

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

WELCOME

WELCOME GUESTS!

- **By simply being here, you are a valuable part of our praise, worship, and service.** Thank you for blessing us with your presence! We don't pretend to be perfect, but we believe that God offers us strength, support, inspiration, and joy through one another.
- **If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask anyone.** There's no judgement.
- **We'd love the opportunity to get to know you better.** Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you, then place it in the offering plates when they are passed. You may also fill out our guest register at www.hosannatogether.org/guest.

WELCOME KIDS!

We love kids just as God made them, so we don't expect them to be any different here. They are part of our worship, and we have extra-special ways for them to participate:

- **Children's bulletins** with activities related to today's lessons are located by the front doors to the building where you enter the worship space.
- **Coloring pages, art supplies, fidgets, and selected books** are also available by the front doors to help kids' keep their minds and bodies moving during worship.
- **We hope you'll help your kids join in prayers and songs**, even if it's just dancing or swaying to the music.
- Kids are invited to the front for a **special message for them** from the pastor.
- **During the offering, kids may place their gifts in the clear container at the front.** Their gifts are used to help others in our community and the world in a way that's easy to see.
- **Kids take responsibility for offering God's blessing at the end of worship.** Even if they don't know the words, standing there with a smile is all they need to show God's love.
- **Changing stations** are available in both bathrooms on the main level.

WE VALUE NEURODIVERSITY

- **God has made us each differently, so we welcome and value people as they are.** Know that you are welcome among us, even if your brain and body operate a little differently.
- **We have a quiet sensory room off the front hallway.** You are welcome there if you feel overwhelmed or need a break from people. Please respect others needing the same.
- **We have noise-reducing headphones, weighted pads, wobble cushions, and chair fidget bands available in the sensory room.** You are welcome to use these in worship and anywhere else in the building if you'd find them helpful. Feel free to experiment.
- **Learn more about neurodiversity** at www.hosannatogether.org/neurodiversity.

PRAYERS

- **Good and bad things happen.** If you'd like us to pray for you or someone you know, add your request to the sheet on the welcome table in the front hall or call the church office.
- **We care about you**, but we're not always the first to hear what's happening. If there is something significant happening, good or bad, or you'd like Pastor Mike to visit, please let us know: 816-781-7991 or pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

We gather today to celebrate that Christ triumphantly enters every place, every gathering, and every time... even among us. Ancient traditions channel the emotions we feel today as we join the earliest believers and those living now around the world in offering praise and thanks to God.

WELCOME

We are gathered as one by the love of God, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer.
Amen.

GREETING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL LUKE 19:28-40

Jesus went ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As 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, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna!

PALM SUNDAY

The church in Jerusalem began this tradition, processing *en mass* from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem as they began their journey through Holy Week. This tradition spread from Jerusalem to other churches, and became an official part of the Roman liturgy in the 11th century.

GREETING

Every congregation begins worship this week with the words we use to conclude worship *every* week.

The word "hosanna" comes from Hebrew and means, "Lord, save us!"

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

People had seen the "deeds of power" that Jesus did, so they received him like a king.

Most kings ride into town on a fine steed wearing armor.

By riding in on a donkey, Jesus shows the depth of God's self-giving love.

The people waved palms because that's what they had available for this spontaneous act of praise.

The crowds chant echoes the song of the angels at Jesus' birth: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors" (Luke 2:14).

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The verb "to bless" is a circular word: God blesses the world with life, and in gratitude, we offer ourselves to God.

FAIR TRADE PALMS

The palms we use this morning are "fair trade" palms. The people who picked them in Central America receive a living wage and are trained to harvest them sustainably.

Our palms are not perfectly symmetrical and some have spots, but that just reminds us that even imperfect things (like us) can produce beautiful praise and honor God.

PROCESSION

As we wave palms, we don't close our eyes and pretend to be in another time. Rather, we celebrate that TODAY Jesus enters our city, our assembly, our lives—and we laud him as our king.

