

Palm Sunday



March 29th, 2026
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

Welcome, Visitors!

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, from the entry table. **Need hearing assistance or larger print?** Please ask an usher.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. We offer a playground in the Sanctuary with books and coloring supplies for kids to use during the service. There are bags that can be brought to your seats with supplies. We also have a reading corner in the Hospitality Center with books and toys. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation and Parking

Parking - Parking is available in the parking lot off the alley behind church, on the local streets (follow signs as some parking is only residential or has hour restrictions) and at the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. Parking there other days requires a code. Pick up a card at church with the ramp code. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

Bus - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit metrotransit.org.

Mission of the month: Community Emergency Service (CES)

CES has been operated for the last 65 years as an outreach ministry of Augustana Lutheran Church, offering vital support to neighbors in Minneapolis. Today, CES reaches nearly 150,000 neighbors each year through their Food Market, one of Minnesota's largest Meals on Wheels programs, and Ani-Meals program. Your donation and time will help CES continue to grow, provide more food and to share hope to our vulnerable neighbors, especially such hard times like these.

Online giving - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:



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Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for all, even those set in the ways of betrayal or injustice. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Dialogue

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Living God!

P: Hosanna! Rejoice, for God is in our midst!

L: Christ has come to lead us in the way of justice and hope.

P: Christ has come to set us free from fear.

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the highest heaven. Amen.

Song

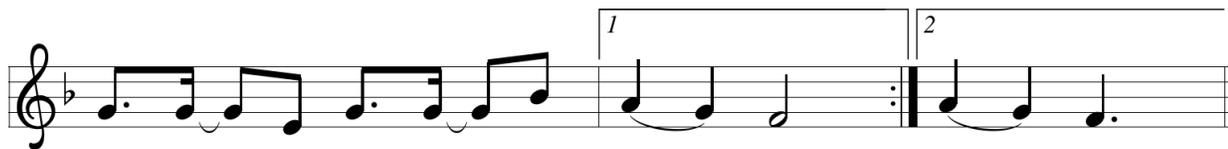
Pave the Way with Branches

Bret Hesla

Procession on Chicago Ave



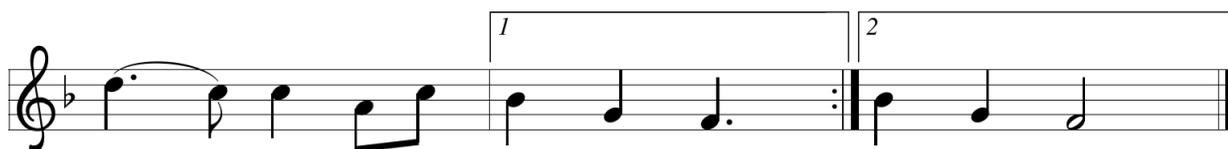
*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

2. Homes for the homeless...

4. Release for the captives...

3. Peace for the war-torn...

5. Debts are forgiven...

***Opening Song**

Hosanna! Come and Deliver

Ho - san - na! Come and de - liv - er,
come and de - liv - er your peo - ple from death. Ho -
san - na! Come and de - liv - er, come and de - liv -
er your peo - ple from death.

***Greeting**

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Psalm 31:9-16

In - to your hands, O God I com-mend my spir - it.

- ⁹ Have mercy on me, O God, 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.
¹¹ I 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.

Refrain

- ¹³ For 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 God.

I have said, “You are my God.

¹⁵ My 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.”

Refrain

Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, although being in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God, as something to be exploited,

⁷ but relinquished it all, taking the form of a servant,

being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation



Come, let us re - turn to our Source.



You who are torn, God will heal you; you who are



crushed, God will bind you up.

*Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11 (Spark Bible page 476)

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt

with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And they will be sent immediately.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

This is the Good News, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

After the children’s sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister for children’s church and be welcomed back during the sharing of the peace. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Sermon

There is paper for sermon notes on the font if you would like to take notes during the sermon.

***Hymn of the Day**

We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW 866

***Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: God of grace...hear our prayer.



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Gathering our Gifts

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: oursavioursmples.org.

*Offertory



O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Eucharistic Prayer

As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,

Jesus Christ will come again.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe

Jesus Christ will come again.

*The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

Healing Prayer at the Font

During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.

Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for wine (dark) or juice (light). Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies

ELW 683

Join the Song of Praise and Protest



1. Join the song of praise and pro - test all the na - tions of the earth:
2. God has rocked the earth's foun da - tions, turned its val - ues up - side-down:
3. Join the song of praise and pro - test as the voice - less find a voice,



God who loves the poor and hum - ble sings of dig - ni - ty and worth.
strength is o - ver - come by weak - ness and the hum - ble wear the crown.
as the power - less rise tri - um - phant and the bro - ken hearts re - joice.



Those the world has long re - jec - ted take at last their right - ful place,
Now the power of God in ac - tion un - der - mines the na - tions' pride,
Now the God of all cre - a - tion rights the long - ac - cept - ed wrongs,



shar - ing in the song of Mar - y, filled with un - ex - pect - ed grace!
lifts the poor and feeds the hun - gry, push - ing rich and proud a - side.
let the voic - es of the na - tions swell the lib - er - a - tion song.

***Blessing**

Sending

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

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

***Benediction**

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love and serve God! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.

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Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
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Prayers:	Dan Swenson-Klatt
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Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
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Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	5th & 6th graders
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, April 1

8:30AM-9:30AM DIN

10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

Thursday, April 2

6:30PM- Worship with Holy Communion + Foot Washing

Friday, April 3

6:30PM- Reading of the Passion + Prayer around the Cross

Saturday, April 4

6:30PM- Worship + Stories of our faith, Holy Communion + Feast!

Sunday, April 5

9AM-10.15AM Easter Breakfast

Interested in Membership at OSLC?

Wonderful! Please reach out to one of the pastors in person or via email to share your interest and questions. This year, we will receive new members later in the Spring. More details coming soon!



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*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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