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Hosanna
in the highest!

6 p.m. Sat., March 23, & 8:15 a.m. 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

(6 p.m. Sat., March 23, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., March 24, 2024)

Servants of God's House

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat., Ruthie Witte; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Marcus Klassen

Usher: Nick Gunn

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

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat., Connie Brown; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Suzy Joines

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Our past is behind us. God's grace is before us. A new beginning awaits us. That's the message for Israel in Exodus 34. And that's God's message for us as well on this Palm Sunday weekend!

Worship Service

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

The Ringing of the Bells

(Please stand, as you are able)

Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.**
- (Please be seated)*
- P: When the crowd was greeting Jesus, the people were quoting a verse from Psalm 118:25, “Save us, we pray, O LORD!” “Save, Lord” is the meaning of “Hosanna.” Let us join our voices to the crowd’s, using that psalm and then singing, “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna.”

Processional Psalm (Part 1)

Psalm 118:19-26; antiphon: vv. 25-26

P: Hosanna!

**C: Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: We bless You from the house of the LORD.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

C: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD;

C: the righteous shall enter through it.

P: I thank You that You have answered me

C: and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected

C: has become the cornerstone.

P: This is the LORD’s doing;

C: it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Hosanna!

C: Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray give us success!

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: We bless You from the house of the LORD.

(Sat 6 PM) Sunday School Procession: Hosanna (See Closing Hymn for words)

(Sun 8:15 AM) Processional Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
(stand as you are able for the last verse)

LSB 443

Processional Psalm (Part 2) *Psalm 118:27-29; antiphon: vv. 25-26*

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;

C: You are my God; I will extol You.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: for His steadfast love endures forever!

P: Hosanna!

C: Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: We bless You from the house of the LORD.

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.

(Please be seated)

The Old Testament Reading

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual *We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.*

C: [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

The Epistle 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

Sermon

"A New Beginning" Exodus 34:1-8

(Please stand as you are able)

The Apostles' Creed

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

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: Thank you for joining 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 Hymn

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 433

(Please stand as you are able)

The Prayer of the Church

P: Because our Lord humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on the cross, now He is highly exalted, at the Father's right hand, ready and able to receive our prayers and accept our praise. Let us go to Him in prayer for all people in their various circumstances.

For people without the necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit would hear their cries and groans, bringing tears of relief and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For all who face this day burdened with illness or addiction, ongoing conflict with people around them, or fear of what might happen, that God would assure them of His gracious presence and strengthen their faith in His guidance and protection, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For those who serve the needs of others as they provide medical and emergency care, as they maintain order in our communities and peace across borders, and as they put themselves in danger that their neighbors may find the protection they need, that God would use the gifts He has placed within them to serve in compassion and love, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For loving families and caring communities, for schools and institutions of higher learning, wherever people gather to share and build up, that God would provide them the wisdom and understanding they need to do His will, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For people near and dear to us, *especially* baby Thaddeus Kroese, Jeanette Amble and Barb Hageman also be with those dealing with ongoing sicknesses: Linda Brinkert, Ron Sherrill, and Michael Montagne, Don Lantis, Judy Seaman, Steve Segebart, Bernie Attema, Jacob Sulzbach, Vickie Johnson, Ron Will, Carolyn Stuhr, and Kim and Sharon Sparr, that God would visit, relief, and console them in His grace and mercy, and for the church here and around the world, that our Lord would strengthen our faith and move us to be His servants, drawing people to His glorious death and resurrection and serving Him with all that we are and have, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(on the back cover of the hymnal)

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

(Sat 6 PM) Closing Hymn:

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB 443

(Sun 8:15 AM) Sunday School Procession: 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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Holy Week Schedule

- * Maundy Thursday & Good Friday: 12:15 & 6:00 PM
- * Easter Sunrise Service: Outdoors in the grassy area between the church and the school at 7:45 AM
- * Easter Sunday: 8:15 & 10:45 AM
- * Easter Breakfast: In the school gym, prepared by St. Paul's Youth Group. The breakfast is a Free Will Donation and includes a variety of delicious items such as Fruit, Egg Bake, French Toast Bake, Cinnamon Rolls, and Caramel Pecan Rolls. 7:00 –11:00 AM