PAVE THE WAY WITH BRANCHES

Bret Hesla wrote this song in 1999 while walking down a gravel road in southern Minnesota. Without pencil or paper, he kept walking until this song came together.

Based on the foretold arrival of the Messiah in Isaiah 61, this energetic song urges us to move out into the world, proclaiming the transformation the Savior brings to us.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Holy God, as we join with those who honored you so long ago, 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, and redeemed by the power of your love, we may enter into life with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Pave the Way with Branches

ACS #928

Verses:

Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.
 Re - lease for the cap - tives. Pave the way with branch - es. Re -
 Hope for the down - trod. Pave the way with branch - es.
 Debts are for - giv - en. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na. *To refrain.*
 - lease for the cap - tives. Ho - san - na. Re - san - na. *To refrain.*
 Hope for the down - trod. Ho - san - na. san - na. *To refrain.*
 Debts are for - giv - en. Ho - san - na. san - na. *To refrain.*

Refrain:

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace. *To next verse.*

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957
 Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna!

Please join me in saying the prayer of the day:

Sovereign God, you have established your place in our hearts through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

Through the Holy Spirit, God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

As a minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As every Sunday, we share this exact same prayer with churches throughout the world on this day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Our confession today is more detailed than usual. We don't just say *that* we sin, we name many of the ways we wound one another, ourselves, and God.

We name God as "holy"—entirely different. God is powerful and immortal, wholly different from us. When we ask for mercy, we do so acknowledging we don't deserve it.

Nonetheless, this almighty and ever-living God cares about us. Through Jesus' life and death, God gives up power and immortality to save us from ourselves.

Although we don't measure up, God calls us out of darkness and makes us whole.

This forgiveness is not for some people or only some things. All things are entirely forgiven for everyone, so that we might live new again.

FIRST READING

Philippians is a letter sent by the Apostle Paul to the church in the Roman city of Philippi. He stresses the joy of the gospel, in spite of trying circumstances.

This is Paul's awkward way of saying that no one, not even he himself, can make it on their own. However, he keeps going boldly forward, trusting that through Jesus, God has got him and all things taken care of.

GOSPEL READING

Knowing that his crucifixion is coming soon, Jesus prepares his followers to view it as a victory, not as a loss. When he is lifted up in death, drawing people to new life, God will be glorified.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" -Luke 18:16

We hear God's message of love with the ears and the faith of children.

SERMON

The pastor shares how the Good News of scripture is more than just ancient writing. It is about how God enters our present-day lives in a way that conveys eternal and everlasting life.

FIRST READING:

Philippians 3:4b-14

The Apostle Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING:

John 12:20-27, 32-36

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour . . .

³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.³⁴ The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"³⁵ Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going.³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

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

Hosanna!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Prepare the Royal Highway

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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

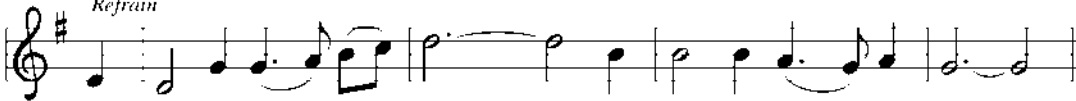


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring,
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.**

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

Frans Franzen, a history professor turned pastor, wrote these words in the 1790s during the Napoleonic Wars, after fleeing from Finland to Sweden.

Using his poetic talents in this song, Frans ties John the Baptist's proclamation at the beginning of Jesus' ministry to Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the end of it. Both events speak to God's sovereignty on earth and in heaven.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the specific needs of the church, the world, and all people that are moving us today.

The needs and the list of names are long, but God invites us to honestly share our burdens.

Rather than a litany of depressing things, we pray these prayers because we care, and because we believe that God does, too.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

When Jesus' disciples asked him how to pray, he taught them this prayer. We pray it whenever we gather because we trust it contains everything God knows that we need.

