

Palm Passion Sunday Worship

April 13, 2025
8:30 & 9:45am



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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

GATHER IN THE COMMONS *People receive Palm & Communion Kit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C. Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Luke 19:29-38

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If someone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as Jesus had said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road. As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said, "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

BLESSING THE PALMS

L. The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C. And also with you.

L. 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. Amen.

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C. Hosanna in the highest.

Doors to Sanctuary Open

SONG *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*
Refrain: **All glory, laud and honor to you, redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

SKIT *Who do you see as Jesus walks by?*

SONG *"Hosanna"*

Verse 1 – song leader

Chorus All: **Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Verse 2 – song leader

Chorus All

Heal my heart and make it clean. Open my eyes to the things unseen. Show me how to love like You have loved me. Break my heart to love like Yours. Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause as I walk from earth into eternity. *Chorus All*

OFFERING RECEIVED *Stays in back*

BIBLE READING Luke 22:14-16

When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *With Communion Kits*

SONG *"My Song is Love Unknown"*

Verse 1 – Song Leader

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to our king. Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

THE LORD'S 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.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"All Hail King Jesus"*

READING THE PASSION Luke 22:39 – 23:1-49
(The congregation will read in unison the part of the People)

Narrator: Jesus made his way to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived, he said to them,
Jesus: Pray that you won't give in to temptation
Narrator: He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,
Jesus: Father, if it's your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done.
Narrator: Then a heavenly angel appeared to him and strengthened him. He was in anguish and prayed even more earnestly. His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he got up from praying, he went to the disciples. He found them asleep, overcome by grief. He said to them,
Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you won't give into temptation.
Narrator: While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd appeared, and the one called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him,
Jesus: Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?
Narrator: When those around him recognized what was about to happen, they said,
Disciples: Lord, should we fight with our swords?
Narrator: One of them struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. Jesus responded,
Jesus: Stop! No more of this!
Narrator: He touched the slave's ear and healed him.
Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders who had come to get him,
Jesus: Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, as though I were a thief? Day after day I was with you in the temple, but you didn't arrest me. But this is your time, when darkness rules.

Question: What distracts you or causes you to be weary when called to pray or stand firm in times of trial?

Narrator: After they arrested Jesus, they led him away and brought him to the high priest's house. Peter followed from a distance. When they lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant woman saw him sitting in the firelight. She stared at him and said,

Servant: This man was with him too.

Narrator: But Peter denied it, saying,

Peter: I do not know him.

Narrator: A little later, someone else saw him and said,

Servant: You are one of them too.

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: I am not!

Narrator: An hour or so later, someone else insisted,

Servant: This man must have been with him, because he is a Galilean too.

Narrator: Peter responded,

Peter: I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator: At that very moment, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter and Peter remembered the Lord's words:

Jesus: Before a rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: And Peter went out and cried uncontrollably.

Question: What fears prevent you from standing up for your faith?

Narrator: As morning came, the elders of the people, both chief priests and legal experts, came together, and Jesus was brought before their council. They said,

Priests: If you are the Christ, tell us!

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: If I tell you, you won't believe. And if I ask you a question, you won't answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated on the right side of the power of God.

Narrator: They all said,

Priests: Are you God's Son, then?

Narrator: He said,

Jesus: You say that I am.

Narrator: Then they said,

Priests: Why do we need further testimony? We've heard it from his own lips.

Question: When have you, sometimes resisted or rejected truths that challenge your beliefs or worldview?

Narrator: The whole assembly got up and led Jesus to Pilate and began to accuse him. They said,

Priests: We have found this man misleading our people, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar, and claiming that he is the Christ, a King.

Narrator: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: That's what you say.

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and crowds,

Pilate: I find no legal basis for action against this man.

Narrator: But they objected strenuously, saying,

Priests: He agitates the people and his teaching throughout Judea – starting from Galilee all the way here.

Narrator: Then Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people.

He said to them,

Pilate: You brought this man before me as one who was misleading the people. I have questioned him in your presence and found nothing in this man's conduct that provides a legal basis for the charges you have brought against him. He's done nothing that deserves death. Therefore, I will have him whipped, then let him go.

Question: When have you avoided taking responsibility for a difficult decision or avoided standing up for what's right?

Narrator: With one voice they shouted,

Crowd: Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!

Narrator: Barabbas had been thrown into prison because of a riot that had occurred in the city, and for murder. Pilate addressed them again because he wanted to release Jesus. They kept shouting out,

Crowd: Crucify him! Crucify him!

Narrator: A third time, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Why? What has he done? I've found no legal basis for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him whipped, then let him go.

Narrator: But they were adamant, shouting their demand that Jesus be crucified. Their voices won out. Pilate issued his decision to grant their request. He released the one they asked for, who had been thrown into prison because of a riot and murder. But Pilate handed Jesus over to their will.

Question: When have you followed the opinions or actions of others without considering the full truth or consequences?

Narrator: They also led two other criminals to be executed with Jesus. When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.

Narrator: Above Jesus' head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him:

Criminal 1: Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!

Narrator: The other criminal spoke harshly to him,

Criminal 2: Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus: I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise.

Question: When have you humbly turned to Jesus recognizing your need for forgiveness?

Narrator: It was about noon, and darkness covered the whole earth until about three o'clock, while the sun stopped shining. Then the curtain in the sanctuary tore down the middle. Crying out in a loud voice, Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I entrust my life.

Narrator: After he said this, he breathed for the last time.

When the centurion saw what happened, he praised God saying,

Centurion: It's really true; this man is the Son of God!

Narrator: All the crowds who had come together to see this event returned to their homes beating their chests after seeing what had happened. And everyone who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance observing these things.

(Silence for Reflection) (Pastors to Front)

SONG *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring all of us to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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BLESSING

P. Jesus took the form of a servant and was obedient to death, even death on a cross. May you follow his example and share in the resurrection.

May the God of all grace; Father, Son & Holy Spirit bless you, now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

Maundy Thursday Worship ~ 12:00 & 6:30pm

Good Friday Service of the Word ~ 12:00 & 6:30pm

Good Friday Seven Last Words ~ 11:00-1:00 & 5:30-7:30