



St. Luke Lutheran Church
Palm Sunday & Commitment Sunday
Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • April 10, 2022

Prelude: *Debbi St. John, Pianist/Organist*

Welcome and Announcements

Commitment Sunday Temple Talk: *Larry Miller*

Greeting *(please stand as you are able)*

L: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit **C: Amen**

L: Hosanna to the Son of David!

C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessing of the Palms *(adapted from the Prayer of St. Francis)*

L: The Lord be with you. **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 branches along his way. Shouts of "Hosanna," however, changed quickly to shouts of "Crucify him, Crucify him!" Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord not only to a king's throne, but to a savior's cross. In the way of the Cross, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

C: Join us to Jesus' death and resurrection that we might enter life with you. In the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"All Glory Laud and Honor"* *People of all ages are invited to stand and wave palm fronds.*

Refrain: All glory, laud, & honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Vs 1: You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

Vs. 2: The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

Vs. 3: The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [Refrain]

Vs. 5: Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. [Refrain]

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray together,

C: Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart 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 as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: *"Lamb of God"* #336 *(stand as you are able)*

Verse 1: Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 2: Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. [Refrain]

Verse 3: I was so lost. I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. [Refrain]

Gospel Reading - Luke 19:28-44

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." ⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

P: This is the Word of our Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: *"Bless The Lord O My Soul"* sung by Girls' & Adult Choir

Children's Message: Pastor Eric Hanson

Sermon: Pastor Eric Hanson

Hymn of the Day & Gathering of the Pledges: *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* #805

Our Children's Offering for this Sunday will go toward our Forward in Faith Fund as a symbol of our commitment to follow God's call to build anew.

After the children, adults are also welcome to come up and add their pledges to the commitment basket.

Vs 1: Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Vs 2: Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, & holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing nor roll of stirring drums but deeds of love & mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Vs 3: Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Prayer over our Pledges: P: Let us pray together,

C: Gracious God, giver of all that is good and true. May these pledges represent our faithfulness in following your call to build anew. We build not for us, but for your mission in our church & community. Through these gifts may we continue to serve as your hands & feet; proclaiming your Gospel, creating space for holy relationship, & continuing to serve our community in Your name. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, & he will come to judge the living & the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill especially: Jessica Huemann, Keith Brown, Kathy Nardinger, Dolly Mensink, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Roger Kurtti, Judy Carpenter, Lorraine Hinsch, Donald & Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Dan Hedeem, Ken Bremer, Matt Ludwig, Sue Majerus and Jan Benidt. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord, we come, rejoicing in your grace, grateful that we grow in our faith as we worship and as we study Your word. Help us to do Your work with our hands, serving people in need here and everywhere. Confident in Your plans for us, grant our hearts and minds the confidence to commit to always giving generously of our time, talents and treasure, but especially in our present capital campaign ~~ for we know that everything we have is a gift from you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We remember those who have died, who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us & these your gifts, which we receive first from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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.

The Meal & Hymns: *"Jesus, Name Above All Names #334*

Vs. 1: Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Vs. 2: Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Vs. 3: Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

"Beautiful Savior" #838

Verse 1: Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Verse 2: Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Verse 3: Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Verse 4: Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

"The King Of Love My Shepherd Is Above All" #502

Verse 1: The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Verse 2: Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Verse 3: Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Verse 4: In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Verse 5: Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

Verse 6: And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Communion Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of life. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing: (*stand as you are able*)

P: May Christ who entered Jerusalem as king, went to the cross as savior, and rose as Lord, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *"Palm Branches Were Waving"* led by Sunday School Children, Girls' & Adult Choirs

V1: A donkey carried Jesus to Jerusalem that day, and as He neared the City, he could hear the people say,
"Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to our King, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to our King."

V2: God, the Father, sent His Son to those who loved & knew that Jesus was the chosen one, He was the King of Jews. Palm branches were waving & fell before His feet. Loud Hosannas to Jesus, echoed in the streets.

V3: Jesus reached to touch each one, they reached to touch Him too, they knew He was the promised one, He was the King of Jews. Palm branches were waving & fell before His feet.
Loud Hosannas to Jesus, echoed in the streets.

V4: The branches of the palm trees were waving in the air, excitement filled the City, with the good news Jesus shared. Palm branches were waving & fell before His feet.
Loud Hosannas to Jesus, echoed in the streets. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to our King,
Hosanna to Jesus, Hosanna to our King.

Dismissal: P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All are welcome to celebrate with coffee, juice, and rolls served by our youth.

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