

St. Johns Lutheran Church



Amazing Grace Holy Week Palm Sunday: Peter

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" John 21:15

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AS WE GATHER

Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. Far from being a detached dispatch from a distant deity, this Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming “obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). As we gather again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

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 take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

PALM SUNDAY READING ...

John 12:12-19 (*Reading is in the back.*)

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!”**

¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ **“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”**

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna LSB 443
(Please stand and face the back, wave palm crosses as we process in)

**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
Amid 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 God’s joyful presence
Eternally rejoice!**

CALL TO WORSHIP ... Psalm 24:7-10

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Peter boasted of his devotion, but then denied his Lord. The crowds on Palm Sunday shouted glad hosannas to the King, but by the end of the week their acclaim fell silent as Jesus, crowned with thorns, went to the cross. We too, by our sins, turn away from our Lord. Let us confess our sins to him and ask his forgiveness.

**Almighty God, while we boast of our faithfulness and devotion,
in our thoughts, words and actions we often follow our own
desires, turning away your will and your ways. Instead of
following the commands and guidance of your holy Word, we
listen to the temptations of the world around us. When we have
opportunities to witness for our Lord, we fall silent. As
you showed grace to Simon Peter, turn to us in grace and
forgive our sins.**

God has shown his grace to us. He sent his Son to die on the cross, taking onto himself the sins of the world and suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. You are forgiven and restored, called to serve others in the name of Jesus our King and Savior.

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

SONG The King of Glory (The Other Song Book 206)

Refrain:

**The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices**

**Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. *Refrain***

**In all of Galilee, in city or village, He goes among His people
curing their illness. *Refrain***

**Sing then of David's son, our Savior and Brother;
In all of Galilee was never another. *Refrain***

**He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation,
He took upon Himself the sins of the nation. *Refrain***

**He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen,
And He will share with us His heavenly vision. *Refrain***

SALUTATION

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, Simon Peter proudly boasted of his faithfulness and his willingness to die for Jesus. Then, when the time came, he denied the Lord and swore that he never even knew him.

We, too, are often less than loyal. When others question our faith, we remain silent and have no answers for them. We do not always live in a way that reflects Jesus' love. Yet you have forgiven us, as you forgave Peter and restored him to service. You have called us to serve others in your name and to be witnesses for our Savior. Help us to live in humble service as Jesus did, the humble King, who entered Jerusalem to take up his cross for us. Hear our prayer in his name.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor LSB 442 v. 1,3

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 multitude of pilgrims
With palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before you we present. *Refrain***

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

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² 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 ... 1 Peter 1:13-21

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Philippians 2:8b*

Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

GOSPEL READING ... Luke 22:31-34

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³ Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng LSB 813 v. 1,7

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing;

Your festal banner wave on high,

The cross of Christ your king.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Stand

Praise him who reigns on high,

The Lord whom we adore:

The Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

One God forevermore.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

SERMON *Grace for the Fearful*

HYMN OF RESPONSE Amazing Grace LSB 744 v. 1,2,4

Prelude: (Sax and Piano)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,

His Word my hope secures;

He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,

And mortal life shall cease,

I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation

and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now

in the presence of all His people,

in the courts of the Lord's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

CONFIRMATION OF KELSI BRYANT

PRAYERS

Almighty God, our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem during the last week of his earthly ministry. He came as a humble King to take up his final steps to the cross. Help us to follow in his steps as your humble servants and living examples of your love in the world. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Almighty God, today we call out "Hosanna, save us now!" We know and believe that Jesus is our King. Through his redeeming death and his triumphant resurrection, he has saved us and brought us into his kingdom. He calls us to follow in his footsteps, to walk in love and to forgive as we have been forgiven. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Almighty God, Peter boasted of his loyalty but failed and denied his Lord, yet his Lord died for his sins and for ours. For Jesus' sake, you forgave Peter and you have forgiven us. As Simon Peter was called to feed your sheep, you have called us to serve your people in love. Empower us by your Spirit to serve you by serving others. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Almighty God, so many of your people, the sheep of your flock, are suffering through illness, depression and anxiety, through grief and loss. (*Especially ... we remember*) Have mercy on them and

heal them according to your will. Lead us to serve them in love, to help them in their need and to bring them the comfort of your Word. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you desire that all people would be saved and come to know the truth. Empower us by your Spirit to be witnesses for our King. Help Kelsi to grow in faith through the study of your Word so that she is prepared to answer those who ask about our beliefs. Do not let us fall silent when we have the opportunity to witness to our Savior. Help us to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in Jesus' name. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty LSB 441 v. 1-3,5

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!
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: 64

Communion: 50

Lent Attendance: 105

Offering: \$2,603.00

ERIN BODE, FREE CONCERT will take place on Friday, April 21st at 7:30pm. This free concert featuring Erin Bode will be presented as a gift to the community by Christ Memorial Productions. CMP will provide free soft drinks, wine, and beer as well as snacks during the concert.

