

**PALM SUNDAY**  
March 24, 2024 11:00 AM



**FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

## **THINK ABOUT THIS**

The death of Jesus on the cross is not cause for continued sorrow or ongoing relief. As the Epistle points out, our Lord's giving of Himself for our sin makes His a glorious death. It causes "every tongue [to] confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11). How do we do that? First, our Lord's death draws us to Him, where we find forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Then, each day we are given opportunity to die to sin ourselves and to receive Christ's forgiveness. It is an ongoing process that involves interacting with the people around us, with whom we share Christ's invitation to heaven itself. We sing "Hosanna," which means "save us." Because of the cross, we are confident that we have been saved already.

## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Shout to the Lord"**

*(repeat once)*

**My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like You;  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my Shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

## WELCOME

### INVOCATION *(Please stand)*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION

Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During it we shall recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.

**Even during worship, our minds wander to other concerns.**

These concerns are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord's step-by-step determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.

**I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I am mired in sin and incapable of saving myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.**

### SONG "Lord Have Mercy"

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Ending)*

**Jesus, I've forgotten the Words that You have spoken;  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim;  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;  
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.**

*Chorus:*

**Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy on me;  
Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy on me;**

**I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man;  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You;  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing;  
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again. *Chorus***

**I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies,  
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end;  
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.**

*Ending:*

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.**

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us... (repeat)**

## **ABSOLUTION**

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your Son's death was His ultimate glory, drawing us to Himself.

**Grant us so to follow His way that we may live each day in joyful service to You until we see You face to face in resurrection glory;**

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Zechariah 9:9–12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Philippians 2:5–11**

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **John 12:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."  
(ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence 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.**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING**

### **OBJECT LESSON**

#### **SONG "Once Again"**

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)*

**Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice;  
You became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,  
And I'm in that place once again.  
I'm in that place once again.**

Chorus:

**Once again I look upon the cross where You died.  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.**

**Now You are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.  
But, for now, I marvel at this saving grace,  
And I'm full of praise once again.  
I'm full of praise once again. Chorus:**

Bridge

**Thank You for the cross. Thank you for the cross.  
Thank You for the cross, my Friend. (repeat) Chorus:**

**MESSAGE “Join the Crowd” (John 12:12-19)**

*(The offering will be received at the end of the service)*

**PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)*

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD AGNUS DEI**

**O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.**

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us**

**O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.**

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**RECEIVING THE LORD’S SUPPER**



**SONG "The Wonderful Cross"**

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Second Chorus, Verse, Second Chorus)*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride**

Chorus:

**O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die  
And find that I may truly live.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.**

Second Chorus:

**O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die  
And find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross;  
all who gather here  
By grace draw near and bless Your name.**

**Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Second Chorus**

**SONG** **“The Cross Has Said It All”** (Chorus based on Psalm 103:11-12)

*(Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus)*

**The cross has said it all, the cross has said it all.  
I can't deny what You have shown,  
The cross speaks of a God of love;  
There displayed for all to see,  
Jesus Christ, our only hope,  
A message of the Father's heart:  
“Come, my children, come on home.”**

Chorus:

**As high as the heav'ns are above the earth,  
So high is the measure of Your great love;  
As far as the East is from the West,  
So far have You taken our sins from us.**

**The cross has said it all, the cross has said it all.  
I never recognized Your touch  
Until I met You at the cross.  
We are fallen, dust to dust  
How could You do this for us?  
Son of God shed precious blood;  
Who can comprehend this love?** Chorus:

**PRAYER OF THANKS**

...

**Amen**

**BLESSING**

## **SONG “You Are My King”**

*(Verse, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)*

**I’m forgiven,  
because You were forsaken  
I’m accepted, You were condemned  
I’m alive and well,  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because you died and rose again (Repeat)**

*Chorus:*

**Amazing love, how can it be  
That You my king would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it’s true  
And it’s my joy to honor You  
In all I do I honor You**

*Bridge:*

**Jesus, You are my King. (4x)**

## **LEAVING**

**OFFERING** *(The offering plates are in the back of the church).*

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