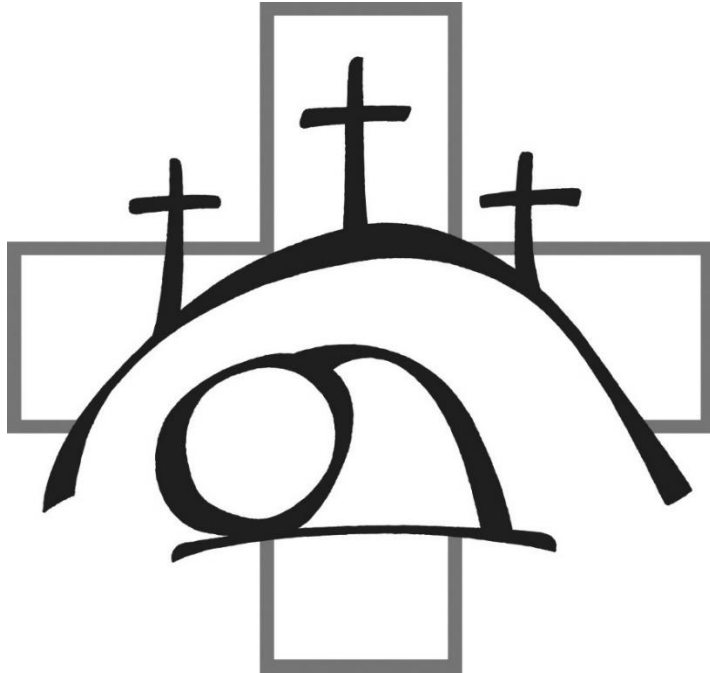


# AN ATMOSPHERE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Worship Bulletin for March 24, 2024



**GLORIFY HIM ...  
GROW IN HIM ...  
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

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# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

## A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

## Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

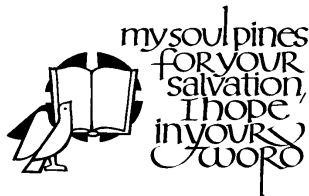
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Service; they can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Blue (2021) /  
'Christian Worship Supplement' (blue soft cover)*

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The Sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

**Holy Communion** is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** When we think of Jesus' accomplishments, the miracles He did and His death on the cross and His rising from the dead are some that come readily to mind. How about His rule over all things in heaven and on earth? Do we at times question His rule given how things are going in this world? Such too is included in His provisionary work, much of which we are not even aware taking place. Thankfully God keeps His promises and we have become the beneficiaries of this. Let us shout out our 'Hosannas' to the Lord.

## PRELUDE

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

*Arr. Michael Burkhardt*

*Those who would like to walk in and wave a palm branch during the first Song and then find their seat in the Pew, please meet in the Lobby before this Service begins – look for Rosemarie Boushek.*

## *Greeting & Invocation*

## SONG *by the Choir*

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Arr. by Robert Leaf, © 1988 A.M.S.I.*

*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.  
Who in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed One.*

*All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels is praising you on high.  
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. Hosanna!*

*All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Hosanna!*

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**Congregation: His love endures forever.**

M: This is the day the LORD has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

M: We worship in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Let us worship Him.**

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

*Christian Worship Blue # 412*

*Refrain All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

**The people of the Hebrews 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*

**As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.** *Refrain*

M: What does God tell us about ourselves in his holy Word?

**C: He says that we are sinners and deserve only his punishment.**

M: When we realize that we have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should we do?

**C: We will confess before God all our sins, those which we remember as well as those of which we are unaware. We pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C: Yes, I believe.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, hear the word of Christ through his called servant: All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

*Christian Worship Blue # 413*

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
thro' 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 royal presence eternally rejoice.**

M: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence;

**C: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

*God kept His promise, the King did come and bring peace, a peace many reject.*

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### **HYMN**

*Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 6*

**Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus**

*Christian Worship Blue # 534*

**Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!  
You have suffered to release us, hope to give and peace to bring.  
Hail, O universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame;  
by your merits we find favor: life is given through your name.**

**Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on you were laid;  
by almighty love anointed, you have full atonement made.  
Ev'ry sin has been forgiven through the power of your blood;  
open is the gate of heaven, we are reconciled to God.**

**Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing you are worthy to receive;  
loudest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.  
Help, O bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Immanuel's praise.**

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

*What is it that entangles you and keeps you from being focused on Jesus? God keep us from growing weary.*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Romans 11**

M: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

**C: Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?**

M: Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?

