

**Sunday, March 28, 2021**

*Triumphal Entry*



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH***

*we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS***

*we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

**INTRODUCTION** *From today's Gospel we hear; "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."*

*"I tell you," said Jesus, "if these were silent, the stones would shout out."*

*Who is shouting to be heard this Holy Week? Who is longing to be heard where we are?*

*What stories do they long to tell? Will we walk past without stopping? Followers of Jesus are*

called to listen to those who have been silenced. When we do, the Gospel comes alive in radically new ways.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

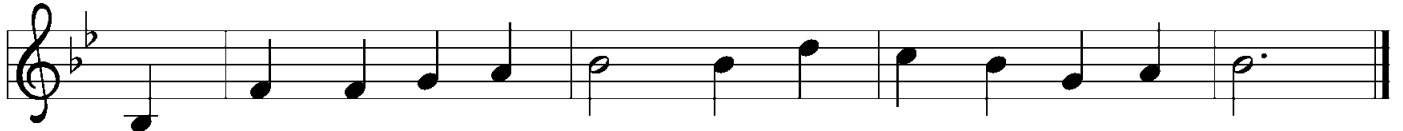
### “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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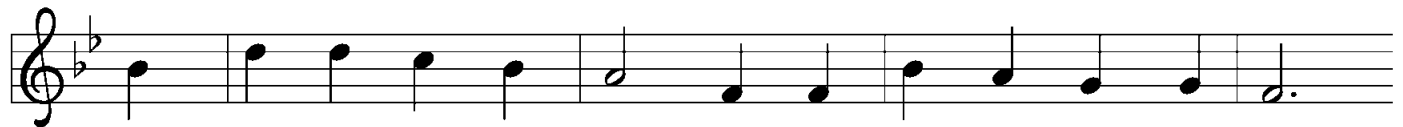
*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,

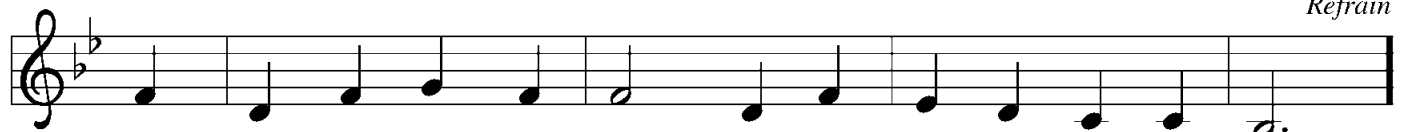


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Hosanna, King,

**Blessed are you, our king, who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to praise you! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **FIRST READING: Psalm 118:19-23**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel: Luke 19:29-44**

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the

disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

<sup>41</sup>As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup>They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

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## SERMON

### HYMN:

### "Prepare the Royal Highway"

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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

## THE 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, and 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, 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**

## PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change (*especially*), grant relief from natural disasters (*especially*), and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer (*especially*); grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Faithful God,

**you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

## **PRAYER after COMMUNION**

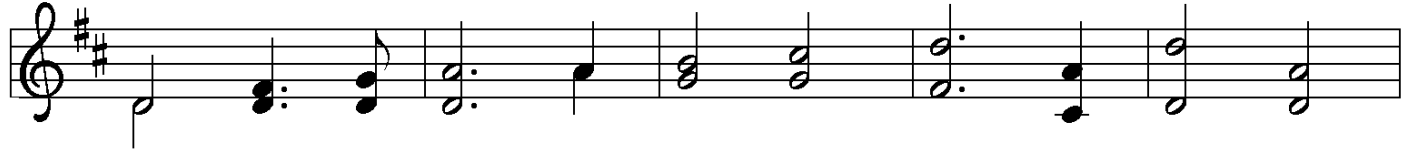
God of steadfast love,

**at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you † that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen**

## HYMN: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"



1 Ride on, ride on in maj es - ty! Hear all the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj es - ty! The hosts of  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs  
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to



road pur - sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
now be - gin o'er cap tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - d'ring eyes to see the ap proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, March 21, 2021 - Virtual Attendance \*: 78

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 - In Person: 23

Virtual Attendance \*: 10

*\*Virtual attendance is based on a matrix from the NEMN Synod. We determine the number of unique views per week and multiply by 2 – assuming there are two people per household watching the service.*

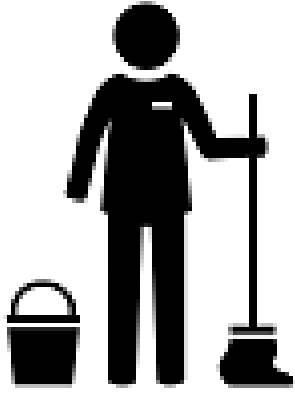
**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda****March 29, 2021 – April 4, 2021**

March 29	Monday	11:30am	Pinochle
March 31	Wednesday	10:00am	Mission & Evangelism Meeting
April 4/1	Thursday	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday joint worship at Bethlehem & online Friday morning
April 4/2	Friday	6:30pm	Good Friday joint worship at Faith Lutheran in Isle, live feed from Faith <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0CAAn5tLhlTAfKvCigkTOg">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0CAAn5tLhlTAfKvCigkTOg</a>
April 4/4	Sunday	8:30 am 10:30 am	In-Person Worship Service In-Person Worship Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Jerry Morris is home from the hospital.**“ZOOM COFFEE HOUR”:** coffee and conversation will continue to meet every other Tuesday as interest continues. Next meeting is March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Please email the office if you are interested so we can email you a Zoom invite. If you have additional questions, please contact Mary in the office at blcmalmo@gmail.com or 320 684-2123.**IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES** are planned for Easter, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 & 10:30am. All MN Department of Health guidelines will be followed including, but not limited to: Health Screening Assessment upon entry, 6’ physical distancing, wear a mask the entire time you are in the building, prayers will be whispered from behind your mask, no singing, no hand shaking, etc. We are requesting that you contact the church office if you are planning to attend one of the In Person Easter Services so we can monitor attendance. Seating is limited to approximately 60 people per service. Call (320 684-2123) or email (blcmalmo@gmail.com).**EASTER FLOWERS** are for sale today after worship service. Signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall today. Price is \$15. Buy one as a memorial to loved ones and to decorate the church for Easter.**BETHESDA QUILTERS** need donations of clean used mattress pads, flannel sheets or blankets to make Lutheran World Relief quilts. Please leave in the Fellowship Hall by the Quilter’s Door. Many Thanks.**VEGGIE STAND** Calling all gardeners and bakers. There are plans for Bethesda's Veggie Stand to be open at least on a limited basis this summer. This spring plant seedlings as well as rhubarb, bulbs, perennials, jelly and baked goods will be sold. So if you are starting plants and have extra or are thinning your perennials, plan to bring them to the veggie stand. The goal is to open mid-May. All proceeds to benefit local food shelves and local benevolences. If you have any questions or want to help, contact Jim Christensen at 320-279-0962.



## **HELP WANTED - Position-Church Custodian**



The primary purpose of the Custodian position is to provide a clean and welcoming church facility to support the congregation's mission and ministries.

### **Qualifications:**

1. Light to moderate physical work abilities with knowledge of maintenance, tools, and equipment.
2. Knowledge of custodial materials/chemicals, with the ability to work with minimum supervision.

### **Time Requirement:**

Under normal conditions this position will average approximately 8-10 hours per week. The custodian will report directly to the property committee chairperson or church council representative.

Application & Job Description available in the office.