

The First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(stand as you are able)* **“Jesus, Name Above All Names”**

**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.**

The Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Children’s Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson* *(you may be seated)***Sermon:** *Pastor Eric Hanson***Hymn of the Day & Offering:**

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

“Lamb Of God”

**Vs 1: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.**

**Vs 2: Lamb of God, I’m asking you to take away my sin.
I confess that I’ve done wrong, I need your help again.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.**

**Vs 3: The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.
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Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.**

Offertory Response: *“Give Thanks”* *(ushers bring offerings forward)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.
Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray.

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

Apostles’ Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. *A brief silence.* Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ’s suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our pastors, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel and those who are ill especially Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Geri Lindholm, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Rod Nardinger, Beth Carlson and the family of Ella Hadler. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, & receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always, **C: And also with you.**

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.

Meal and Hymns: *(you may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #502

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

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

Vs 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.

Vs 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.

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

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

"I Received The Living God" #477

R: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

Vs 1: Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. [Refrain]

Vs 4: Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. [Refrain]

"Jesus Loves Me!" #595

Vs 1: Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Vs 2: Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer: *(please stand as you are able)* P: Let us pray,

C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. 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.

The Blessing: P: May Christ who entered Jerusalem as king, went to the cross as savior, & 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 & mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor & give you + peace. Amen.

Sending: *"Palm Branches Were Waving" led by Sunday School Children*

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 the Lord & serve your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God!



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
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Welcome & Announcements

Greeting *(stand as you are able)*

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

P: 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)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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. Sunday school kids palm process into the sanctuary.*

R: 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: *(you may be seated)* P: Let us pray together

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.