Some of these words are hard to pray, but we do so strengthened and made bold by those joining around us.

OFFERING

Doing the work of God takes time, talents, and in our world today, it takes financial backing.

Our support of God's mission allows staff to dedicate time to leading our ministry and supporting people. It pays for the space to do our work together and the resources we offer to help us all grow in faith and life.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

We are blessed by God to BE a blessing to others. The children's offering is a visible demonstration of how together in Christ we can make a difference in the world.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Expressing gratitude is not just a prayer, but an attitude.

Through this dialogue, we invite one another to this thankful disposition and praise God together.

OFFERING

Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you. Place in the offering plate.

If you give electronically, you may place an e-giving card in the offering plate as a physical gesture of your giving.

You may give online using a bank account, credit card, or debit card at www.hosannatogether.org/give.

You may give by sending a text with your gift amount to 816-327-2002. Instructions will be sent in a reply.

Cash and check gifts may be placed in an envelope from the chairs racks and placed in the offering plates.



Children may place their offerings in the barn at the front of the worship space to support The Sewing Labs, a Kansas City nonprofit community teaching the legacy of sewing for enjoyment, employment, entrepreneurship, and enrichment. They offer a transformational space to learn skills, build confidence, be creative, and break cycles of generational poverty. Learn more at www.thesewinglabs.org. Kids and teens of all ages are welcome to contribute!



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues . . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, where we believe Christ is truly present. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Red wine and white grape juice are available.

*After communing, a child will offer you a blessing of God's love.
Empty cups may be left in the container at the front of the worship space.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

This song begins by repeating the word "holy," as the seraphs did when they shook the temple and confirmed God's power and majesty to the prophet Isaiah at his calling.

Then, we repeat the words from the procession of palms, singing the word "Hosanna," which in Hebrew means, "Lord, save us."

In this meal we encounter God almighty, who sees our need and comes near to rescue us with grace and love.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We hear again the life-giving words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper (which we'll celebrate this week on Maundy Thursday).

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

In addition to sharing the body and blood a child stands in the center to remind you the simple message of this gift: YOU are loved by God.

LAMB OF GOD

We connect this meal with the Passover meal. Jesus is the sacrificial lamb who mercifully takes away our sin so that we might be at peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

NOW WE JOIN
IN CELEBRATION

These words were written by Joel Lundeen, who was born in China to missionary parents.

Joel served as library director for the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and associate archivist for the Lutheran Church in America, a predecessor of the ELCA. Prior to that, Joel served several congregations as pastor, including one in Lindsborg, Kansas, along with Bethany College.



MY SONG IS LOVE
UNKNOWN

Samual Crossman, who wrote this hymn, was a pastor in England during the 1600s. He was one of the very first to write hymns in English.

In this hymn, he writes of how God's sacrificial love is so far beyond human comprehension that we cannot help being in awe of it.

Now We Join in Celebration

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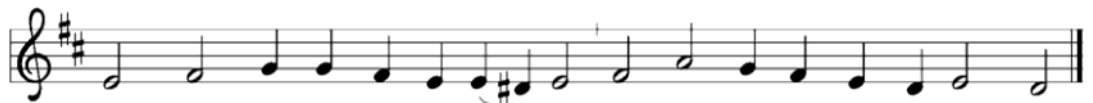
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

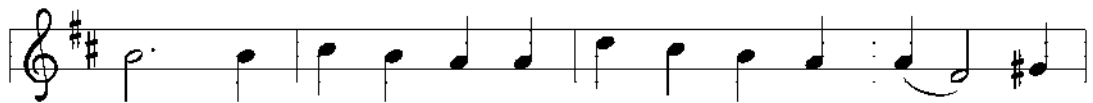
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My Song Is Love Unknown

ELW #343



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my
 know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who
 king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suf - f'ring goes that



Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, through your goodness, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth with one mind in the power of your Spirit, that we may humble ourselves and proclaim your glory, for the blessing of all people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

The kids come forward to offer God's blessing and love to all:

The Lord bless you and keep you, and give you grace and peace.
Amen.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The meal is ended, the impact is lasting. The pastor names what receiving Christ in this meal accomplishes: it strengthens us and keeps us in his grace throughout the days ahead.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ's body and blood are inside of us, but they are not for us alone. We are transformed into the Body of Christ and we carry this treasure to others.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

We hear the blessing of our God one more time through the most innocent and hopeful among us—our children.

CHRIST THE LIFE
OF ALL THE LIVING

Born in Germany in 1605, Ernst Homburg was a lawyer who had a knack for writing secular poet.

Ernst wrote this hymn and nearly 150 others for his and his wife's private use, to strengthen their faith as they both endured severe illness.

SENDING

We are reminded that our praise does not end with the conclusion of the service, but continues on in the week ahead.

HOSANNA!

The people of Hosanna! Lutheran Church have ended worship this way from our very first gatherings.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday is just the beginning of Holy Week. Different each day, our worship this coming Thursday, Friday, and Sunday leads us through some of the most momentous events of Jesus' earthly ministry, each worthy of time, reflection, and praise.

If you've never attended worship on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, we invite you to give it a try this year. May you be blessed walking this journey through death to new life.



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore.



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878. alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN. *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

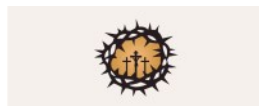
SENDING

Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Hosanna!



Holy Week with Hosanna!

Experience Healing on Maundy Thursday

April 17 at 7:00pm in person and online

Remember Love on Good Friday

April 18 at 12:00pm in person, 7:00pm in person and online

Celebrate Resurrection on Easter Sunday

April 20 at 9:30am in person and online

Hosanna! Day Activities

Join us for the following events:

- **Brunch** - *Fellowship Hall, immediately after worship* - sit down to enjoy each other's company.
- **Stations of the Cross** - *Sanctuary, starting by organ, anytime* - Meditate on Jesus' life-giving actions during his last days.
- **Peep Diorama Contest** - *Office entryway* - Vote for your favorite Bible story Peep diorama.
- **Learn and Support Parent/Infant Care** - *Front hallway, after meal* - Visit with a representative from Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri.
- **Diaper Collection** - *Front hallway* - Drop off diapers for LFCS to assist families in need.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - *Hall by back patio, after meal* - Kids redeem Easter eggs for prizes.
- **Bookmark Sewing** - *Upstairs classroom, after egg hunt* - Help sew a bookmark.
- **Spring Planting** - *Outside, by fellowship hall, after egg hunt* - Plant flowers as a sign of the beautiful life God creates new each day.
- **The Passion Story** - *Pastor Mike will travel around to tell the story* - Journey with Jesus through the events of Holy Week.
- **Games** - *Outside, by fellowship hall, after egg hunt* - Play yard games with your church family.
- **Crafts** - *Outside, by fellowship hall, after egg hunt* - Do crafts to remember Jesus life, death, and resurrection.

HOSANNA! DAY

HOLY WEEK AT HOSANNA!

Holy Week is a special time to remember all that God has done for us and to walk with Jesus through celebration, intimate gatherings, the cross, and resurrection.

Service of Healing on Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday is the day we celebrate Jesus sharing the last supper, washing the disciples' feet, and giving the commandment (*maundatum* in Latin--shortened to "Maundy") to love one another. We gather in person and online (www.hosannatogether.org/maundy).

During this service, attendees will have the opportunity to have the pastor pray personally for each individual--for healing and wholeness of all things physical, emotional, and spiritual that ails them. Coming forward is optional.



