HOLY COMMUNION Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

8 & 10:30AM

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Palm Sunday leads us into Holy Week, which focuses us on the celebration of the mystery of our salvation. In baptism, we have been joined to this story; in Holy Week, we make our way through it again, because it brings us to life with Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE:

8:00 am: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 10:30 am: Lift Up Your Heads C. Shehi A. Guilmant (public domain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Stand

Palm branches are distributed before the service begins.

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

G Hosanna in the highest.

P Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- **C** Amen.
- **A** Let us go forth in peace,
- **G** in the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



The presiding minister concludes the procession.

- **P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **G** Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Zechariah 9:9-12

The divine warrior image follows the image of God entering into Jerusalem. The Gospels use this passage in their accounts of Jesus riding into Jerusalem in the days before his crucifixion.

A A reading from Zechariah. ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion 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.

- A The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Later service only.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 (*The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.*) ¹Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;* his mercy en- | dures forever. ²Let Israel | now proclaim,* "His mercy en- | dures forever." ¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;* I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the Lord. ²⁰"This is the gate | of the Lord;* he who is right- | eous may enter." ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me* and have become | my salvation. ²²The same stone which the build- | ers rejected* has become the chief | cornerstone. ²³This is | the Lord's doing,* and it is marvelous | in our eyes. ²⁴On this day the | Lord has acted;* we will rejoice and be | glad in it. ²⁵Hosanna, | Lord, hosanna!* Lord, send us | now success. ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;* we bless you from the house | of the Lord. ²⁷God is the Lord; he has | shined upon us;* form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar. ²⁸"You are my God, and | I will thank you;* you are my God, and I | will exalt you." ²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;* his mercy en- | dures forever.

Philippians 2:5-11

SECOND READING

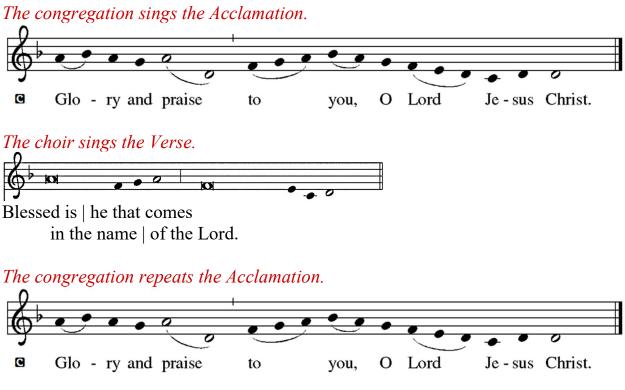
Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience, even to death, and his exaltation as Lord of all.

A A reading from Philippians. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of deatheven death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. to the glory of God the Father.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus enters Jerusalem.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

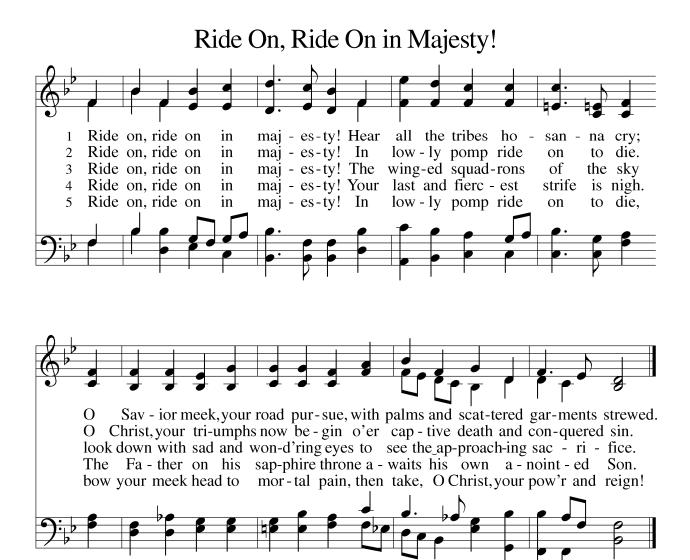
<mark>Sit</mark> SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! Printed on the next page.*



Stand

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

APOSTLES CREED

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **C** Amen.

PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

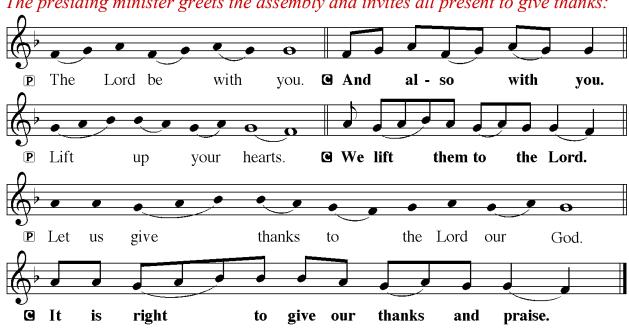
Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. **OFFERTORY**



GREAT THANKSGIVING

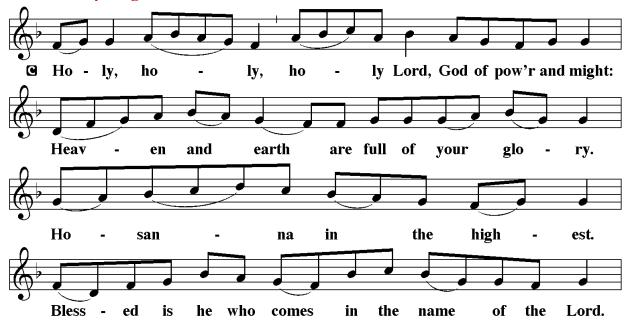


The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with P the preface for the day, concluding: ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:





