

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday – April 13th, 2025 (11:11 am)

MAJESTY IN HUMILITY

Psalm 118:19–29

John 12:12–19 (Palm Sunday Procession)

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

Philippians 2:5–11

John 12:20–43

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience *“to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Phil. 2:8). He *“goes as it has been determined”* (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father’s plan for the salvation of sinners. *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing *“that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (Phil. 2:11).

WELCOME IN THE NARTEX and PSALM 118:19–29 (Pastor)

P – Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C – **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

P – I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C – **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

P – This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C – **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P – Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C – **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

P – The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

C – **Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

P – You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

TOGETHER – **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

BIBLE READING FROM JOHN 12:12–19 (Pastor)

The Triumphal Entry

P – The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,

C – **“HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, EVEN THE KING OF ISRAEL!”**

P – ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

C – **“FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SITTING ON A DONKEY’S COLT!”**

P – 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Palm branches with people came from the Narthex

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION WITH SONG – HOSANNA ROCK

:: Hosanna! Ho, Ho, Hosanna!

Hosanna! Ho, Ho, Hosanna! ::

:: Everybody praise the Lord!

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD’S NAME (Pastor)

P – In the name of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT.

C – **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS (Pastor)

P – We have come together as God's family to worship Him and to hear His Word. We must acknowledge and confess, however, that we are in no way worthy in and of ourselves to stand before God, to speak to Him in prayer, to hear His Word. Let us confess, then, our own sinfulness before God, receive the assurance of His forgiveness, and then direct our hearts and minds and spirits to God and His Word.

- silence for personal reflection and confession -

P – O God of strength and joy and fullness, we come before You confessing our sins:

C – As Your sheep, O Lord, we acknowledge that we have often strayed from Your paths of righteousness. We have forsaken the true, the noble, the right, the pure, the excellent and praiseworthy things and have exchanged them for the false, deceitful, underhanded and shameful things of this world. In the midst of abundance we have been discontented. In the midst of temptation, we have neglected Your strength and been weak. Despite Your loving care, we have often been anxious and have doubted that You would supply all our needs. For these, our many transgressions and failures, forgive us, O Lord.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P – God has heard your prayer of confession. Before the words were even off your lips, God had acted. He sent His Son Jesus Christ, to suffer and to die for our failures and sins. Jesus has taken your falsehood, your deceit, your underhanded and shameful things with Him to the cross, has forgiven you, and has replaced those things with His goodness, His righteousness, His love and His grace. He gives you His joy in Jesus. He gives you His strength in Jesus. He gives you His peace in Jesus. And God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

C – To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

KIDS SONG – PRAISE YE THE LORD!

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord!

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord! ***Hallelujah!***

Praise ye the Lord! ***Hallelujah!***

Praise ye the Lord! ***Hallelujah!***

PRAISE YE THE LORD!

KIDS MOMENT (Gerry) – PALM SUNDAY (Luke 19:28–40)

WORSHIP SONG – HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)

Praise is rising

Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

'Cause when we see You

*We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)*

***Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus***

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Hosanna hosanna

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PRAYER BEFORE READINGS

Dear God. Thank you for this opportunity to listen to your Word. I ask that you open our hearts and minds to your Holy Spirit, and that we can understand what You are saying to us, your people. Amen.

READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT – DEUTERONOMY 32:36–39 (Deanna)

**³⁶ 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.**

**³⁷ Then he will say, 'Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,**

**³⁸ 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!

**³⁹ "'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.**

READING OF PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 (Deanna)

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 emptied himself, by 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.

READING OF THE GOSPEL FROM JOHN 12:20-43 (Deanna)

Some Greeks Seek Jesus

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you

have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

The Unbelief of the People

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

**"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"**

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰ "He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their heart,

lest they see with their eyes,

and understand with their heart, and turn,

and I would heal them."

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

WORSHIP SONG – HOSANNA!

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

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

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

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

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

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MESSAGE – MAJESTY IN HUMILITY

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I BELIEVE JESUS IS MY KING who is the true and only Son of the Lord of hosts, the King of glory, the King of all the earth. (Psalm 24:10, Psalm 47:7), who was born to us as a child, but prophesied to be the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6), who was born of the Kingly family of David. (Luke 2:4), whom Kings came to worship and to whom they presented gifts. (Matthew 2), who was affirmed as the King of Israel by a would-be disciple. (John 1:49), who proclaimed “the Kingdom of God is near.” (Mark 1:15), who revealed truths about the Kingdom of God, who demonstrated the Kingdom of God.

I BELIEVE JESUS IS MY KING who manifested the Kingdom of God by His presence, who had and exercised all authority in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18), who was welcomed into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as the King of Israel. (John 12:13), who, in a discussion about kingship, declared that His kingdom was not of this world. (John 18:36), who is the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God. (1 Tim. 1:17), who ascended to heaven and reigns far above all rule and authority and power and dominion. (Ephesians 1:21), who is coming again at the end of all the ages as the King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)

I BELIEVE JESUS IS MY KING who will exercise His kingship by judging and separating the sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:34), whose kingdom I have entered by water and the Spirit. (John 3:5), who has declared me to be a royal – that is a kingly – priesthood. (1 Peter 2:9), who calls and commissions me to be His ambassador to the world. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

WORSHIP SONG – THE LION AND THE LAMB

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion

The Lion of Judah

He's roaring with power

And fighting our battles

And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb

The Lamb that was slain

For the sins of the world

His blood breaks the chains

And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (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.**

FINAL BLESSING (Pastor Paulo)

**P – The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

C – Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL WORSHIP SONG – Praise Adonai

Who is like Him
The Lion and the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Mountains bow down
Every ocean roars
To the Lord of Hosts

Praise Adonai

From the rising of the sun

'Til the end of every day

Praise Adonai

All the nations of the earth

All the angels and the saints

Sing praise

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