



Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 9:30am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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**"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."**

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Welcome, visitors! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. We will share holy Communion; you are welcome to participate.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Gary & Deb Wold

Communion Assistant: Carol Miller

Cover Art: *Palm Sunday Was a Protest*; by Nicolette Faison;
inspired by Mark 11: 1—11; 12"x24" acrylic, marker, paper collage on canvas

Organist: Thomas Haag

Prayer Reader: Carol Miller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Psalms

Jean-Baptiste Faure

CALL TO WORSHIP

Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout "Hosanna"?

Will you join the parade? Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action.

It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!"

It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world.

The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action.

Friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith.

Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation.

Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives.

Let us begin with confession.

Join me in prayer:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. Your good news was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.

Holy God, we long for such a faith.

Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.

Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act.

With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Church family,

whether or not you wave your palm branch,

whether or not you live out your faith,

whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions,

God will never stop loving you.

Jesus will never stop leading you.

The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.

What good, good news. Amen!

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

LITANY OF PRAISE (based on Philippians 2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, if we've heard this story before,
the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey,
then help us to hear it again.

If we have never heard this story before,
if we have never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna,"
then give us the wisdom to follow along.

Give us the wisdom to hear.

Give us the wisdom to take these words into our hearts.

Give us the wisdom to act on their truth.

We are listening.

Amen.

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

GOSPEL: Mark 11: 1—11

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* ELW #634 vs. 1, 2, 4

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
on this terrestrial ball we at his feet may fall!
to him all majesty ascribe We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all. and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of the peaceful parade, God of the humble entry, God of the people and the song, we come to you today with the prayers of our hearts. We come to you today because we know that you are a God who listens. You are a God who walks with us. You are a God who acts, and for that, we are grateful.

Holy One, we pray for guidance. Like Jesus, we want to act upon our beliefs. We want to allow the good news of the gospel to move through us. We want to gather people together. We want to move toward something good, but we admit, we are often unsure of what to do. We are unsure of the steps to take. We are unsure of the road before us.

Give us strength, God. Give us the strength to live like the crowds that day in Jerusalem. Where they held palm branches, may we hold a hand out to our neighbor. May we hold open the door for each other. May we hold onto hope.

Where they cried "Hosanna," may we cry out for justice.
May we cry out with joy. May we cry out to you.

Where they laid down their coats, may we lay down our resources— our energy, our creativity, and our time— so that we can build your promised day here. We do not want to simply talk about our faith. We want to act on it, so may this prayer be the first step.

May this prayer, and the earnestness in our hearts, move us closer to you.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

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.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

BLESSING

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you now, and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak this good news.
For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.
The good news of the gospel is alive in the world!

Thanks be to God for this good, good news.

Amen.

POSTLUDE *Diademata (Crown Him with Many Crowns)* Emma Lou Diener

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PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Eat, Enjoy, Support Youth & Family Ministries!

Join us after today for a delicious breakfast and fellowship! All proceeds benefit Youth & Family Ministries, supporting programs, events, and activities for our young members. Come enjoy good food, great company, and celebrate our youth together. Everyone is welcome!

HOLY WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR'S

Join us as we journey together through Holy Week, reflecting on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to participate in these special services.

Come experience the journey of Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 12 noon & 6pm:** Remember Jesus' Last Supper and the gift of service.
- **Good Friday, April 3, 12 noon & 6pm:** Reflect on the cross and Christ's sacrifice.
- **Easter Sunday, April 5, 9:30am:** Rejoice in the resurrection with festive worship!

All services are open to the community. Come and experience the hope and renewal of this sacred week.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP UPDATE

There will be no Wednesday worship next week (April 1) or on Wednesday, April 8, as we gather for special services during Holy Week. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, April 19, 2026, immediately following worship** to consider two building projects: **replacement of the boiler pumps and motors** and **updates to the church's exterior entry doors**. The church council will bring recommendations for consideration. Please plan to attend.

APRIL DONATION DRIVE —SPICE UP THE PANTRY

This April, we're collecting **spices** to help add flavor and variety to meals for our neighbors in need. Items like salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, Italian seasoning, cinnamon, and other shelf-stable spices are all welcome.

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Even small additions can make a big difference, helping turn simple ingredients into delicious meals.

Adding a little flavor, one jar at a time.

SPARE GAS CANS NEEDED

Our church assists neighbors with gas vouchers when they are in need. Sometimes, however, they don't have a safe way to transport the gasoline. If you have any clean, spare gas cans you're no longer using, please consider donating them to the church so we can pass them along when needed. Donations may be left at the church office. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in practical ways.

DORCAS SOCIETY

Wednesday, April 1, 6:30pm—Fellowship Hall

Join us for the April meeting as we gather for a regular business meeting. Your ideas and participation are always appreciated! Whether you attend regularly or joining us for the first time, you are warmly invited to come and be part of the conversation and community.

We are also still accepting Christmas items for November's annual Christmas Bazaar—feel free to bring donations with you to the meeting.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the church office will be closed Monday, April 6, 2026 in observance of Easter. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9am.

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Palm Sunday Breakfast
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 noon Gas Vouchers

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am Quilters
1—5pm WCC Open
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:05—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship
6pm Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship
6pm Worship

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

12 noon Worship
6pm Worship

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:30am Worship/HC
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Ardelle Ender, **Art**, **Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cassie**, **Cathy** Ofte, **Cindy** Moe, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dean** Geier, **Debe**, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Jane & Michael** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Pastor Joanne**, **Jon** Zinniel, **Joshua**, **Jim** Garson, **Jim** Radatz, **Juliana** Andrews, **Karen** Geoglein, **Katie** White, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica & Jack** D., **Morris** Buros, **Pamela** Mathis, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Roger** Loing, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Ruth** Rose, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Pastor Steve** Minnema, and **Tom** Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Vera Wensole and **Kaye** Kjome

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Ricky Macon, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Virginia Bentzen	March 29
Jeff Franko	March 29
Louise Temte	March 30
Jenifer Bahr	March 31
Colleen Cartwright	March 31

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
M-MPC—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club
CFS—Come For Supper
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet