

Lutheran Synod

Our mission is to **Glorify God**

as we

Gather

around the Gospel to help people

Grow

in the **Gospel** and

Go

with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Confirmation

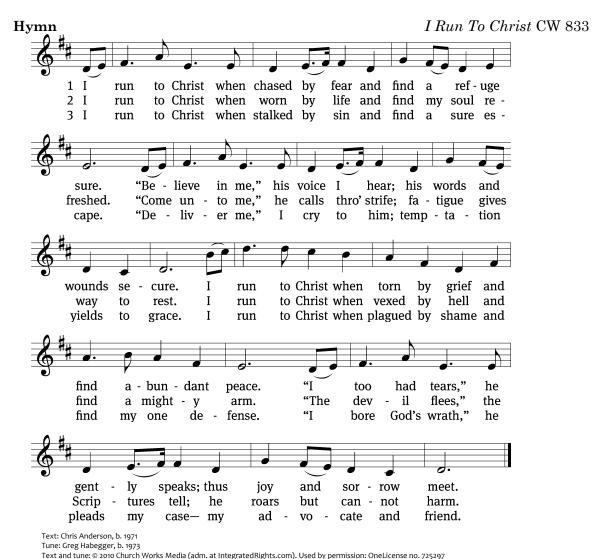


Surrender Buries Seizure

As we begin Holy Week, we see Jesus bury humanity's endless attempts at seizing power. In our world, power dynamics are almost always in play. Those who don't have power want it, often more than anything else. Those who have power are willing to do anything to keep it. In contrast, Jesus—who possesses all power as the Son of God—willingly surrendered his power and placed himself in the hands of his enemies. Why? What he wanted more than anything else was not power, but you.

So, Jesus begins this Holy Week riding into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that he was riding to the cross. He would surrender himself to the punishment that our sins deserved, so that through Spirit-wrought faith we might seize the glory and heaven that only he deserves.

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) and warns there are dangers in taking communion in an improper way (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), we practice close communion. WELS, ELS, and members of other churches around the world who are in fellowship with WELS are welcome to commune with us. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member and communing with us in the future, please speak to pastor or an usher.



Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God so loved the world that while we were yet sinners, Jesus Christ was given to die for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for personal reflection

- M: Jesus invites you: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)
- C: We have come to the Lord's house wearied by our work and burdened by our problems.
- M: Isaiah said of the Savior: "A bruised reed He will not break," (Isaiah 42:3) and again: "He was bruised for our iniquities...by His wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)
- C: We have come bruised by the actions of others and bruised by our repeated falls into sin.
- M: Isaiah says that God the Father sent Jesus "to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives...to comfort all who mourn." (Isaiah 61:1-2)
- C: We come broken in spirit because we cannot pay for our wrongs, broken in heart because we long for the peace of forgiveness.

Sing Verse 2 of I Run to Christ

- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Because of Jesus' atoning work, God assures us in the Bible:
- C: "As far as the East is from the West, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12)
- M: He says, "I will forgive their wickedness and I will remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:24)
- C: "The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 2:7)
- M: Our Lord sent his Son, Jesus, to the cross for our salvation. Our God truly has compassion on us with his unending forgiveness. Jesus paid the price for your sins as he proclaimed, "It is finished." You have been released from the guilt of your sins, restored in your relationship with the Almighty and renewed to live a new and holy life unto the Lord. You are forgiven in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Thanks be to God for his mercy and love!

Sing Verse 3 of I Run to Christ

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson Isaiah 42:1-4

Isaiah foretold the coming Servant of the Lord whose humility would be the source of the world's hope and whose willingness to surrender would bring forth justice.

¹"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen one in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him,

and he will bring justice to the nations.

²He will not shout or cry out,

or raise his voice in the streets.

³A bruised reed he will not break,

and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

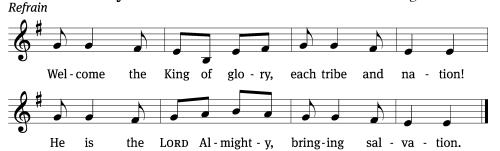
⁴he will not falter or be discouraged

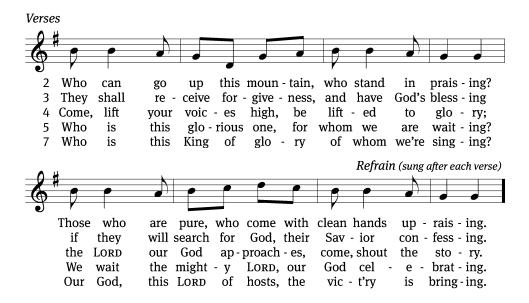
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope." (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

Welcome the King Psalm 24b CW Psalter





Second Lesson Philippians 2:5–11

Jesus is true God, yet he did not use his divine power to forcefully seize what he wanted. Instead, he surrendered to death on a cross, so that he might win our salvation.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

 $^{10}\mathrm{that}$ at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

4K - Grade 4 (8 am) Grades 5-7 (10:30 am)

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Here comes our King! Let's lift our voices high and sing:
"Worthy on worthy worthy are You Lord

"Worthy, oh, worthy, worthy are You, Lord, To receive all glory and honor evermore!"

Christ Jesus, Lord Jesus, our righteousness, Our knees shall bow, our tongues confess: "You're merciful, faithful, steadfast and true! Lord, we lift our hearts and hands to praise and worship you!"

