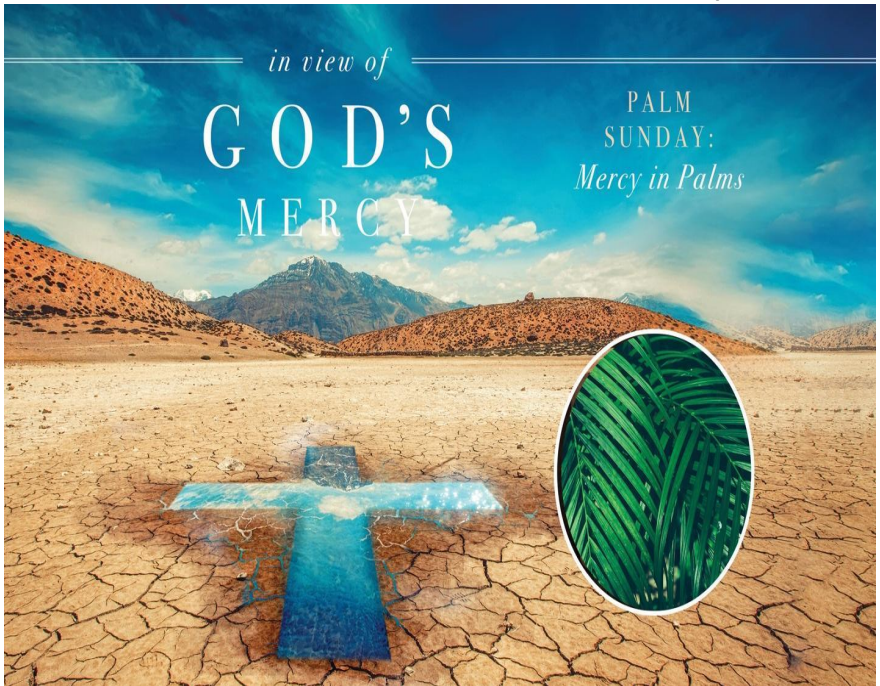


# St. Johns Lutheran Church

## In View of God's Mercy



## Palm Sunday: Mercy in Palms

*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!" John 12:13*

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St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Palm Sunday

St. Louis, Missouri  
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## **In View of God's Mercy: Mercy in Palms**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Welcome to this service for Palm Sunday. We begin Holy Week with the theme, "In View of God's Mercy" series. Today we wave palm branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, we also witness Jesus' mission of mercy for all people for the salvation of our souls.

### **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **WELCOME GUESTS**

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. *(Please keep your distance though)* Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. . Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain** from receiving the sacrament until they

have spoken with the pastor. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

### **PREPARATION**

### **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

With palm branches in hand, we greet the One who comes to save us from our sin.

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

With raised voices, we glorify the Messiah who comes humbly riding on a donkey.

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

With jubilant song, we worship the King who comes to rule in righteousness and peace.

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

With penitent hearts, we repent before the Lord who is holy and just.

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

With soaring spirits, we rejoice in the God of our salvation.

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

Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king comes to you sitting on a donkey's colt.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN** All Glory, Laud, and Honor LSB 442

*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 Blessèd One. [Refrain]**

**The company of angels**

**Is praising You on high,**

**And we with all creation**

**In chorus make reply. [Refrain]**

**The multitude of pilgrims**

**With palms before You went:**

**Our praise and prayers 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]**

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

*Refrain:*

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

On Palm Sunday the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with the cry of “Hosanna!” But on Friday they called out for his execution, shouting “Crucify him!” So also our sin has led to Christ’s crucifixion. We repent of that sin, and we seek God’s mercy to absolve our iniquity.

**Most merciful God, we have sinned much and are in need of your salvation. We cry to you “Hosanna, save us!” We ask you not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgression. For the sake of your humble servant, Jesus Christ, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew our spirits so that we walk in obedience to your Word, to the glory of your holy name.**

We cry to you for mercy.

