

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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*Bringing Christ to the
people and the
people to Christ.*

We are a community of
faith, formed in the grace
and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in
God's sure and unfolding
promise to mend His
creation through the life,
death and resurrection of
His Son, and in the power
of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the
cross of Christ, shaped by
the ancient rhythms of
Christian worship,
fellowship, and service
to others.

Come share the joy!

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The Donkey G.K. Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked and figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry and ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody on all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth, of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb, I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour; one far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears, and palms before my feet.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY (B)

MARCH 24, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.



To Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

Welcome to Our Members, Guests and Visitors as Holy Week Begins!

- It is a pleasure to worship together. If you are a newcomer, have a prayer request, or would like to receive a call or visit from Pastor Martin, please fill out the yellow card on the back of each pew. Information on our core beliefs, structure and mission is available at the Welcome Table and on our website.
- We practice open communion. All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome.

The Palm Sunday Liturgy recreates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as we wave our palms and make our procession into the church. This joyful mood soon changes to sober contemplation of our Lord's Passion at the Gospel. Thus, Holy Week begins.

THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

We gather in the narthex and receive a palm frond and bulletin. Worshippers who have trouble with mobility are welcome to sit in the sanctuary and join in singing as the procession comes in.

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

C. Hosanna in the highest!

A. The Holy Gospel according to John.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19

A. 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.

The people raise their palm branches.

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

A. Let us go forth in peace,

C. In the name of the Lord.

We follow the cross into the sanctuary in two rows while waving our palm fronds.

We will proceed up the aisle until we arrive at the steps of the altar.

Move to the outer wall of the nave and back to where you started.

Process up the center aisle once again until you arrive at your pew.

Processional Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (LBW #108)

Refrain: All glory, laud and honor.

To you, redeemer, king,

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel

And David's royal Son,

Now in the Lord's name coming,

Our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels

Are praising you on high;

Creation and all mortals

In chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims

With palms before you went.

Our praise and prayer and anthems

Before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your Passion,

They sang their hymns of praise.

To you, now high exalted,

Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted;

Accept the prayers we bring,

Great Author of all goodness,

Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

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

C. Hosanna in the highest!

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

GREETING

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

KYRIE

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Book of Common Prayer)

C: Amen

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

R: ⁹Rejoice 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. ¹⁰I 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 to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY

PSALM 118:19-29

R: ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

C: ²⁰**"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."**

R: ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

C: ²²**The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

R: ²³This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: ²⁴**On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

R: ²⁵Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.

C: ²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

R: ²⁷God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up
To the horns of the altar.

C: ²⁸**"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

R: ²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

EPISTLE READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

R: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

Mark 11:1-10; 14:17-21

Please sit

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

Homily for Palm Sunday

Holy Week and Easter shape our understanding of who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. We are, as has often been said, Easter people living in a Good Friday world.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY" ~ (LBW #26)

Prepare the royal highway,
the King of kings is near;
let every hill and valley
a level road appear.

Then greet the king of glory
foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills
God's Word!

God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him;
spread garments; shout and sing.
God's promise will not fail you;
no more shall doubt assail you:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills
God's Word!

Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king;
your king, yet every nation
its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before him;
all voices, thus adore him:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills
God's Word!

His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills
God's Word!

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C:** Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

THE OFFERTORY ~ "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" (LBW #564)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our vocations, our time, our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Holy Meal

We come to the table at the gracious invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. So come to this table – you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to the Sacraments often, and you who have not been in a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed – come. It is Christ who invites us to meet Him here. Adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Please remain standing

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ (P. 88 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you.	C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them up 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 indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

LAMB OF GOD ~ (P. 92 LBW)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

P: 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.'

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNION HYMNS

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

Chorus:

I am the Bread of Life

All who eat this Bread will never die

I am God's love revealed

I am broken that you might be healed

All who eat of this heavenly Bread

All who drink this cup of the covenant

You will live forever

For I will raise you up

Chorus

No one who comes to Me shall ever
hunger again

No one who believes shall ever thirst

All that the Father draws shall come to Me

And I will give them rest

Chorus

"WERE YOU THERE" (LBW #92)

Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they
pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they
pierced him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they
pierced him in the side?

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin,
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross;
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

Chorus:

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names!

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,

The Rescue for sinners,

The Ransom from heaven,

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all!

His body the bread, His blood the wine,

Broken and poured out all for love,
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn;
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

Chorus

All our hope is in You.

All our hope is in You.

All the glory to You, God,

The Light of the world.

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all,

The Lord of all, The Lord of all!

EAT THIS BREAD" (WOV #709)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ "SONG OF SIMEON"

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the Salvation, Which you have prepared in the sight of every people. A light to reveal you to the Nations, And the glory of your people, Israel. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

BENEDICTION ~ (P. 95 LBW)

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.

In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN ~ "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE " ~ (LBW #479) Vs 1,2&4

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
Oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,

Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!
When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll; Blest Savior, then, in love
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

DISMISSAL

P: The Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus' name.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Mark Your Calendars for Holy Week!

Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

Christ's Institution of the Supper of His Body and Blood
Worship Service with Stripping of the Altar

Friday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) *Meditation on the Passion of Our Lord*

Sunday, March 31st at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

Breakfast will be provided between the services from 9:00-9:30.
(Free-will donations accepted)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR GUILD MEETING TODAY

If you are part of the Altar Guild, please stay after church service today to practice for Maundy Thursday service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

EASTER LILIES

This is the last week to purchase Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. Please get your orders in if you would like to order in Honor of or in Memory of.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 30th at 10:00 am.

We are collecting bagged, empty Easter eggs, that are available in the Narthex, for filling. Please take a bag or two and fill them with candy, then bring back the next Sunday. All eggs need to be back by Friday, March 29th to the church.

There will be a carnival with games, face painting and crafts in the fellowship hall, along with the guessing game for really big kids as well, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt with hunting grounds for ages from 1 to 6th grade. We love for adults to get involved in the egg toss outside.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

There are lists in the Narthex to sign up for various duties and activities for the Easter Egg Hunt. We are needing donations for individually wrapped snacks (goldfish, Cheez-it crackers, chips, fruit snacks, teddy grahams, etc). We need Guess How Many Jars (Clear, see through containers with a specific number of wrapped candy pieces inside. Leave the number of pieces on the bottom of the jar.) We need a Welcome Table Host, carnival game helpers, Set up Crew (2 hrs. on Friday, March 29th), and a Clean-up Crew. If you can help, please call Carmen Nazario at 972-533-9935.

EASTER BRUNCH

Would you like to help with Easter Brunch? We have opportunities! On Saturday, March 30th at 1:00 pm. We will assemble the breakfast casseroles, with cooking the sausage being the hardest part. RSVP if you know you can help; otherwise, just show up. We need 2 or 3 people to bring a big bowl of fresh fruit of your choice. We could also use help with clean up! Contact Becky Chambers by call or text at 704-574-2911.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We are starting an 8 week Bible study on Elijah, beginning April 4 at 10:00 a.m. We have Life Guide study books of Elijah available for \$11. Contact Chris Burris at 303-668-6643 (Phone or text) or email at cburris9031@gmail.com for more info.

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeters:	Gloria Bielfeldt & Glory Gopinath
Acolytes:	Ean & Jonah Hollenbeck
Ushers:	Max Lewis & John Minster
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Bailey Storkson
Communion Assistants:	Becky Chambers, Dee Miles, & Blaine Davis
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Events at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (March 25th-31st)

Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
	Spin Class	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 p.m.
Friday:	Good Friday Service	6:30 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #5	
	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 a.m.
	Prepare Brunch for Sunday	1:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Easter Sunday	
	Sunrise Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
	Congregational Brunch	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

March 17, 2024

Average Monthly Expenses:	\$ 26,875
Prior March Offerings:	\$ 12,410
Offerings on March 17th:	\$ 2,764
Other Weekly Offerings:	<u>\$ 1,122</u>
Total Weekly Offerings	\$ 3,886
Total March Offerings:	\$ 16,296
2024 Offering to Date:	\$ 64,656

Attendance Last Week	92
2024 Average Attendance	99

To Keep a True Lent

Is this a fast, to keep
The larder lean?
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate;
To circumsise thy life.
To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick 1648

