

Your Savior Comes

March 29,
2026



Palm
Sunday

WELCOME, GUESTS! We're so glad you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more details about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains information about our services, and the congregational responses are shown in indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used only by the pastor and elder. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS – Hail the King who humbly comes to save us! For 1700 years, the Church has celebrated this festival that kicks off Holy Week with Hosannas and palm branches. The time for Christ's glory has arrived (Verse of the Day). However, he would not gain glory like other kings. Instead, he would humble himself through acts of great love for us, and then the Father would exalt him to the highest place because he fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.

MORNING PRAYER – We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also, with you.

Dear friends in Christ, we have been preparing to celebrate our Lord's paschal mystery for the past five weeks of Lent. Today, we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ triumphantly entered his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember, with devotion, his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those shouting "Hosanna" and laying their cloaks and palm branches in His path. Accept our praise and hear our prayers as we celebrate our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!

The congregation will process in following the cross.

OPENING HYMN:

#131

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

****PLEASE REMAIN STANDING****



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael
 san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels
 san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews
 san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion
 san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,

And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the
 Is prais - ing you on high, And we with
 With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and
 They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now
 Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of

Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.
 all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
 high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

CONFESSION OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Please Be Seated

**RESPONSE HYMN OF PRAISE:
 GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF GRACE**

#249

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, Show the bright - ness
 2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that
 3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, Then en - joy your



of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;
 live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing
 rich re - ward! God to us his bless - ing give,



Fill your Church with light di - vine, And your sav - ing
 Glo - ry to their Sav - ior King, At your feet their
 We to God de - vot - ed live, All be - low and



health ex - tend To the earth's re - mot - est end.
 trib - ute pay, And your ho - ly will o - bey.
 all a - bove One in joy and light and love.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.
 Tune: RATISBON (77 77 77) attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777–1822.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.


FIRST LESSON:

ZECHARIAH 9: 9, 10

Zechariah tells Jerusalem to rejoice when the messianic King comes to her, because he will have with him the righteousness she needs and the salvation she craves. This King would surpass the glory and power of all Israel's kings before him.

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Refrain



Let the Lord en-ter; he is the King of glo-ry.

Psalm tone



Refrain

The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,*
 the world, and all who live in it;
 for he founded it upon the seas*
 and established it upon the waters.
 Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*
 Who may stand in his holy place?
 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
 he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
 that the King of glory may come in.
 Who is this King of glory?*
 The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
 Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,*
 that the King of glory may come in.
 Who is he, this King of glory?*
 The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2: 5 – 11

Jesus is our King, but he came humbly to save us. Though true God, he became man. Though all-powerful, he became a servant. Though immortal and eternal, he died. He not only laid aside his glory but also took our shame upon himself. He not only humbled himself but also died as one who was cursed. Yet in this great humility, he won our peace of forgiveness.

Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his

appearance was like that of any other man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

Please Stand

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21: 1 – 11

The great King comes to his city and to his temple! He could have come with all the power and glory of the Son of God. He could have ridden a thunderstorm as his chariot with legions of angels striding beside him and creation itself singing forth the praise of its Maker. But look how he comes: Not on the storm, but on a donkey; not accompanied by heavenly warriors, but by fishermen with a spotty record of faith; not to the sound of creation singing, but to the shouts of fickle pilgrims who cheered him on Sunday but would desert him by Friday.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately, you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY:

#133

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON TEXT

ZECHARIAH 9: 9, 10

SERMON:

LOOK UP TO SEE YOUR KING!

****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Dear members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sharon Leutschaft wishes to be confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Mary Lou Miller and Nancy Tenbroek have expressed their interest in joining as members.

Sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In obedience to the Lord’s command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian

faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to publicly profess your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

Do you today, in the presence of God and this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God has given you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation? **I do.**

Do you reject the devil and all of his lies and empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? I ask the congregation to please rise and join our new members in confessing our Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day, he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there, he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired Word of God? **I do.**

Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God? **I do.**

Do you intend to continue in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it? **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live? **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

Having heard your promises, we, the members of Grace Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to commune with us, receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood; also sharing in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, receive the hand of fellowship uniting you as members of this, your Congregation.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined these brothers and sisters in Christ to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy, you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Transform them by the renewing of their minds so that they will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace.

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.

HYMN

#597

MAY GOD THE FATHER OF OUR LORD



1 May God the Fa - ther of our Lord, Who
 2 In Je - sus Christ may you be blessed And
 3 The Ho - ly Spir - it give you pow'r, The
 4 May God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And



called you by his ho - ly Word, Per -
 brought to his e - ter - nal rest. The
 strength of prayer in ev - 'ry hour, The
 God the Spir - it, Three in One, Pre -



fect, es - tab - lish, set - tle you, Keep
 work he has in you be - gun, He
 wis - dom, knowl - edge, fear of God, That
 serve you blame - less till in grace You



you through faith for - ev - er true.
 will per - form till all is done.
 lifts a - bove his chas - t'ning rod.
 stand be - fore his ho - ly face.

Text: Dorothy I. Scharlemann, b. 1912.
 Tune: TALLIS' CANON (LM) Thomas Tallis, c. 1505-85.

****Please Stand****

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace and live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:

#130

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That



lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared
 an - ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor
 an - cient song we sing, For Christ is

court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them
 palm branch way - ing And chant - ing clear and
 our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our
 rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close
 loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode
 King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With
 fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their
 on in low - ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle
 heart and life and voice And in his roy - al
 prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.
 pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821–80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzog! . . . Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, alt.*

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God and is the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life, and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment and destroy this present world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule: Our final midweek services are at 5:30 pm on April 2 and 3, for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On Thursday, you'll observe the stripping of the altar as a reminder of Jesus' abandonment by his disciples as he was led away. Good Friday will feature the Service of Darkness, focusing on Jesus' last words from the cross. Both services are solemn, and we ask that you leave on Thursday and return on Friday in silence. On Friday, we will depart in darkness and silence.

Private Absolution: Pastor Emmons will be available for private confession and absolution at the church on Maundy Thursday until 4:30 pm. Please contact him to schedule a time.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: We continue our focus on the Pauline letters with Ephesians on April 12. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. We hope you find this Bible study enlightening! Feel free to bring your questions. You may come and go as needed. Reading is optional, and questions are always welcome.

Easter Lilies: Please consider bringing Easter lilies for our Easter service. We didn't have a sign-up this year because of the earlier Easter date and limited availability last year.

West Coast Conference: The ELS churches on the West Coast will gather for a conference on April 22 and 23 at Saved by Grace Lutheran Church in Gresham, Oregon. Pastor Emmons will attend the conference.

Pizza Night: April 24, 6 pm at Pappy's Pizza. We're going out for pizza. Please RSVP to Lani Carroll (call or text) at 458-329-0821 if you'll attend so she can make the reservation.

Council Meeting: Our council is scheduled to meet at Gene's house on April 10 at 1 pm.

Vicar Call Day: The Bethany Lutheran College Chapel will stream the live feed of the Candidate and Vicar calls at 2 pm (PST) on May 6. The link to the website is: <https://chapel.blc.edu>

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