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE BALLPARK Join us at Lutheran Day at the Ballpark on Sunday, May 7 for an interleague matchup between the Cardinals and the Detroit Tigers at Busch Stadium. We will honor legendary coach Roy Pfund before the game. Coach Pfund was Lutheran South's longest-running coach from 1962-1988. Under his direction, the Lancers won six Conference championships, six District championships, two Sectionals, and had a third-place State finish. You are invited to join Coach Pfund beginning at 11:15 a.m. in the stadium's Cunningham Corner room. Ballpark snacks and drinks will be provided. Coach Pfund will throw the first pitch at 12:30 p.m. The Cardinal game begins at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each (\$10 for alumni) and include a jumbo hot dog and soda. Stick around to watch Lutheran South battle Lutheran North following the Cardinal game.

SHRED EVENT Come join us at Timothy Lutheran Church on April 29th from 9am to 12 pm to have your paper securely shredded on-site and have your old electronics recycled in an environmentally friendly way. Open to the whole community. There is a \$20 charge for old tube TVs.

LUTHERAN SOUTH SUMMER CAMP INFO Does your child enjoy shooting hoops? Love being on stage? Want to learn a new sport like football or field hockey?

LuSo Summer Camp offers a variety of athletic and enrichment activities for students who have completed K-8th grade. New activities this year include strength and conditioning, hiking, and woodworking. Your campers will have fun while learning a new skill! With more than 20 morning and afternoon activities available, there's a camp for every future Lancer! Registration is now open at LSlancers.org/summer.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (4/6/23) Join us for a special service for Maundy Thursday @ 6pm. In this service that honors the 250th anniversary of the song "Amazing Grace," we see that John experienced amazing grace in the Lord's Supper, humbly receiving the body and blood of Jesus in the bread and wine. We experience this amazing grace, too, each time we partake in Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY (4/7/23) Join us for a special service for Good Friday @ 6pm. In this service that honors the 250th anniversary of the song "Amazing Grace," we recognize that the penitent thief crucified with Jesus received amazing grace when Jesus promised him that he would be with the Lord in paradise that very day. That promise of paradise extends to us today through the cross.

EASTER SUNDAY (4/9/23) Join us for a special service for Easter Sunday @ 9am. In this service that honors the 250th anniversary of the song "Amazing Grace," we come to understand that Mary Magdalene witnessed amazing grace outside the empty tomb when she encountered Jesus risen from the dead. We await the free gift of new life to come because of his resurrection for us.

NOW HIRING MOTHER'S DAY OUT TEACHERS Timothy Lutheran is currently looking for both teachers and substitute teachers for our Mother's Day Out program here at Timothy Lutheran Church.

Our program generally runs Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm and staff may need to stay 30mins before and after hours.

Please spread the word and have them contact the director, Kara Emerson, at mdo@timothystl.org for questions and/or more information.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions – **Carmen Hobson** who is enduring pain, stability, and weakness with no surgery in sight; **Bobbie** who is suffering with mental issues; **Jerry Schmaltz** gives thanks for his good health; **Confirmation Class** for the Lord to help them finish what they have begun; **Our Vicars** as they continue to take classes at the Seminary; **Our Field-Workers** Tristan (and family), Alvaro, and Isaac (as he begins his urban mission track);

Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Carmen Hobson

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

April 2 – April 9

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| Sunday | 9:00am Worship (Palm Sunday/Confirmation) 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship |
| Monday | <u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass <u>6pm</u> Ladies Exercise / <u>7pm</u> Elders |
| Tuesday | <u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass 7pm Seminary Students |
| Wednesday | 8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>3:45pm</u> Compass Chapel |
| Thursday | <u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>2pm</u> Ridgewood Bible Study <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>6:00pm</u> Maundy Thursday Service |
| Friday | 8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service <u>NO</u> Compass / <u>6:00pm</u> Good Friday Service |
| Saturday | <u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry / <u>9am</u> Confirmation 2pm Vicar Meeting |
| Next Sunday | 9:00am Easter Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship |