



**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Palm Sunday - April 13, 2025  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Invocation**

**L:** Hosana! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosana in the highest!**

**L:** We begin our Palm Sunday service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing of the Palms**

**L:** O Lord, God Almighty, bless these palm branches and the people who carry them, as they praise you and glorify your name. In this Holy Week, as we trace the journey of Jesus into Jerusalem, and the events leading to the cross and an empty tomb, remind us through these holy acts, you have opened the door for us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

A: Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

**C: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!**

A: Behold, your king is coming to you; demonstrating righteous living and bringing us salvation, he comes humbly, mounted on a donkey.

**C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

## Processional Hymn - All Glory, Laud and Honor- ELW # 344

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ our sins are forgiven. We have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Greeting**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also, with you.**

## **Hymn of Praise - Christ, the Life of All the Living ELW #339 vs 1 & 2**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross.

**C: In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection,**

A: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE WORD**

#### **First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 118**

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

<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.

**<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**<sup>27</sup>The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**<sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## **Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28-40**

\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Message**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY My Song is Love Unknown ELW #343 Vs 1, 2, 4 & 6**

#### **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**

**L:** Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**C: Amen.**

## **Offering**

**Offertory Hymn – Oh, Love, How Deep - ELW #322 vss. 1, 2 & 5**

### **Offertory Prayer**

A: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

**C: As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,**

A: through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth, as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

**C: Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,**

A: in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

L: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN – Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed - ELW #337**

### **Dismissal**

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**