**C: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!  
Amen.**

*Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.*

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 11:1-10**

*Jesus receives the honor He deserves.*

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" <sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied

it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” <sup>10</sup> “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 8*

## Exult Today, Jerusalem

*Christian Worship Blue # 415*



1 Ex - ult to - day, Je - ru - sa - lem! God comes to  
 2 With joy, the cit - y res - o - nates! O Zi - on's  
 3 The Christ! A Proph - et great - er than that giv - er  
 4 Christ's glo - ry is not seen by those of - fend - ed  
 5 So wave your palms and fill the air with shouts of



set you free! This roy - al Son of Beth - le - hem ful -  
 daugh - ter, sing! Lift up your heads, you might - y gates, and  
 of the law; a Priest, not born from Le - vi's clan, but  
 by the cross, for world - ly wis - dom nev - er knows how  
 joy this day; the King of glo - ry comes to bear your



fills all proph - e - cy. This great - er Jo - nah  
 greet your com - ing King! He rides no horse with  
 born with - out sin's flaw; a King, one like that  
 gain could come from loss; yet, this the glo - ry  
 sin and death a - way! Ho - san - na, Lord! Your



of re - nown God's love and pow'r dis - plays; he comes to  
 pranc - ing strides, as kings be - fore him came, but on a  
 priest - ly king, Mel - chiz - e - dek of old, for Christ, as  
 of the Christ: to claim our cross as throne— his per - fect  
 peo - ple save! O come, Em - man - u - el, and by your



tear God's tem - ple down and raise it in three days!  
 don - key hum - bly rides, his of - fice to pro - claim:  
 thorn-crowned King will bring God's right - eous - ness fore - told.  
 life he sac - ri - ficed that we might be his own!  
 cross and shat - tered grave, tear down the gates of hell!

**FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

Based on Zechariah 9:9-12

**“Rejoice Greatly Because Of Jesus”**

**A CONFESSION OF FAITH – Based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostles’ Creed**

**All: I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M: What are we meaning to say with these words?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

M: He has redeemed us, lost and condemned creatures, purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

**C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**All: This is most certainly true.**

**OUR THANK OFFERING**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to



enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions.

**C: Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.**

M: Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works.

**C: Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need.**

M: Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

**C: Strengthen our faith so that we unflinchingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.**

M: Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

**C: Help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*And we also pray ...*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 10*

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

*Christian Worship Blue # 411*

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue your road, with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**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 angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see th' 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.**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may hold firmly to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

## **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

*Christian Worship Blue # 511*

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.**

*Women Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.*

*Men No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.*

**Crown him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above;  
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns as thrones before him fall;  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns for he is King of all.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE**

## **Crown Him With Many Crowns**

*Arr. Jacob B. Weber*

## **TODAY AT ST. MARK'S**

### **Serving at Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

Additional Musicians: Don Black

Flowers at the Altar: Flowers have been provided by WAC (Worship Arts Committee)

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### For Reflection based on Today's Scripture Readings ...

1<sup>st</sup>: If Jesus was on His way to be crucified, how can the 'people' rejoice? What are some ways we can 'shout' about our Savior Jesus? It does not seem like Jesus' rule is working, how do you respond to that thought? Read Colossians 1:15-23.

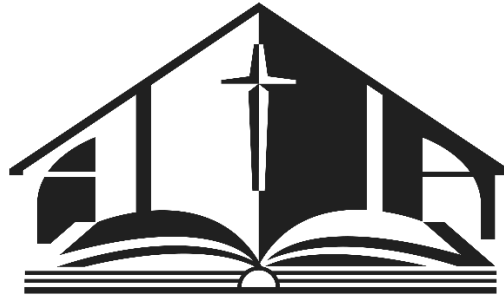
2<sup>nd</sup>: What is it that 'entangles' you so your eyes go off of Jesus? From the positive side: What are ways you fix your eyes on Jesus? Read Hebrews 10:19-39.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Of the multiple facets within this account, which one grabs your attention? Is the worship service more for our benefit or for God's? Read Psalm 100.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	GriefShare # 2
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion <i>Please fill in east and south parking areas first – thank you</i>
Friday	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal in the MPC
	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service – Seminary Chorus
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Next Sunday		****EASTER SUNDAY****
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast in the MPC

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Greg Lazaga	<i>Mar 24</i>	Gary & Gail Verthein
Rosemarie Boushek	<i>Mar 25</i>	Steve & Ellie Ennis
		Franklin & Peachy Galvez
Michael Lane	<i>Mar 26</i>	
Glenn Walker	<i>Mar 28</i>	
John Healy	<i>Mar 29</i>	
Norma Carson	<i>Mar 30</i>	
Greg Meyer		



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