





## Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the "Means of Grace" — God's gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!

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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

*We invite you to join us in the Narthex for the procession of the palms. Otherwise, feel free to be seated in the sanctuary to enjoy the procession from your seat. There are palm fronds for all; please take one for each member of your family as we prepare to process into the sanctuary.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Palm Sunday Responsory

- P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
- C** Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;
- C** righteous and having salvation is he,
- P** humble and mounted on a donkey,
- C** on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (*Zechariah 9:9*)
- P** Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has

need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told him what Jesus had said, and they let them go. (*Mark 11:1-6*)

**P** I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

**C** **and the war horse from Jerusalem;**

**P** and the battle bow shall be cut off,

**C** **and he shall speak peace to the nations;**

**P** his rule shall be from sea to sea;

**C** **and from the river to the ends of the earth.** (*Zechariah 9:10*)

**P** And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. (*Mark 11:7-8*)

**P** As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

**C** **I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.**

**P** Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

**C** **today I declare that I will restore to you double.**

(*Zechariah 9:11-12*)

**P** And those who went before and those who followed were shouting,

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

**P** Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!** (*Mark 11:9-10*)

*Hosanna, Holy Savior*

*Choir*

*During the choir anthem, the congregation will process into the sanctuary. You may lay your palm fronds in the aisle or at the altar.*

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**  
**Ref All glory, laud, and honor**

*LSB 442 refrain, v.1–3*

To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

- 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*
- 2 The company of angels  
Is praising you on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before you we present. *Refrain*

## Responsory

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ; for the five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's suffering and death. Today, together with the whole church, we begin this Holy Week by welcoming our Messiah. We read in the Gospel of John:
- C** **He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. (John 1:11-12)**
- P** So like the people of long ago, let us welcome Jesus and walk with him to the cross.
- C** **If we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6:5)**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
*Ref All glory, laud, and honor*

*LSB 442 refrain, v. 4-5*

To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

4 To you before your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. Refrain

5 As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King. Refrain

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Jesus Christ is King and Lord.

**C** Yet we have not acted as his servants, but have made him our enemy.

*We take time in silence to confess our personal and communal sin before God, confident that we will receive forgiveness.*

**P** Blessed Lord, who always comes among your people for good,

**C** We confess to you that we were born sinful and have turned away from you both by nature and choice. We have enthroned self-interest and pride as our kings, and they have ruled us as tyrants. We have failed to acknowledge your rightful lordship in our lives. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit turn our hearts to worship and follow Jesus, the one true King.

**P** The King has won your freedom. Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Palm Sunday Collect

**P** Hosanna! Save us now, O Lord!

**C** Save us by your grace and continually ground us in an unwavering faith.

**P** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you entered Jerusalem not to be crowned with jewels, but to be crowned with thorns.

**C** Rule in our hearts by faith. Pour out your spirit on us and give us joy in your presence now and forevermore. Amen.

## Verse/Gradual *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a; Philippians 2:8b*

**P** Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,

**C** thus securing an eternal redemption.

**P** Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

**C** so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

**P** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

**C** He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 14:1–11*

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>2</sup>“But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

<sup>3</sup>While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

<sup>4</sup>Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? <sup>5</sup>It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

<sup>6</sup>“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>The poor you will always have with you,<sup>[a]</sup> and you can help them any time you want. But you will

not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup> They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

### *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*LSB 443 v.3*

**3 “Hosanna in the highest!”**

**That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in his blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!**

## **Homily**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 14:12–25*

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>13</sup> So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup> Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

<sup>16</sup> The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup> While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

<sup>19</sup> They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?”

<sup>20</sup> “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

<sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

<sup>24</sup> “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. <sup>25</sup> “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

## Lord's Prayer

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

LSB 621 v 2

**2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav’nly food.**

## Distribution

*We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God.*

*We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith. If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit. If you do not confess the understanding of the Christian*

*Faith as expressed by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, you may still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you will not be receiving the sacrament.*

## ***Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus***

*LSB 531 v 1,2,4 (tune of 849)*

- 1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!**  
**Hail, thou Galilean King!**  
**Thou didst suffer to release us;**  
**Thou didst free salvation bring.**  
**Hail, thou universal Savior,**  
**Bearer of our sin and shame!**  
**By thy merit we find favor:**  
**Life is given through thy name.**
  
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,**  
**All our sins on thee were laid;**  
**By almighty love anointed,**  
**Thou hast full atonement made.**  
**All Thy people are forgiven**  
**Through the virtue of thy blood;**  
**Opened is the gate of heaven,**  
**Reconciled are we with God.**
  
- 4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing**  
**Thou art worthy to receive;**  
**Highest praises, without ceasing,**  
**Right it is for us to give.**  
**Help, ye bright angelic spirits,**  
**All your noblest anthems raise;**  
**Help to sing our Savior's merits,**  
**Help to chant Immanuel's praise!**

## ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

*LSB 709*

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,**  
**Whose goodness faileth never;**

**I nothing lack if I am his  
And He is mine forever.**

**2 Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul he leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.**

**3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.**

**4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!**

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

*LSB 631 (tune 917)*

**1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.**

**2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;**

**Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.**

**3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with thee.**

**4 I have no help but thine; nor do I need  
Another arm but thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.**

**5 Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.**

**6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.**

**7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.**

## **Dismissal**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 14:26–50*

<sup>26</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>27</sup> “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.”

<sup>28</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>29</sup> Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

<sup>30</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.”

<sup>31</sup> But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup> He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

<sup>35</sup> Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> “*Abba*, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

<sup>37</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>39</sup> Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. <sup>40</sup> When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

<sup>41</sup> Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

<sup>43</sup> Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

<sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup> Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>46</sup> The men seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>47</sup> Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>48</sup> “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup> Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup> Then everyone deserted him and fled.

## **No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet**

*LSB 444 v. 1,4*

- 1** No tramp of soldiers' marching feet  
With banners and with drums,  
No sound of music's martial beat:  
"The King of glory comes!"  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride  
No bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide:  
"Behold, behold your King!"
- 4** Now he who bore for mortals' sake  
The cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant's form to take,  
The King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name  
Till heaven's rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim  
"Behold, behold your King!"

## **Old Testament Reading**

*2 Samuel 7:11b-16*

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: <sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. <sup>15</sup> But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 14:51–72*

<sup>51</sup> A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, <sup>52</sup> he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. <sup>54</sup> Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

<sup>55</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. <sup>56</sup> Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

<sup>57</sup> Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: <sup>58</sup> “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup> Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

<sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

<sup>62</sup> “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>63</sup> The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. <sup>64</sup> “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. <sup>65</sup> Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophesy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

<sup>66</sup> While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.

<sup>68</sup> But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.

<sup>69</sup> When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” <sup>70</sup> Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

<sup>71</sup> He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

<sup>72</sup> Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

### *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

*LSB 549 v 4*

**4 Hail him, ye heirs of David’s line,  
Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown him Lord of all.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 15:1–20*

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

<sup>2</sup> “Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>3</sup> The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

<sup>5</sup> But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup> Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>7</sup> A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup> The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup> “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup> knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests

had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

<sup>12</sup> “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

<sup>13</sup> “Crucify him!” they shouted.

<sup>14</sup> “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>15</sup> Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup> The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. <sup>17</sup> They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup> Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

### ***Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted***

*LSB 451 v. 1*

#### **1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,**

**See him dying on the tree!**

**’Tis the Christ, by man rejected;**

**Yes, my soul, ’tis he, ’tis he!**

**’Tis the long-expected Prophet,**

**David’s Son, yet David’s Lord;**

**Proofs I see sufficient of it:**

**’Tis the true and faithful Word.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 15:21–37*

<sup>21</sup> A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>22</sup> They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). <sup>23</sup> Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take

it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

<sup>25</sup> It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>27</sup> They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with the transgressors.” They nailed him up at nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>29</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup> come down from the cross and save yourself!” <sup>31</sup> In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! <sup>32</sup> Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

<sup>33</sup> At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup> And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

<sup>35</sup> When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

<sup>36</sup> Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

<sup>37</sup> With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

## *At the Name of Jesus*

*LSB 512 v 1,3*

### **1 At the name of Jesus**

**Ev’ry knee shall bow,  
Ev’ry tongue confess him  
King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father’s pleasure  
We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.**

### **3 Humbled for a season,**

**To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death he passed;**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 15:38–47*

<sup>38</sup> The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup> Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. <sup>41</sup> In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

<sup>42</sup> It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, <sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. <sup>44</sup> Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. <sup>45</sup> When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

## ***There is a Redeemer***

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**1 There is a Redeemer—  
Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One. Refrain**

*ref Thank You, O my Father,*

*For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.*

**2** Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

**3** When I stand in glory,  
I will see his face;  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place. *Refrain*

## **Benediction**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## **Sending**

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God!

# Serving in worship today

March 24, 2024

## **Pastor**

Jason Neel

## **Elders**

Kevin Zimmerman

Chuck Johnson

## **Reader**

Peggy Peterson

## **Acolyte**

Sophia Lease

## **Usher**

Randy Herschman

## **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Owen Smith 3/24 and Kati Schoenbauer 3/28.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Jan Berg 3/26 and Tyler Mathiason 3/30.

## **This Week at a Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Seder Presentation
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:45 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	6:45 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday	6:45 p.m.	Easter Vigil Service
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Easter Service
	8:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Service

## Notes of Information:

**Portals of Prayer:** The next edition of Portals of Prayer is available in the Narthex. If you need a large print edition, please see Laura in the church office.

**First Communion Class:** Pastor Jason would like to schedule a first Communion class, if you are interested, please let him know.

**Book Club:** Spirit of Christ Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

March 25 The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine

April 22 The Unsinkable Molly Brown

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

**NACE:** North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf needs new socks in all sizes. You can leave nonperishable food and other donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665

**Sermons and bulletins posted online:** Audio and video recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly. Bulletins and past sermons can be found at **[www.spiritofchristhamlake.org](http://www.spiritofchristhamlake.org)**.

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# Trevor Rubenstein

Minnesota Branch

“To the Jew First...” Romans 1:16

## Trevor's Topics:

- \* Messiah in the Passover
- \* The Feasts of Israel
- \* Gospel Salvation message
- \* Who are the Jewish People?
- \* The importance of reaching the Jewish people with the Gospel.
- \* The biblical significance of the modern state of Israel

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Trevor Rubenstein was born in Virginia, Minnesota where he was raised in a nominal Conservative Jewish home. His family moved to Littleton, Colorado when he was a boy. He received his Bar Mitzvah at thirteen but later embraced atheism. He struggled with depression and consistent thoughts of suicide which led to drinking and drug abuse. He was eventually expelled from high school. Later, when attending a local community college he unknowingly entered a Bible study put together by a cult. He read the words of Jesus for the first time and became overwhelmed by the presence of the Lord. By the grace of God He never joined the cult but soon after did give his life to Jesus (Yeshua). Immediately after his salvation, the depression was gone and he never returned to the substance abuse.

Trevor developed a broken heart for the lost and those he could relate to - the depressed, the addict, those involved in cults, but especially the Jewish people. The Lord changed his focus, and he spent much of the next twenty years ministering to hurting people, studying the Bible, and studying the

history and teachings of other religions particularly modern rabbinical Judaism. He has been blessed to be able to study under some of the greatest modern Christian apologists.

Trevor has worked and volunteered for many ministries and churches including Samaritan's Purse, The Denver Rescue Mission, and Christian Apologetics Research Ministry. He has spent many years traveling the country, teaching at churches, and sharing the message of a saving faith in the Messiah with anyone who will listen. Trevor was also the director of the oldest evangelical outreach to the Jewish people in America. Currently, Trevor is still active in evangelism and discipleship, leading evangelism groups in Minneapolis. He is also embarking on receiving his M.Div. in Messianic Jewish Studies from The Talbot School of Theology through the Charles L. Feinberg Center.

Trevor is married to Kelssee and has two step-children.

Chosen People Ministries exists to pray for, evangelize and disciple Jewish people everywhere and to help others do the same. Chosen People Ministries serves in 16 countries around the world with headquarters in New York City.





# *Holy Week Schedule*

**Passover Seder Presentation  
Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**

**Maundy Thursday  
March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM**

**Good Friday  
March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM**

**Easter Vigil  
Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM**

**Easter Service  
Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 AM and 10AM**

**Breakfast will be served between the services  
from 8:15 AM to 9:45 AM by the Youth.**



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