



PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING

April 10, 2022

Saint Thomas Lutheran

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Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

We are here to serve our community. As you worship with us online, the Lord Jesus is at work, uniting us as friends and family. If you are curious to learn more out ministry in the community, go to www.stl-eastpointe.org, or like us on Face Book. To get your questions answered in a more personal way, contact the church office (586-772-3370) and ask for a pastor/staff member to give you a call.

Divine Service

Prelude Handbells

“Fanfare”

T. Susato/K. McChesney

Stories of God @ Work

INVITATION

God draws us into his presence.

Entrance 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 Blessed 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 prayer and anthems Before you we present. **Refrain**

Entering Prayers

L: The people welcomed Jesus with palm branches.

L: These palm branches remind us of the beauty of creation. They remind us of the growth that we have experienced as followers of Christ.

C: And the tree of the cross that awaits our Savior on Calvary.

L: The people spread their cloaks on the ground as Jesus passed by.

L: These cloaks remind us of the clothing, food and shelter with which God has blessed us. They remind us of the gifts we have to share with others to make their lives more pleasant.

C: And being clothed with righteousness through the suffering and death of Christ.

L: Jesus said that if people were not around to praise him, the stones would shout out.

L: These stones remind us of the rocky road that Christ will stumble along on the way to the cross. They remind us of Peter, the Rock, who will lead the Church and proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the nations.

C: And the stone that will soon be rolled away from Christ's tomb on Easter.

L: May the images of the palm branches, the cloaks, and the stones--and all that they mean to us,

C: stay in our hearts and minds during this Holy Week and all throughout our lives.

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“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.***

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, O good and gracious King. ***Refrain***

INSTRUCTION

God feeds our heart, soul, and intellect.

The Holy Gospel

John 12:9-23

L: The Palm Sunday story is found in John, chapter 12.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well,

C: Because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

L: 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:

C: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.”

L: 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.

C: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

L: 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.

C: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”

L: So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

C: All glory, laud, and honor to Jesus, our Redeemer, King.

L: Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and

Philip went and told Jesus And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”
This is the Palm Sunday Gospel.

C: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”

Announcements and Attendance Registration

Children’s Sermon and Attendance Registration

Please let us know you are watching by sending us a comment or an emoji.



We would like to know you attended service today!

To record your attendance, you can scan this QR code with your phone’s camera, it will take you to the web page/form for attendance. Fill out the form and hit the submit button.

Hymn of the Day

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

[LSB 441]

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue your road With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Choir only: *Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin O’er captive death and conquered sin.*

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your 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 your meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O Christ, your pow’r and reign!

A Reading from the New Testament

L: Our second reading is from Philippians 2.

(Philippians 2:5-11) 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 made himself nothing, 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.**

L: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

“Lift Up Your Heads”

L. Larson

Congregation watch for director’s cue to join in singing:

Lift up your heads to the coming King. Bow before him and adore him, sing!
To his majesty, let your praises be pure and holy, giving glory to the King of kings.

Choir Interlude

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.

[Personal notes and reflections]

INTROSPECTION

God convicts us to action.

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“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.” (Philippians 2:10-11)

In what ways will this happen in your life during this Holy Week?



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STL MISSION There is a variety of ways to give your support to the mission of STL. For many the easiest is to simply mail in a check or drop your offering off at the church. If you prefer electronic giving, STL offers multiple options:

1. Text “GIVE” to 1-586-800-2223
2. Visit: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
3. Go to <https://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/stthoms>
4. Through your Pay Pal account
5. Scan this Quick Response (QR) code

These will connect you to our on-line giving form, where you can have your mission support offering automatically taken from your checking account or use your credit or debit card (STL is charged extra fees for debit and credit card transactions). **You can even set up recurring giving with many of these options!** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (586-772-3370).

Confession and Absolution

L: Having heard God's word of grace, we come to him, confessing our sins.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: We, poor sinners, confess before you, O God, that we are guilty of many sins. We are sorry for all and pray for grace. We want to do better.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit in me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

L: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

L: As God's forgiven people and at his invitation, let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

(after each petition)

L: Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show to us the answer to Your people's prayers of "Hosanna," "save now," in the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offertory

"Splendor and Honor"

[LSB 950, vs. 3, 2]

To the Almighty, throned in heavenly splendor,
And to our Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,
Be adoration, praise and glory given, Now and forever.

Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,
By whose self-offering we are made God's people:
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations, Called to God's service.

Apostles Creed

L: Let us confess together our faith in the One True God with the words of the Apostles Creed:

C: 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

INVOLVEMENT

God makes his absolution shown in the world.

The Canticle

“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

[tune LSB 441]

Christ blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.

That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.

His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed

Service of the Sacrament

L: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation,

C: For You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

L: Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross,

C: And receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

The Words of Institution

L: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess your holy cross and passion, your blessed death, your rest in the tomb, your resurrection from the dead, your ascension into heaven, and your coming for the final judgement. So 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

The Hymn of Preparation

“Behold The Lamb”

[vv.2-3]

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life; paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

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Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymn

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

[LSB 444]

No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet With banners and with drums,
No sound of music’s martial beat: “The King of glory comes!”
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide: “Behold, behold your King!”

And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.
With ev’ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory’s throne.
Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry “Behold, behold your King!”
What fading flow’rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory’s crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, “Behold, behold your King!”

Now He who bore for mortals’ sake The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant’s form to take, The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior’s name Till heaven’s rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim “Behold, behold your King!”

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Post-Communion Canticle

“Behold the Lamb”

[vv. 1, 4]

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

Interlude

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: “Christ will come again!”
And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.

Around the table of the King.

Dismissal

Sending Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

[CH 724]

Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come;
Hence forth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.
Thro’ days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

Words by Ernest W. Schurleff, music by Henry T. Smart; last stanza setting by Bruce Greer
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Prayer as you go home

Lord Jesus, send your Spirit to fill me with joy on this Palm Sunday. Help my unbelief that I may see that in you I more than a victor. Give me a heart that knows you, trusts you, and follows you all the way through the grave to eternity. In your name I pray. Amen.

You are now entering

the (your)

Mission Field

"The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.

Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send YOU out into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

April through June Mission Envelopes
ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES

Maundy Thursday - April 14th

Journey to the Cross 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Arrive any time the doors are open. Enter through the front doors by the church office. You will be greeted and given time to prepare yourself for a moving experience as you (individually or with those who come with you) walk through the stations to the cross. Or experience it virtually without communion on our web page.

Good Friday Communion Worship

Noon and 7 p.m. with drama

Easter Sunday – April 17th

8 a.m. - Sunrise Service (park in the back)

8:45 a.m. - Easter Breakfast (with Easter Egg Hunt)

10 a.m. - Festival Communion service

Pastor Mark Hetzner cordially invites you to attend

Faith Connection Experience

Saturday, April 30 - **8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Faith Connection Experience is a six-hour group conversation on the basics of the Christian faith. Starting with the question "What does it mean to believe?" the day provides the opportunity to ask questions, listen to the thoughts of others, and re-think where we are in our walk with Jesus. Come expecting a) to experience a lively conversation, b) to ask your questions and c) to find the Spirit of God be active in you. We anticipate you will be energized and renewed. Refreshments will be served.

There is **NO** fee, though reservations are required, and you will be asked to read a brief journal article ("The Secretary, The Reporter, and The Hermit") in preparation for the workshop. A light breakfast, delightful, healthy snacks and lunch are included. Please contact Pastor Mark Hetzner (PastorMarkHetz@hotmail.com) or cell (586-854-5624).

GriefShare Support Group

*Help and encouragement after the death of
a spouse, child, family member or friend.*

MONDAYS @ 2:30 p.m.

Offered jointly by **Dedicated Senior Medical Center**
21811 Kelly, Eastpointe
and **Saint Thomas Lutheran**

WHAT TO EXPECT: GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your GriefShare experience:

- **Video Seminar** – encouraging, information-packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts.
- **Support Group** – small group discussion about the weekly content.
- **Workbook** – journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

GriefShare is a network of 15,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org. Facilitated by Mary Papenheim. If you need transportation, please call: 586-649-3388.

NEXT SUNDAY

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 17, 2022

Scripture Readings (Festival Service): Luke 24:1-12 / 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Sermon Topic: "Our Everlasting Hope" - Text: 1 Corinthians 15:19-20

Sunrise Sermon: "Come, See the Place Where He Lay" - Text: Matthew 28:5-7a

Our Confession of Faith

As members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LC-MS), we subscribe to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian) and the Christian faith as confessed in the Book of Concord. This includes believing that:

- Jesus Christ is both true God and true man who died for our sins and rose again to save us.
- His body/blood are truly present in communion under the form of bread/wine (page 326).
- Communion is, among other things, an expression of doctrinal unity.
- Infant baptism is a Means of Grace through which God delivers one from sin and gives eternal salvation to all who believe (page 325 in Lutheran Service Book).

Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Communion - Third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

"The Flock" for children and Cross†raining JC Style for youth Sunday at 10:45

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week - April 10, 2022

Our Primary Prayer focus is the life transforming power of Christ's Word, and especially:

- As our FHL groups, CrossTraining for Youth, THE FLOCK, and PB+J discuss the Gospel.
- At work in the redeemed, increasing our generosity and joy in giving.
- In those who are new to STL.
- Through our Holy Week and Easter gatherings and all our electronic ministries.



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com), text "Prayer" to 1-586-800-2223, or scan this QR code, with your phone's camera, to be taken to the prayer request form.

And we remember the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering all grieving families, and those who are in hospice care.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✝ **For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Peter Leinhase, brother of Judy Deubel, who was called home last week.

✝ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Congratulations to Doug & Judy Zundel (grandparents) and Marilyn Redmond (great-grandmother) at the birth of Tessa Jolene Zundel to Doug and Jayla on April 3rd.

✝ **God's Healing Hand on:** John Cherry, Marge Bittner, JoAnn Dieball, Lori Kucharek, Caroline Henze, Russel Semenjuk, Chris Huber, Betty Williams, Janet Semenjuk, Lisa Riviera (former member), Linda Taggart (former member), Rev. John Rumsey (father-in-law of Rev. Dietrick Gladden at Charity).

✝ **Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Karen Hubbard), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Kathy Johnson (friend of Vicki Leberg), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamone's), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack).

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