### **KYRIE - II (LORD, HAVE MERCY)                      LSB 944**

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

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God’s mercy is greater.)*

Hear the good news! God’s Word declares: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Behold, your king comes to you; righteous and having salvation is he” (Zechariah 9:9). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ’s sake God

forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight and giving you salvation. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

**Amen.**

**INTROIT** Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name \* of the Lord!

We bless you from the house \* of the Lord.

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O \* ancient doors,  
that the King of glory \* may come in.**

Who is this King of \* glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in \* battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O \* ancient doors,  
that the King of glory \* may come in.**

Who is this King of \* glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of \* glory!

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name \* of the Lord!**

**We bless you from the house \* of the Lord.**

## **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious Lord, as we enter this Holy Week, we do so in view of your mercy. As the people of Jerusalem greeted Jesus with palm branches in hand, so we now acknowledge him to be our King. We thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior who gave his life so that we might live eternally. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to take up our cross and follow him in humility and love. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **MEMORIZED WORD**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Zechariah 9:9-12**

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL**

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

thus securing an eternal re \* demption.

**Therefore he is the mediator of a new \* covenant,  
so that those who are called may receive the promised  
eternal in \* heritance.**

He sent redemption to his \* people;

he has commanded his covenant for \* ever.

## **EPISTLE READING ... 2 Corinthians 2:14-17**

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** Philippians 2:8b

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna LSB 443

**Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.**

**"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!**

**GOSPEL READING** ... John 12:12-19

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **CREED (WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD) LSB 953**

**We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds,  
All creation He upholds.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both in truth proceeds,**



**Who sustains and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessed, holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!**

## **SERMON**

**OFFERING** Solo: There is a Redeemer

## **PRAYERS**

Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as your loyal subjects.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You summon us to humility, even as you came humbly riding on a donkey, so guide us to walk humbly before you and one another.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You summon us to worship, even as the children sang hosannas to you, so fill us with your Spirit to worship you in spirit and in truth.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You summon us to fidelity. Even as you set your face for Jerusalem and the cross, so give us faith to take up our cross and follow you.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You summon us to sacrifice. Even as you offered your life as the ultimate sacrifice for sin, so give us courage to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to you.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to submit to your rule and live under your reign.

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

**Amen.**

## **SACRAMENT**

## **PREFACE**

**LSB 216**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the long hoped-for Messiah, to bring us salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with thankfulness. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE 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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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 ☩ 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 ☩ blood, which is shed for you for

the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**SANCTUS** *Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old*

*LSB 960*

**Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,  
The Lord of all in spirit did behold  
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.  
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;  
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
With two they veiled their faces as was right,  
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,  
And with the other two a loft they soared;  
One to the other called and praised the Lord:  
“Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!’  
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”  
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

**PAX DOMINI**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* *LSB 434; verse 1*

**Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o’er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

What Wondrous Love Is This LSB 543

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow LSB 428

**POST-COMMUNION** O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617; verse 1

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,**

**In thanksgiving bow before Thee.**

**Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish**

**Our weak souls that they may flourish:**

**O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,**

**That our sins and sorrows did carry,**

**And Thy blood for us plead**

**In all Trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray.

Blessed are You, almighty God, for by You we have been fed and nourished with the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. You are our shield and our fortress. Graciously hear our prayers and grant that we ever trust that our deliverance comes because of the suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our place. Grant us Your abiding peace as we await Your promised eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus, our rock and our Redeemer, we pray.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May the merciful God, who sent his Son to be Savior of the world, direct you to follow him as King in faith and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN** Ride On, Ride On in Majesty LSB 441

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**

**Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.**

**O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,**

**With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r, and reign.**

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## Announcements

### Saved to Share Called to Care

#### Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday/Nepalese: 43/42

Offering: \$3,808.00

Lent Attendance: 40

**IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY** Join us for a special service for Maundy Thursday (4/14/22 @ 6pm) in our In View of God's Mercy series. As the bread is broken and the cup is poured in this service, Christ's body and blood serve as agents of mercy to us who are broken by sin and thirsting for righteousness

**IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY** Join us for a special service for Good Friday (4/15/22 @ 6pm) in our In View of God's Mercy series. In this service we ponder how Jesus mercifully removed the sentence of sin against us by going to the cross to declare us not guilty.

**IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY** Join us for a special service for Easter Sunday (4/17/22 @ 9am) in our In View of God's Mercy series. In this service we celebrate that Christ rose from the dead, so that we might have a new beginning that mirrors the mercy of our Lord and Savior.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** for young adults between the ages of 18-30. The Bible Study will run from 5:30pm-7:30pm, and will include a pizza dinner (provided by St. Johns). Our next date April 23rd. If interested, please RSVP to [stjohnslcstl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslcstl@gmail.com) or call 314-773-0126 and let us know what your preferred pizza topping is.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING** will be today, April 10<sup>th</sup>, @ 11:30am after Bible Study.

**WORD OF LIFE RESTAURANT NIGHT @ Panda Express (Hampton Ave)** on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The flier is needed for in person orders. For online orders, enter 331455 in the fundraiser code box. 20% of event sales go to WOL.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –For those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Maureen Rehmer** as she continues to battle congestive heart failure; **Dennis Solomon** for healing from bed sores; **Family of Dennis Schwab** as they mourn his passing; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **EAGLE schools & Compass** as they make decisions and care for the scholars.  
**Shut Ins** – Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain, Maureen Rehmer, Eileen Wehrheim, Don Osiek

### ***Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week***

***April 10-April 17***

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship/Confirmation <b>11:30am Executive Council Meeting</b> 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Ladies Exercise Class
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 3:45pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass <b>6pm Maundy Thursday Service</b>
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 2pm-6pm Compass <b>6pm Good Friday Service</b>
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship

**CFNA IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** Christian Friends of New Americans is seeking the services of a qualified person to serve as its Volunteer Ministry Coordinator. The primary focus of this part-time position is to recruit, coach, and enable CFNA volunteers for participation in CFNA ministries. For more information or to apply, please contact Gary Schaefer at [gschaefer@cfna-stl.org](mailto:gschaefer@cfna-stl.org)

**BASEBALL IS BACK!** Make plans to join us at Lutheran Day at the Ballpark on Sunday, May 1 at 1:15 p.m. for the Cardinals vs. Diamondbacks game. Sit with other families from your school, and enjoy the view from the left field loge. Tickets are \$25 each and can be picked up at your school beginning April 25th. The first 10,000 fans ages 15 and under will receive a free Cardinal fleece blanket. Stick around to watch the Lutheran South and Lutheran North baseball teams battle it out following the game. Purchase tickets at [LSlancers.org/events](http://LSlancers.org/events)

**PASSION NARRATIVE EVENT** on Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. @ Epiphany Lutheran Church. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, will recount the events of Luke, Chapters 22 through 24, in the lively style of an ancient storyteller. Come, experience the world's most impactful story. Refreshments served afterwards.

**MOTHER'S DAY OUT TEACHER NEEDED @ TIMOTHY LUTHERAN**  
Seeking a compassionate, well rounded teacher for our Mother's Day Out program serving children ages 12 months through 5 years old. Duties include: Interacting in play with children, diapering needs, feeding snack and lunch, and provide a loving and supportive environment for growing little ones. 3 to 5 days a week from 8:30-1:30 pm. You may bring your own child (12 months to 5 years of age) for free. In addition, we are hiring substitutes for 2-3 days a week with potential for more days as the program grows.

**EASTER TULIPS** Please help decorate the Chancel for Easter with Easter Tulips this year. Plants will be \$10.00 each. You can call Ruth Evers at 314-306-5887 with your order or use an envelope in the back of Church.

**SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE** hosted by the Salem's Ladies Guild in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Salem is located at 8343 Gravois Road in Affton, MO. **They will accept donated rummage beginning Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> (NO SOONER) through Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.** Please place your donations on or in front of the stage. *They ask that you do not schedule dropping off your items on Tuesday mornings between 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. when their Bible class meets in the Fellowship Hall.*

Call the Church Office for more information @ 314-352-4454