Remember Love on Good Friday, April 18 at Noon and 7:00pm

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' life-giving sacrifice on the cross. Join us at Noon in person or 7:00pm in person or online

(www.hosannatogether.org/goodfriday).

This Tenebrae Service (service of shadows) follows a pattern of seven scripture readings, prayers, and song verses that lead us to the cross to feel God's deep love for us.



Celebrate Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 9:30am

We rise on Easter Sunday to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the new life we're given each day.

Gathered in the sanctuary at 9:30, we'll remember all things good and sing God's praises.

This service will be livestreamed at www.hosannatogether.org/sunday-worship.



BIRTHDAYS

Dakota LaSerre, April 15

Kathy Brammer, April 16

Brad Kunkel, April 16

SYMPATHIES

Family of Alice April Meadows - infant of friend of Beth Schoening born 15 weeks early

Family and Friends of Vernon Karlsson (Karen Orrill's 102yr old uncle)

Family and Friends of Matt (husband of friend of Beth Schoening)

CONCERNS

Mardell Carlson (Scott Carlson's mother) recovering from brain surgery

Cliff Rockhold (Joey Rockhold's father) upcoming back surgery

Adrian & Kristin Hale (Mary & Brad's family) personal struggles

Stuart (husband of friend of Beth Schoening) moved to hospice care after recent cancer diagnosis

Andrea Breeze (coworker of Dan Prom) hospitalization

Bobbie (friend of Marjorie Yates) cancer

Bobbi Kral (friend of Bonny Grauerholz) diagnosed with cancer.

Roger Gonnerman (Jane Gibbs' brother) - cancer and other health concerns

Linda Beck (friend of Mary Kunkel) breast cancer

Mary Walters (friend of Mary Kunkel) lung cancer

Robbie Murta's daughter and son-in-law and their surrogate

All who are facing cancer

Ela (Angelika Schmitt's sister) general health concerns

Marion (Angelika Schmitt's sister) cancer diagnosis

Deb Bollhoefer (Russ Bollhoefer's sister) health concerns

Charlie Weber (Pam Schmidt's uncle) health concerns

Frances Jolayemi (Jeanine Stubb's sister) mental health recovery

Capt. Nathan Wilkerson (Marjorie Yates grandson) deployed to Middle East

Capt. Amanda Wilkerson (Nathan's wife) at home with baby Owen

Gary (Nancy Kunkel's brother-in-law) - health concerns after fall

Carm Bradley (friend of Bonny Grauerholz) diagnosed with a brain tumor

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UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR:

We join to grow in faith each week after worship, 10:45-11:30.

- **April 13 - Hosanna! Day Meal and Activities**
- **April 20 - No Faith Formation - It's Easter!**
- **April 27 - Connect Week**
- **May 4 - Kids Crews, Confirmation, Adult Study**

SHIRLEY CIRCLE

Shirley Circle will be meeting at the home of Karen Orrill on April 14th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We welcome all Hosanna women to join us. Please let Karen know if you will be attending. We have a short meeting, Bible study, and a time for fellowship. Bible study is from the March/April/May issue of Gather magazine. We are on session three: Faith adventures: Peter and Cornelius. We are currently collecting hygiene supplies for Della Lamb. If you have any questions please contact Ann Woody.

HOSANNA! LUNCH BUNCH – APRIL 15

This month we will be gathering at **Longhorn Steakhouse** located at 9400 NE Barry Rd, Kansas City, just around the corner from the church. Everyone is welcome to join us and reservations are not required. However if you do know that you plan to attend, let us know so we can plan accordingly. This is a fun time of casual fellowship outside the church walls. Hope to see you there!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY OFF THIS WEEK

Due to the busy Holy Week schedule, the weekly Wednesday Bible study will take a break April 16. We'll meet again on April 23. It'll be a great time for anyone new interested in joining us.

