



Salem Lutheran Church

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March 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

9:30 am

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Pave the Way with Branches”

Acs 9:28

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:1-11 (READ IN PEWS OR BACK OF SANCTUARY)

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

PALM PROCESSION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

A Amen.

L Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L Gracious God,

A have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

A have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

A have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

A have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

A have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

A have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

A have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

A Amen.

GREETING

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

A And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

L Let us pray,

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. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Toccata on King’s Weston”

Jubilee Ringers

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 7:1-11

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²Stand in the gate of the Lord’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you who enter these gates to worship the Lord. ³Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. ⁴Do not trust in these deceptive words: “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.” ⁵For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, ⁶if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, ⁷then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave to your ancestors forever and ever. ⁸Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known ¹⁰and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, “We are safe!”—only to go on doing all these abominations? ¹¹Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? I, too, am watching, says the Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without murmuring and arguing, ¹⁵so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world, ¹⁶holding forth the word of life so that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with all of you; ¹⁸in the same way also you should rejoice and rejoice together with me.

L The Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

pg. 205 (Lent)

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

A Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:12-17 (*Read aloud*)

Pew Bible pg. 802

L The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Hosanna”

Pastor Aaron Holmgren

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW 264, v. 1, 2, 4

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L God, in your mercy,

A receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A And also with you.

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OFFERING

“Wondrous Love”

Senior Choir, Keith Irwin & Jack Standridge (Bells)

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

ELW 885

OFFERING PRAYER

L Generous God,

A you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the means of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

SENDING HYMN

“All Are Welcome”

ELW 641, v. 1, 2, 5

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Believe the good news.

A Thanks be to God!

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