The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

 IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING: TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING: THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY + BLOOD, SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

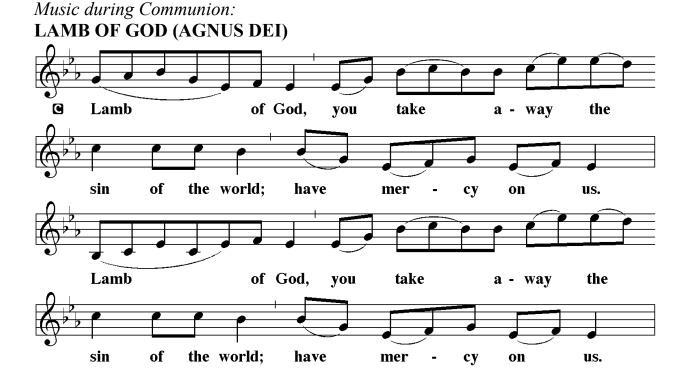
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COMMUNION

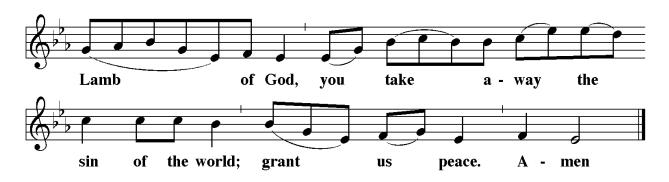
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers sayThe body of Christ, given for you.and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.



Palm Sunday



ANTHEM: Behold the King of Glory

J. B. Carlson

(Tune c. Art Master Studios, Inc., assigned to Lorenz Publishing Company [admin. by Music Service] c.1974)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold the King of Glory waits! The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart, make it a temple set apart from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to Thee we open wide, let us thine inner presence feel, the grace and love in us reveal.

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold the King of Glory waits! The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here!

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 Let us pray.
 We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.



DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng! Printed on the next page.*



- 5 Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array, as pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*
- 6 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 7 Praise him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

 POSTLUDE:
 8:00 am: Rejoice, Ye Pilgrim Throng
 B. Tonkin

 10:30 am: The King's Majesty
 R. Powell

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The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

The liturgical color scarlet, symbolic of Jesus' blood, is the preferred color for Palm Sunday. Purple, symbolic of our penitence and Jesus' royalty, is the alternate color for Palm Sunday.

The Story of Our Hymns All glory, laud and honor Theodulph of Orleans, c. 750-821

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866 Source: *Medieval Hymns*, 1851

Bishop Theodulph was imprisoned in 818 for conspiring against King Louis the Pious. This hymn was probably written while in prison, originally in 78 lines which was shortened and translated from the Latin by Neale. It has become the traditional Palm Sunday processional hymn throughout the church.

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Worship Assistants

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Communion Assistant: Sherry Jessee

Altar Guild: Deb Scholl and Marie Conver

Offering Tabulation: Jennifer Wentworth, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

Video Streaming: Jim Lien and Chilly Lyaro

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Renata Markert in loving memory of my husband, Dieter.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Scott, Andrea, Daneille, and Matt in honor of mother and grandmother Anita Halteman.

The Palms decorating the altar today are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holcombe and family in memory of loved ones.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Rich Camuso and family in honor of daughter Kara's birthday.

Congratulations! Mr. and Mrs. David and Barbara Cornish will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on April 16. We wish them many more happy years together.

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13	Please join us to celebrate
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM MAUNDY THURSDA APRIL 17 Stripping of the Altar 7:00 PM	Y <u>Holy Week</u>
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18 Stations of the Cross Led by Augustus Youth 7:00 PM	± t±
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20 He Is Risen!!! Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 AM Festive Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM	He is not here! He has Risen Just as he sal Just as he sal ad design: Brian O'Hara Q 2025

Augustus Lutheran Senior Youth Group Easter Fundraiser

Homemade Peanut Butter Eggs, Coconut Crème Eggs and Thin Mints Orders due by Wednesday, April 16th Order Pick up on Easter Sunday, April 20th



Name:

Peanut Butter Eggs \$5.00/half pound \$10.00/pound Coconut Crème Eggs \$5.00/half pound \$10.00/pound

Thin	Mints	\$5.00/dozen	

Total: \$

I will pick up after the	8:00 service
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□ I will pick up after the 10:30 service

Thank you for supporting the Senior Youth Group!



Vacation Bible School is coming!

June 23-26, 2025



Planning your child(ren)'s summer activities? Don't forget VBS at Augustus! Join us for *Camp Firelight; a Summer Camp Adventure with God* from June 23-26, 9a-12p. Scan the QR code to register or email Sonya at <u>education@augustustrappe.org</u>.

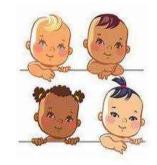






"Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40 NRSV



Volunteer at the Turkey Supper Fundraiser

And

Help "the least of these"

At the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania.

Your help is still needed to make this year's event a success!

*Food Prep *Food Service *Set-up/Clean-up *Craft Fair & More

Visit the sign-up sheet in Muhlenberg Center

Or Email: <u>oharadvd@aol.com</u> or <u>nancyloughery63@gmail.com</u>



WANTED

Portrait Commitee Members



Augustus Lutheran would like to publish a Portrait Directory in 2025.

Commitee members are needed to organize this. Please contact Gary Wessner at gtwess@comcast.net if you are interested.