



PALM

Sunday

WELCOME

Service of Worship

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church! Our hope today is that you will experience God's love in Word, Sacrament, and Song through the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. Everything you need for today's worship service is printed in this bulletin.

This community welcomes you – wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Are you a visitor? Come back again! Are you looking for a church home? All are invited to become part of the Advent community. If you join us in person or on our Facebook livestream; if you are here for an hour, a season, or a lifetime, you are welcome at Advent. The church may be cozy, but the table is long. There's a place for you here!

Need more information about who and what we are? Fill out a green contact/prayer card, add a comment on Facebook, email the church, or visit our website - www.adventlc.us - or make an appointment with Pastor Alex. We'd love to know how we can be in ministry together!

Advent is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



PRAYER CONCERNS

We keep the following persons in prayer



Douglas M. Bennett (brother of Shelley Bennett)

David Church (friend of Advent)

Anthony Goveia (nephew of Ismay Lovell)

Ellie Holsopple (member)

Rev. Patricia Johnson (friend of the Stalls)

Jenny Jones (friend of the Falksens)

Kathryn "Kate" Juhl (member)

Pam Juhl (mother of Peter and Kate Juhl)

Rev. Elizabeth Platz (first woman in North America ordained
by a Lutheran church body)

Wayne Theye (friend of the Falksens)

Gail Wickre (mother of Sarah Wickre)

Becky Wilfinger (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

Edwina Wyatt-Knowles (friend of Nancy Jairrels)

GATHERING

P The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly gathers on the labyrinth. Palm branches, or branches of other trees and shrubs, are distributed before the service begins.

ACCLAMATION

(Please repeat three times)

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

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

WORDS OF WELCOME

The presiding minister shares notes on today's worship.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-16

P The holy gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹²[Five days before the Passover] the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!"

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

P We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCESSION

The assisting minister addresses the assembly.

A Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of Christ. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

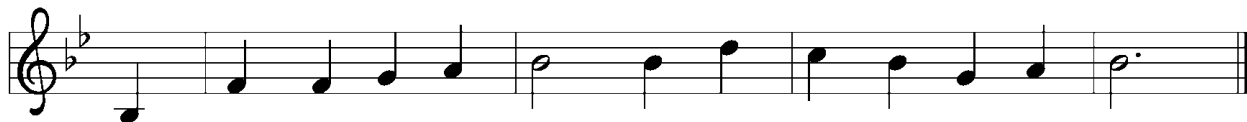
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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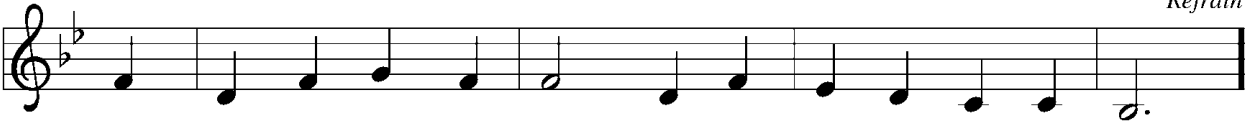
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



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,



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

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
C **Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Silence is kept.

P O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The 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.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

(Assisting minister reads light print; congregation reads bold.)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A A reading from Philippians

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

A The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C **Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

Please be seated for the reading of the Passion of Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-15:47

P The Passion of Our Lord according to Mark.

Please follow using the text included in the bulletin insert.

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PALM SUNDAY REFLECTON

The Rev. Alex Stall, Jr.

Silence for reflection follows.

Please stand as you are comfortable to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.

Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence. After each petition please respond: “Your mercy is great.”

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Offering the peace of Christ is far more than a handshake and a greeting to someone you haven’t seen since last Sunday. It is the embodiment of conflicts forgiven, wars ended, even death destroyed. Jesus’s resurrection offers true peace.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Elegy

Flor Peeters

The Offering represents a shift in our worship time. We change from a time of hearing and learning God’s Word, to a time of action. We share of our time and resources – and our very selves. We recognize God’s grace in our lives and respond with our offerings. All are invited to respond to God with joyful hearts by giving regularly or tithing (giving proportionally) by placing your gifts in the collection plate, or by making electronic donations using our website at www.adventlc.us (look for the “Giving” option on the home page). We also use Simply Giving for regular, automatic electronic donations. Please reach out to the church office for the necessary forms! In whatever way you support Advent, know that we are thankful for your faithfulness and trust in God.

Please stand as you are able.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

A Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life,

C **and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

We pray this in your name.