HELP SERVE LIBERTY RESIDENTS AT JOHNNY'S CAFE

Three Saturday mornings each month, congregations in Liberty host a public meal for anyone who yearns for good company or needs a hot meal. Similar in size to Hosanna, First Presbyterian Church invites us to partner with them the fourth Saturday of each month--April 26 this month. They'll host, cook, and provide most of the volunteers, but we'd like to help by offering two volunteers and the supplies needed this month: canned ham and beans, chopped carrots, corn bread mix, brownies, eggs, milk, and vegetable oil. Sign up in the fellowship hall and bring your items by April 20, or talk with Pastor Mike. We're hoping to offer a little support each month going forward.

QUARTERLY DEVOTIONS AVAILABLE

The "Christ in our Home" quarterly devotional books for April through June have arrived. You're welcome to pick one up for free from the table as you enter worship and in the fellowship hall.

FIRST COMMUNION INVITATION

Each year, we provide opportunities for children who aren't communing to learn about this special meal and to receive their First Communion. If your child would like to participate this spring, please speak with Pastor Mike or e-mail pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org. We'll choose dates based on the availability of those interested.

Hosanna! does not have an age requirement for First Communion, but rather entrusts children and families to know when the time is right for them. Many families find this happens between Kindergarten and Second Grade, though some begin earlier and others later. If you would like help determining if that time is now, speak with Pastor Mike and/or pick up the handout on the counter in the front entryway.

HOSANNA VBS STEERING COMMITTEE

During Pastor's sabbatical, Hosanna! is excited to offer a 3-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) session for Liberty area youth from July 10-12, with a culminating worship and celebration on the 13th. Chris Marple has agreed to organize this event. The Sabbatical Committee is putting together a small group of adults to assist with planning the VBS event, recruiting volunteers, selecting daily activities, and promoting the VBS to the community. If you would like to be on this steering committee, please contact Chris at chrismarple@gmail.com or (563) 663-5599. The committee will meet and communicate as needed leading up to the VBS weekend.

SABBATICAL PLANS COMING TOGETHER

The Sabbatical Planning Committee is excited to share updates and additional details:

- Pastoral leadership is being finalized. Pastor Jealaine Marple has agreed to provide pastoral care and Pastor John Kreidler will provide administrative leadership. We're also scheduling three pastors to lead our worship for three weeks each.
- Rachel Kurtz--singer, songwriter, speaker, and storyteller--will join us June 20-22, offering a workshop for parents, mini-retreat for youth, concert, and worship music.
- We are working to secure a 3rd congregation and community event during the last 3 weeks of sabbatical, as well as planning additional activities.
- We will hold Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 10-12 with a meal and activities for youth and adults. Volunteers will be needed.
- While Pastor Mike is on sabbatical we will be painting and cleaning the carpet in his office.

While a sabbatical is something new to the members of Hosanna, the planning committee is excited to give Pastor Mike the time to renew himself, and we as a congregation to renew ourselves. Please reach out to a sabbatical planning committee member with questions, suggestions, or willingness to help lead activities or events: Beth Schoening, John Kreidler, Tony Belcher, Karen Orrill, Angelika Schmitt, Chuck Tonks, Pastor Mike.

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UPDATE ON CHURCH LAND

Hosanna! and Chalky Mountain Gymnastics are still pursuing a plan to sell part of our undeveloped land to them. A Kansas City mapping discrepancy has led to a complicated and exhausting process, but we are pleased to report that all the documentation (including land surveys) has been submitted to KCMO for approval. We hope to receive confirmation within a few weeks that we can proceed with de-annexation from KCMO and annexation to Liberty, putting all our property in the same municipality. Although we've received verbal agreement from both cities, it will take 4-8 weeks to formalize that transfer once submitted. Once completed, we can finalize terms with Chalky Mountain.

