



Sunday, March 29, 2026

10:00 a.m.



Pastor Erik Allen

“From Palms to the Cross”



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“Palm Sunday Prelude”

Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

Announcements

Gathering Song

Everything I Am

Call to Worship

P: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are in trouble;
Our eyes are worn with sorrow, our souls heavy with grief.

**C: Yet even in our suffering, we turn toward You—
For Your steadfast love meets us where we are.**

P: When we feel forgotten, like those cast aside;
When fear surrounds and voices rise against us,

**C: Still we trust in You and proclaim Your name—
For You are our God, our refuge and our strength.**

P: Our times are in Your hands, O faithful One;
Hold us fast through every trial and fear.

**C: Let Your face shine upon Your servants in mercy—
And lead us in Your saving love.**

P: Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord;
Lift up your voices with courage and praise.

**C: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord—
Come, let us worship together in joy and hope.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

pass the peace as you feel comfortable

Song

Victory Chant

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C: Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.**

please be seated

The Offering

If you would like, you may give online by scanning the QR code or Offering Plates are located at the back of the Sanctuary.



Anthem

“Ain’t No Rock Gonna Shout for Me”

L Larson

Offertory Prayer

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members: Lee, Marion, Kelly, Marj, Vickie

Family & Friends: Jessie, Adelyn, Kipp, Dale, Melanie, Charles, Mark, Chuck,
Sylvia, Bill, Marie, Mary, Carol, Bob

Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

please be seated.

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome. Those who do not wish to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

Procession with Palms

P: Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

P: Dear Friends in Christ: During the past five weeks we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's saving death and resurrection. This great paschal mystery now lies before us as we enter with Him to the city where He confronts the cross for us. All our prayers, special devotions, acts of sacrificial giving and self-denial point us to this week where we commemorate His suffering, dying, and rising for you and me and the whole world. So let us end our worship today remembering how our Lord entered Jerusalem in triumph to meet sin and death on the cross and in the tomb.

A reading from Matthew: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Let us pray. We praise and thank You, O God, for the great acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We recall how He entered the Holy City of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along the way. Let these branches be for us signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as our King, and follow Him with perfect confidence in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in glory with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

P: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

Procession

Members of the worshiping community will proceed from the rear rows down the two outside aisles. At the Altar steps they will pick up a palm. You will then fall into "Procession" behind the Pastor, and proceed out of the nave through the center aisle, out of the building to the parking lot. As the procession of the committed Christians moves out of the gathering place to the world they sing "Lift High the Cross".

Song

Lift High the Cross

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

Sending

P: May the God of steadfast love who meets us in both shouts of “Hosanna” and cries of “Crucify,” hold you in mercy and lead you in truth.

May Jesus Christ, who enters the city in humility and walks the road of suffering in love, go before you, beside you, and within you, drawing you ever deeper into his saving way.

May the Holy Spirit sustain you through this holy week— in courage, in compassion, and in hope— so that you may trust the promise: that even in the shadow of the cross, God is at work bringing new life. Amen.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