By Joanne Burns Hambleton

Repeat verse 1

Stand

Gospel Luke 19:28-40

On Palm Sunday Jesus rode into Jerusalem to cheers and praise, knowing that shortly after he would surrender himself to his enemies and be put to death.

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

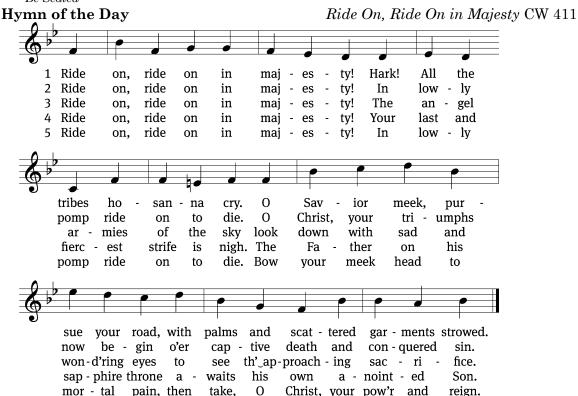
Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.





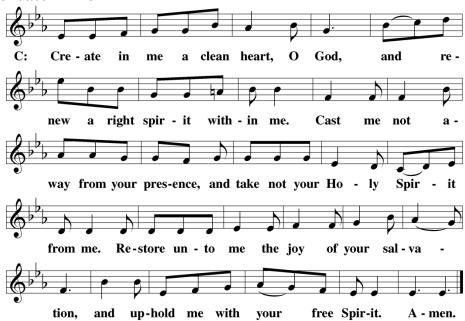
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Stand

Create in Me



Be Seated

Offering

Stand

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Prayer of the Church

(8:00 a.m. worship continues on page 10 with The Lord's Prayer and The Sacrament)

(10:30 a.m. worship continues with The Rite of Confirmation)

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction, by one who has been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.

Those being confirmed shall stand.

Confirmation Vows

Confirmation Blessings

M: Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's table a precious privilege given you by God through his church; receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

Prayer

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us therefore stand and pray.

Please stand.

- M: Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.
- M: Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.
- **M:** Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.
- M: Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.

- M: Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.
- **M:** Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.
- M: When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.

(8:00 a.m. worship continues here)

The Lord's Prayer

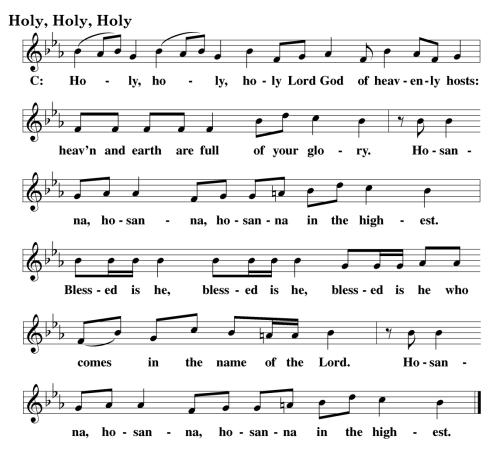
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

THE SACRAMENT

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- M: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up unto the Lord.
- M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: It is good and right so to do.

Proper Preface

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



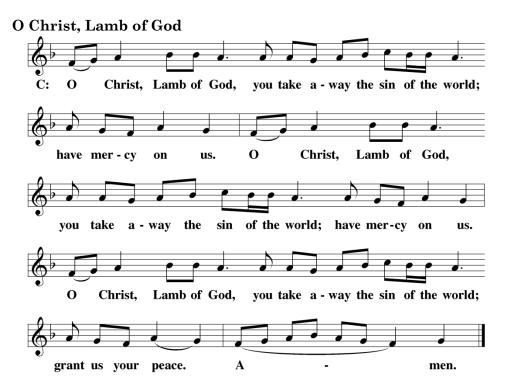
Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen



Be Seated

Distribution

Grades 5-7 (10:30 am)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus. (Refrain)

(Refrain) In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light CW 713

2 I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (*Refrain*)

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Distribution Hymn



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 is prais-ing you on high,
- 3 The peo-ple of the He-brews with palms be-fore you went;
- 4 To you be-fore your pas-sion they sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As you re-ceived their prais es, ac cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One. and we with all cre - a - tion 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. O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra-cious King.

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Take My Life and Let It Be CW 695



- 1 Take my life and let it be co
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold,

con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;

at the im-pulse of thy love; al-ways, on-ly for my King;

ld, not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo-ments and my days, take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect and use

swift and beau-ti - ful for thee. filled with mes-sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

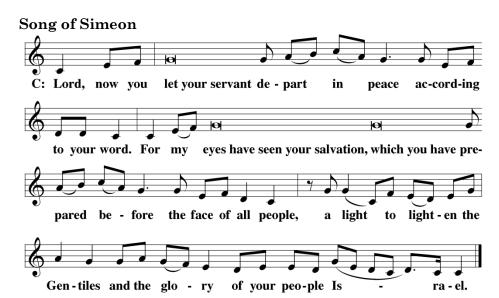
5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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Stand



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated



On My Heart Imprint Your Image CW 405



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, King of grace,



that life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures have no pow'r to hide your face.



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be:

Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, and my glo-ry and sal-va - tion.

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