chorus*

#### *Verse 3*

I believe the Holy Spirit  
comes from the Father and the Son  
I believe the Church is holy  
One communion in God's love  
I believe I am forgiven  
Through the sacrifice of Christ  
I believe in resurrection  
And in everlasting life

#### *Chorus (2x)*

## SHINING STARS PROGRAM “Happy Hosannas”

### OFFERING

#### PRAYERS OF GOD’S WHOLE FAMILY

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God, we approach Your throne of grace today as Your loyal subjects.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: You summon us to humility, even as You came humbly riding on a donkey, so guide us to walk humbly before You and one another.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: You summon us to worship, even as the children sang hosannas to You, so fill us with Your Spirit to worship You in spirit and in truth.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: You summon us to faithfulness. Even as You set Your face for Jerusalem and the cross, so give us faith to take up our cross and follow You.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: You summon us to sacrifice. Even as You offered Your life as the ultimate sacrifice for sin, so give us courage to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to You.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: In view of Your mercy, move us by Your Spirit to submit to Your rule and live under Your reign. Lead us to our Resurrection by the power of Your own.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!**

Pastor: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

**All: Amen.**

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## SONG OF CONFESSION

### *Verse 1*

Most merciful God  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
In thought word and deed  
By what we have done  
And by what we have left undone

### *Chorus*

We have not loved you with our whole heart  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ  
Have mercy on us and forgive us  
That we may delight in your will  
And walk in your ways

### *Ending*

To the glory of your Name  
Amen amen  
To the glory of your Name  
Amen amen

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND COMMUNION PROCESSION

Pastor: Hear the good news! God's Word declares: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Behold, your king comes to you; righteous and having salvation is He" (Zechariah 9:9). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight and giving you salvation. His mercy endures forever because His love for you is steadfast.

**All: Hosanna in the Highest! Amen!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

Pastor: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**All: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

**All: Grant us Your Peace.**

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the incarnate Christ, who came and dwelt amongst us, is with you now and always.

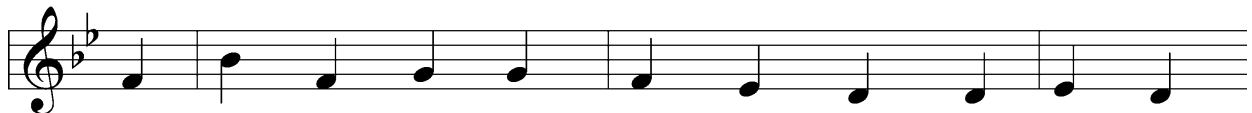
**All: Amen.**

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Ride on, Ride on in Majesty”

LSB 441



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

## "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB 443



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

## CLOSING PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you. May He be gracious unto you, lift His countenance upon you, and may the Lord give you **peace**.

All: **Amen.**



CLOSING SONG

“Hosanna!”

*Verse 1*

I see the King of glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes  
The whole earth shakes

*Verse 2*

I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing  
The people sing

*Chorus*

Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

*Verse 3*

I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith  
With selfless faith

*Verse 4*

I see a near revival  
Stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees  
We're on our knees

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have  
loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's  
cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

*Chorus 2x*

*Tag*

Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

***Thank you to the SHINING STARS for making this service special!***

***PLEASE STICK AROUND FOR OUR BRUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!***

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Reader	<b>Dolores McAllister</b>	Altar Guild	<b>Nancy Peterson</b>
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## ***Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks***

<b>Birthdays</b>	24: Emma Collins; 28: Jane Freudenberg; Phillip Wells; Char-maine Young; 30: Ashton Smith; Mila Cooper
<b>New Prayer Requests</b> <i>(If your prayer request has exceeded two weeks, and you would like it continued, please re-submit your prayer request via our website or yellow Welcome Connection cards.)</i>	<p><b>Submitted last week:</b> Nancy Durkovic's friend, Steve Adams, diagnosed with prostate cancer + Maxine Loos, comfort and healing from knee injury + Levi, Loos' nephew, healing from broken arm</p> <p><b>Submitted two weeks ago:</b> Carol Beck, recovering from pneumonia + Nancy Peterson's niece, Vitoria, having brain surgery on March 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; prayers to guide the surgeons, and that the tumor is not cancerous</p>
<b>For Homebound Members</b>	Pastor John Durkovic, DeeDee Sutton, Bonnie Stull, Terry Hlebasko
<b>For those suffering from cancer</b>	Lucy Santana, Amy (Morgana Kennedy's friend), Karen Bearns, Annuka (Cheryl Vanick's friend), Julie Arciaga, Zoey (Kay Wells friend), Betty Long, Justine (Lynn Imamoto's sister-in-law), John Durkovic, Carol Bermans husband's aunt, Karen, Michelle (Julie Fellows' friend), Anna Baker's friend Gail Chambers, and Diana (Becca Itow's aunt).
<b>For those mourning (past year)</b>	The Mosha Family, The Fitzgerald Family, The Patrick Family, The Lubs Family, The Hlebasko Family, The Aguirre & McAllister Family, The Berman Family, The Lewan Family, The Jaeger Family, The Glassford & Allen Family, The Schaller Family, The Redeker Family, and The Kennedy Family.
<b>For those suffering from Ongoing, Chronic Illnesses (autoimmune diseases, etc.)</b>	Linda (Bob Badway's friend), Debbie Pifer, Maxine Loos, Avery & Finley Boyer, Lucy Santana, Hannah Rose, Emily Mendez, Bryana Haas
<b>For Ongoing General Prayers</b>	The ministries of First Lutheran Church & Circle of Love Pre-school, Concordia Irvine, Pacific Lutheran Junior/Senior High School, the South Bay Community, elected officials, our nation, unemployed and underemployed, Armed Forces, medical professionals, those who suffer from natural disasters, police, and firefighters, those who are traveling, and for all persecuted Christians.