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Hosanna
in the highest!

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sun., March 24, 2024



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

PALM SUNDAY

10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 24, 2024

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Praise Team Leader: Doris Hill

Usher: Dallas Schulz

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and the Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

Reader: Brandi Beller

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

Opening Sentences

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Sunday School Procession: Hosanna

Opening Song

HOSANNA

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord, we lift up Your name

With hearts full of praise;

Be exalted, O Lord, my God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.

Lord, we lift up Your name

With hearts full of praise;

Be exalted, O Lord, my God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Crown Him, Oh Crown Him, Oh Crown Him the King of Kings.
Crown Him, Oh Crown Him, Oh Crown Him the King of Kings.
Lord, we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, O Lord, my God.
Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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Processional Gospel John 12:12–19 (Jesus enters Jerusalem.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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: 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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another,

C: “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: When the crowd was greeting Jesus, the people were quoting a verse from Psalm 118, which Luther said was his favorite. Verse 25 begins, “Save us, we pray, O LORD!” “Save, Lord” is the meaning of “Hosanna.” As we process into church, let us join our voices to the crowd’s, using that psalm and then singing, “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna.”

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord.

First Lesson Exodus 34:1–8 (The New Stone Tablets)

¹The LORD said to Moses, “Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ²Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.” ⁴So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. ⁵The LORD

descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” ⁸And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11 (“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”)

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 made himself nothing, 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.

Confession and Absolution

P: Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During it we shall recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.

C: **Even during worship, our minds wander to other concerns.**

P: These concerns are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution, but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord’s step-by-step determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.

C: **I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I am mired in sin and incapable of saving myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus’ sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so**

that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.

P: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

Baptism

The Song of Instruction "Jesus Paid It All"

Verse 1: I hear the savior say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all

Chorus: 'Cause Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow

Verse 2: Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone (**Chorus**)

Verse 3: And when before the throne I stand in him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save" my lips shall still repeat (**Chorus**)

O praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (X4) (**Chorus**)

He washed it white as snow

Songwriters: Jack Fascinato / Ernest J. Ford
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The Word "A New Beginning" Ex 34:1-8

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: We are glad that you are with us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

2 Corinthians 8:3—For {the Macedonians} gave according to their means. As I can testify and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

Offertory “Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

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The Prayer of the Church

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “One Thing Remains”

Chorus: Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.
 Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.
 Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me....
 Your love.....Your love...never gives up on me.

1. And its higher than the mountains that I face,
 And its stronger than the power of the grave,
 And it's constant in the trial and the change....
 This one thing...remains. (chorus)

2. And on and on and on and on it goes.
 Yes, it overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
 And I'll never, ever have to be afraid.
 This one thing...remains. (Chorus)

...In death, in life I'm confident and covered by the pow'r of Your great love.
My debt is paid; there's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.
(Chorus)

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