EARN 5% FOR HOSANNA! WHEN DINING LOCAL

Hosanna! has received a lot of funding for ministry by members purchasing and using RaiseRight gift cards. A new feature allows you to support Hosanna! when you eat at select local restaurants--without gift cards. Here's how:

1. Tap the Local Dining icon in the bottom navigation menu of the RaiseRight app and follow the instructions to link a credit or debit card specifically for local dining.
2. Search for participating local restaurants in the app. Nearby participants include Minsky's, Sorella's, 54th Street Grill, Tropical Smoothie, Pizza Shoppe, and many more.
3. Pay with your linked card at the listed restaurants. No gift card or use of the app is needed.
4. You pay the same amount, but Hosanna! automatically receives a donation equal to 5% of your bill.

Learn more in the app or at <https://www.raiseright.com/how-it-works/local-dining>.

Planning summer travel? Book travel using RaiseRight gifts cards for Southwest, Delta, Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Celebrity, Princess, Holland America, and Disney. Pay for lodging with AirBNB, Marriot, Hotels.com, Best Western, Hilton, Fairfield, Hampton Inn, Sheraton, and Holiday Inn gift cards. Many common gas stations and fast food restaurants are also available! 3%-15% of your expenses will be donated to Hosanna! at no extra cost to you. If you haven't started yet, learn how at www.hosannatogether.org/shopping.

LUTHERAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES EXPANDING IN KANSAS CITY

LFCS has been strengthening connections and making a positive impact in eastern Missouri communities for over 150 years. Over the past decade, they've expanded their reach to central Missouri, and now Kansas City. Although their offices are at 1 E. Armour Blvd., Suite 102 In KCMO, they visit homes and clinic to provide pregnancy services, parenting services, adoption services, and mental health counseling to those who need extra help. Learn more about their work and how you can support them at <https://lfcsmo.org>. A representative of LFCS will join us on Hosanna! Day, April 13 to share more about their ministry.

IN AS MUCH MINISTRY

The following items are the most urgent needs for the clients:
Canned fruit (Mandarin oranges, pineapple, peaches), Sloppy Joe Sauce, Rice sides, Pasta sides, Cream of mushroom soup, Ketchup, Graham crackers, Dry pasta, Sugar, Canned chicken, Brownie mix. Please place the items in the red wagon by the fellowship doors. Thank you for your continued support.

SEND US YOUR PICTURE!

People are important! We're starting a board in the fellowship hall with pictures of everyone in our church family.

- Send us a relatively recent picture of each individual in your household, plus one of your whole family (if you live with others).
- We'll print for the bulletin board and include them in a future printed directory.
- We'll take any picture you'd like to share. Chances are good you have several on your phone right now! If you don't, ask a friend to take your picture and send it in. We don't need formal, posed pictures (but they are also welcome).
- Send pictures to cathy@hosannalutheranchurch.org by April 13. If you have a printed picture, leave it with Cathy or Pastor Mike to scan and we'll get it back to you.
- Make sure the picture it isn't too close in on your face so we can use it in different orientations. We can crop and resize pictures for you.
- We respect you, so if you'd prefer not to submit a picture, please let us know.
- We'll include active friends of the congregation, so please send your picture even if you aren't an official member.



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Please consider serving.

Sign up through Breeze or on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

ROLES	APR 13	APR 20
ACOLYTE	Aiden Noel	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
ALTAR GUILD	Pam Schmidt	
AUDIO/VIDEO	Scott Schmidt	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
BLESSER	Olivia Noel	Nora Belcher
	Easton Noel	Morgan Kaiser
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Catherine Noel	Kristin Belcher
	Kristin Belcher	Joyce Belcher
COUNTERS	Scott Schmidt	Scott Schmidt
	Leslie Long	Leslie Long
CRUCIFER	Madison Riles	Luke Cerra
	Haven Ashley	
GREETERS/USHERS	Justin Noel	Jeanine Stubbs
	Charlynn Carlson	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
LECTOR	Janeen Bollhoefer	Alison Kern
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Hosanna! Day	Easter Sunday



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