

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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## Palm Sunday

*The Journey to Golgotha Begins*

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

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## PRELUDE

**CHOIR ANTHEM: Hosanna! Blessed Is He!** (*arrs: Judge and Houts*)

**GATHERING HYMN: All Glory Laud & Honor (vss. 1,2,3,5)..RECLAIM No. 146**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: When the days drew near, Jesus set his face to die on the cross for us.

**C: We set our faces toward the road to Jerusalem where you traveled on a donkey amid praise and palms.**

P: Yet we have not always praised you as we ought,

**C: and we have not always traveled down the road you had marked out for us.**

P: So we now confess our wrong ways to you.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Holy and merciful God,

**C: we confess our offenses against you. You know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. With humble hearts we draw close to you, confessing our faults, and confiding in your grace to find refuge and strength through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: "Jesus did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death on a cross." (*Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b*) In accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins. Through the obedience of Christ we are freed from whatever enslaves us.

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of". The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). The lyrics are: "hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff has a new melody: G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (half). The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes". The fourth staff continues: G2 (half), F2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (half), C2 (quarter), B1 (quarter), A1 (quarter), G1 (half). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The fifth staff has a new melody: G1 (half), F1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (half), C1 (quarter), B0 (quarter), A0 (quarter), G0 (half). The lyrics are: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes performance markings: "S, A" at the top, "div." (divisi) above the third staff, and "unis." (unison) above the fourth staff.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

All: Sovereign God, through your Son's passion you brought your reign of righteousness and peace into the human heart. Draw us to you through his cross and keep us faithful to your reign until he comes again; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

*Rejoice, said the prophet, for your king is coming, humble and riding on a donkey. The Word of the Lord was given to God's people, saying: Israel's king will rule the nations and set the prisoners free.*

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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 118:19-29**

*The psalmist gave thanks to the Lord for hearing his prayers. The stone that the builders rejected has now become the chief cornerstone. All who are righteous shall enter through the gate of the Lord.*

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

**C: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

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

**C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

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

**C: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

R: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

**C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

R: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

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

R: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

*St. Paul quoted a hymn that would have been well-known to the Philippian congregation, saying that Jesus humbled himself in his earthly life, taking on the form of a servant. His servanthood and obedience led him to death on the cross.*

<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 emptied himself, by 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## GOSPEL READING: John 12:12-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<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."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON: Going After the World**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ, the Life of All the Living.....RECLAIM No. 218**

*(Tune: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly)*

**OFFERING PRESENTATION**

*As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:*



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P: 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.**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition ends with the words Lord, in your mercy. Respond by saying Hear our prayer.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.

## BENEDICTION

**SENDING HYMN:** Go to Dark Gethsemane.....RECLAIM No. 145

## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Ushers:** Dave and Rebecca Blum

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Reader:** Tony Miller

**Greeters:** Tony and Becky Miller

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to Worship!** Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. You are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

**Pro-Life Sidewalk Ministry Training:** Join Mankato Loves Life for a free seminar to be held at MSU's Newman Center (1502 Warren Street - Mankato) this Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Come for pizza, and stay for the training in this vital ministry to families in crisis. Babies are saved and women are spared the burden of abortion every day through ministries such as this. RSVP to MankatoLovesLife@proton.me.

This Spring, the women of our congregation will be studying "*The Proverbs 31 Woman*" from SOLA. This study gives a look into the lives of biblical women, specific to the theme of Proverbs 31 and how it was exemplified in their life. Contact Karen McGregor by Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> if you would like to participate, as she will make a group order for the materials from SOLA. The approximate cost will be \$10 for the book. Women's Bible Study begins on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

**New Book Discussion:** Throughout the Old Testament, God continually promised to send His Son to save a lost humanity. Connecting Old Testament prophecies together, you can truly see how Christ is prevalent throughout the entirety of Scripture. Join Pastor Aaron beginning Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for a study on *The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament* from Concordia Publishing House. You can purchase the book on CPH's website, or from Amazon.

## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

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|-----------|----------|---------|--------------------------|
| Sunday    | March 24 | 9:30am  | Palm Sunday Worship      |
|           |          | 10:30am | Sunday School/Fellowship |
| Monday    | March 25 | 10:00am | Morning Prayer           |
| Wednesday | March 27 | Noon    | Lectionary Lunch         |
| Thursday  | March 28 | 8:00am  | Men's Bible Study        |
|           |          | 6:15pm  | Choir Rehearsal          |
|           |          | 7:00pm  | Maundy Thursday Worship  |
| Friday    | March 29 | 7:00pm  | Good Friday Worship      |
| Sunday    | March 31 | 9:30am  | Easter Morning Worship   |
|           |          | 10:30am | Fellowship               |