



WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “**Pray Ground**” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “**Active Worship**” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Palm Sunday

Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion

Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning
the way you feel comfortable.

All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!

Everybody Is Somebody Here

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CELEBRATION WITH PALMS

LEADER: We gather as the first followers of Jesus gathered on this day, laying their garments before him as he entered Jerusalem in triumph Crying; *Hosanna*, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

ALL: *(Wave palms.) Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

LEADER: Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior of the

ALL: *(Wave palms.) Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

LEADER: We raise our palm branches and boldly proclaim for the whole world to hear:

ALL: *Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

OPENING HYMN

"Soon and Very Soon"

ELW #439

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Most Merciful God,

Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Laying aside judgment...God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
source of grace and mer - cy; come
seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of
God. God.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: And also with you

L: Lord God,

C: As your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming onto our lives and your world. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Congregation Read Bold Text

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE WORD
God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.



Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and His followers had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet; "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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BLESSING OF RETIREMENT FOR LINDA BAUER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS OFFERING

Luther Park Camp

OFFERING

All young and young at heart are invited forward during the Children's time.

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THE MEAL

God feeds us with the forgiveness and presence of Christ.

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

No Exceptions!

Children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing and Goldfish Crackers



THE SENDING

We are blessed and sent out into the world to share God's Love with all people.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

**Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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SENDING

POSTLUDE

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Serving Today

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