

# ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD



**Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship, 10:00 a.m.**

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*Palm Sunday*  
*Sunday of the Passion*  
**April 13, 2025**

**Prelude**

***Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus.*** Cry room and restroom facilities are available. Please ask an usher for the location. Please fill out the connection card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. If your connection card contains a prayer request, the Pastor will come down the aisle and collect it prior to the prayers. Pencils are located by the hymnals at the ends of the pews.

*Congregation gathers in the fellowship hall.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**P** Let us pray...Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when he came into his Holy City, grant that we may ever hail him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**G** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

## **Processional Gospel**

John 12:12-19

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

**P** Let us go forth in peace.

**G** **In the name of the Lord!**

*As the Processional Hymn is sung, the congregation follows the processional cross into the church. Worshipers proceed down the center aisle to the front of the church and enter pews by way of the side aisles.*

## **Processional Hymn 442 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.

1        You are the King of Israel  
                    And David's royal Son,  
                    Now in the Lord's name coming,  
                    Our King and Blessèd 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*

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

**[P]** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**[C]** **Hosanna in the highest!**

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** 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.**

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** **Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Sit

### Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

- <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River<sup>[a]</sup> to the ends of the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Verse (Lent)

**C** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:1-19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt,<sup>[a]</sup> the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the



highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."<sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple<sup>[b]</sup> and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."<sup>14</sup> And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, <sup>16</sup> and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies  
you have prepared praise'?"

<sup>17</sup> And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.<sup>18</sup> In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. <sup>19</sup> And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 443 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 158*

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Collection of Prayers:** The Pastor will come down the aisle and collect any prayer requests.

**Offering      Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain - Instrumental**  
The offering plate will be passed down the rows. Both offerings and the connection cards may be placed in the plate.

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Sharing of the Peace:**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3)*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

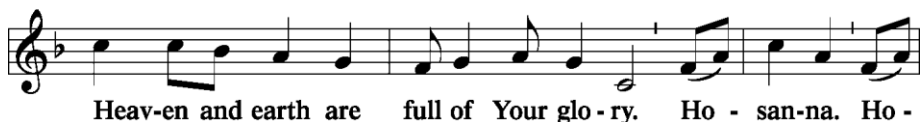
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

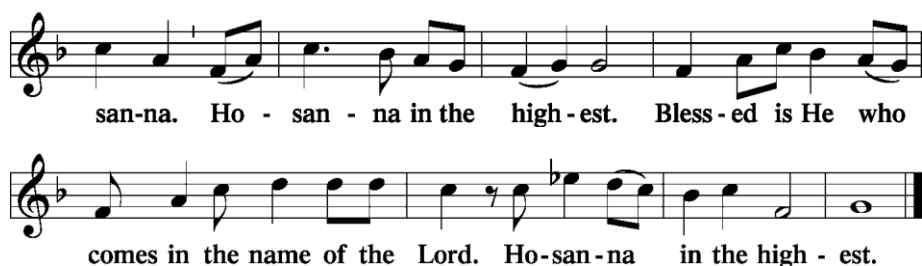
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 161





### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** 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



*Sit*

### **Hymns during Communion:**

**441 – Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

**425 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

### **Distribution**

*The pastor and those who assist him distribute to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*Membership in St. Matthew congregation is not required for partaking of the Lord's Supper. Those who commune with us are those who are one with us in faith. We believe that the Lord's body and blood are present in Communion together with the bread and the wine. We also believe God gives us forgiveness of sins through this means of grace and strengthens us for Christian living according to his will. Those who profess our belief, who have been baptized, who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament, and who are able to examine themselves spiritually before partaking of this divine blessing are invited to join us in receiving Holy Communion.*

*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### Nunc Dimittis



The musical score for 'Nunc Dimittis' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.'

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



## Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

**A** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Benediction

LSB 166

**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.**

*Sit*

## Announcements

*Stand*

## Recessional Hymn: 433 – Glory Be to Jesus

## Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES: In our prayers we remember our shut-ins: Donna Johnston, Rosa O'Bannon and Don Burnett.

Most of our shut-ins have expressed an openness to receive phone calls from members if you would like to do so.

We also pray for all who are ill or have any needs.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**April 20, 2025**

**Easter Sunday**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 65:17-25

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:1-12

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
DATE	EVENT	TIME
Today	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Potluck Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Good Friday Service Good Friday Service of Tenebrae	Noon 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Breakfast Worship Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

**FOR THOSE NEWER TO THE CHURCH:** Thank you for being with us today! Please consider filling out the Connection Card in your bulletin, which can be placed in the offering plate during the offering or simply given to an usher or to the pastor. There is also information about the church on the table in the narthex.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** There will be a Potluck starting at 6:00 PM for Maundy Thursday. There will be a service at 7:00 PM that will be held around the table in the fellowship hall.

**GOOD FRIDAY** There will be a Noon and 7:00 PM service for Good Friday.

**2025 BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN** St. Matthew is renewing the Building Fund Campaign to support the remodeling of our Church Building. The funds will be used primarily to replace our current sign with one that can be seen by north- and southbound traffic. Your support of this initiative is appreciated as we continue to modernize our facility. All contributions should be marked for 2025 Building Fund.

**REFRESHMENTS** Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments after Sunday Church Service. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the entry hallway.

**EASTER LILIES** will not be group-ordered this year, but any individual who wishes to provide a lily can bring it to church by Maundy Thursday, and we will put them out on Easter Morning.

**NEWSLETTER** If you have an article you would like to contribute to next month's newsletter, please email it to the office at [m1919@bellsouth.net](mailto:m1919@bellsouth.net), or drop it off in the office, by the last Sunday of the month.

**LAWN FUND** The table with sale items is for the Lawn Fund. If you bring any items, please have sale price on the item.

**GIRL SCOUTS** will meet at the church every other Friday from 5:30 to 7:15 pm. Please contact Cheryl Boatner if you know of someone that is interested.

The **CONTAINERS** for medicine bottles, eyeglasses, and Mardi Gras beads are on the table in the first hall pass the foyer. These items will be donated to charity.

**EMAILS** If you are not receiving emails and would like to, please let Natalie know, or email the office at [m1919@bellsouth.net](mailto:m1919@bellsouth.net).

**SERVING US TODAY** ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Cody G.;  
READER: Don N.; USHERS: Don & Rose S.; ALTAR: Sue H.; MUSIC:  
Paula C. & Lennox M.

*Sunday, April 6, 2024*

*Attendance: 47 Communion: 43*

*Offering: 3,204.50*