Amen

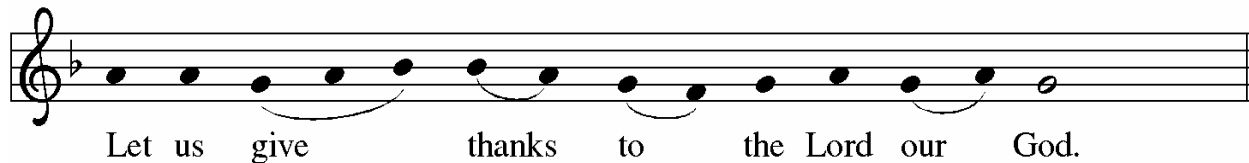
GREAT THANKSGIVING




The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

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

**C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P 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, O Lord 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.

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

C Amen, amen, amen.

THE 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*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Supper here at Advent. Wine and white grape juice are available by individual cup. Gluten-free communion hosts are also available upon request. If you do not commune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. We ask that you please maintain a safe distance as we commune. Hand sanitizer is available at the usher's stand.

P Come now to the Lord's Table, for all is ready!

LAMB OF GOD

(Please see graphic next page)

Setting 3

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Please be seated.

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Were You There

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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Oh! some-times it caus - es me to



trem-ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
there when they nailed him to the tree?
there when they pierced him in the side?
there when the sun re - fused to shine?
there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual, alt.
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen

(Verse 1)

I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Generous God,

C **at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.**

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,

now make us one loaf to feed the world;

in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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BLESSING

P Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation, we enter into this holy time.

Today is only a part of the story.

Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.

May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ's love.

And may Almighty God, † Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P This service has ended. Now our service begins.

A Go in peace. Share your bread.

C **Thanks be to God.**

All depart in silence.



Hosanna!
HOSANNA!
Hosanna!



We give thanks for those assisting with worship today . . .

Pastor	The Rev. Alex P. Stall, Jr.
Assisting Minister	Cheryl Beversdorf
Altar Guild	Lydia Suarez
Greeter	Susan Toth
Usher	Dennis Siebert
Organist	Eric Sparks
Videographer	Shane Gainer
Social Hour Host	Desiree Jessimy
Counters	Rensford Lovell and Nancy Jairrels

READERS

Narrator - Cheryl Beversdorf	High Priest - Desiree Jessimy
People - Congregation	Servant Girl - Katie Oakley
Jesus - Pastor Alex	Pilate - Dennis Seibert
Peter - Ismay Lovell	Bystander - Kumar Oakley
Judas - Lynn Juhl	Centurion - Gerry Fuller

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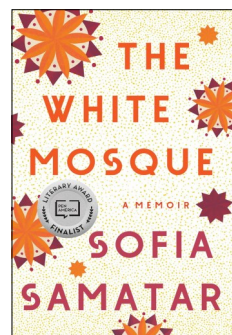
Exploring Faith: The Ten Commandments. This week we'll look at the commandment on adultery. What application does this commandment have in today's world where people are marrying later in life, divorce is far more common, and the definition of marriage is evolving?"

Special Congregational Meeting | Sunday, April 21 at 11:30 AM

All voting members of the congregation are enthusiastically encouraged to attend! The April council meeting will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation meeting agenda will have two items:

1. Elect two Nominating Committee members.
2. Elect up to three voting members to the 2024 DC Metro Synod Assembly

What the book club is reading: *The White Mosque*. In the late 19th century, a group of German-speaking Mennonites traveled from Russia into Central Asia, where their charismatic leader predicted Christ would return. Over a century later, author Sofia Samatar joins a tour following their path. Join the discussion on April 20 at 3 PM in the Welcome Center.



Maundy Thursday Service | March 28, 7 PM. We remember the Last Supper and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.

Good Friday Service | March 29, 7 PM. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world. Join us!

Community Easter Egg Hunt | March 30, 1:00 -3:00 PM. Children ages 2-10 are invited to participate in an afternoon of fun and games. Register at adventlc.us/lent--easter. **Volunteers may sign up in the Welcome Center.**



Community Easter Sunrise Service | March 31, 7 AM. Greet the risen Christ on the outdoor labyrinth. Followed by a light breakfast.

Easter Celebration with Holy Communion | March 31, 10 AM. Christ is risen! Jesus is alive! Join the celebration to proclaim Christ's resurrection!

Sign up to host a Sunday Social hour. Choose a date on the list in the Welcome Center or email the office. You may sign up as a family, with a friend, or individually. Detailed instructions (including what to do about refreshments) are available.



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