

**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
ZIONSVILLE



Palm Sunday

March 29, 2025

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.



Please scan QR code if you would like to give an electronic offering.

GATHERING *(at the Cross outside or Fellowship Hall if inclement weather)*

PALM SUNDAY ACCLAMATION

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;

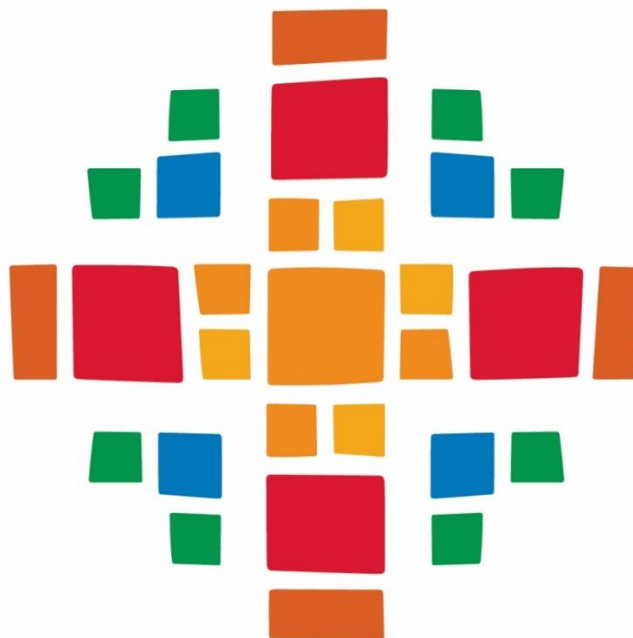
through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of Christ. Amen.



All Glory, Laud, and Honor
"At the Cross"

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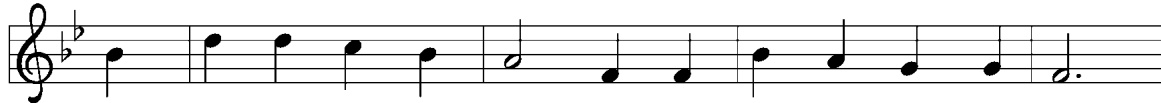
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna "In the Sanctuary"

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - sa - na, the lit tle chil - dren
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ul - tant
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we

4
 sang; through pil - lared court and tem ple the
 crowd, the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and
 sing, for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the

7
 joy ful an - them rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close
 chant - ing clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heav - ven rode
 Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ev - er praise him with

11
 fold - ed to his breast, the chil - dren sang their prais es, the
 on in low - ly state, nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should
 heart and life and voice, and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e -

15
 sim - plest and the best.
 on his bid - ding wait.
 ter - nal - ly re - joice.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

LENTEN CANDLES

L This is it, the final candle in our Lenten journey! We've extinguished the candles of temptation, searching, and confession. We recognized joy as an important part of trusting God, and last week we recognized sorrow as an unavoidable part of being human. This week, they all come together in the candle of salvation. As the crowds watched Jesus come into Jerusalem, some waved

branches, and some threw their coats on the ground to create a sort of “red carpet” for Jesus. But all of them cried out this one word: “Hosanna!” We might think of that word as meaning, “Hooray!” But it really means, “Lord, Save Us!” And that is exactly what Jesus came to do. He came to save us. He saves us from our sins when we trust in him, and he saves us *for* eternal life that can never be taken away. As our 40 days of Lent come to a close, we extinguish the candle of salvation. We turn to Jesus and ask him to save us.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 50:4-9A

L A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 31:9-16 *Spoken responsively.*

L ⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**C 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.**

L 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.

**C ¹² Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

L 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.

**C ¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

L ¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**C ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

L A reading from Philippians.

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

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

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

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

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

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P You are witness to these things.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

JoAnne Tuffnell & Hope Moran

SERMON

Hope Moran

Please stand as you are able after the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewed.
- 2 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.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 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!

APOSTLES' CREED

AM Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead*.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning the church universal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

AM O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

AM You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

AM Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

AM Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day especially **Jennifer, Jonas, Jon, Bob, Rita, Mike, Mimi, Ray, Janice, Tina, Marilyn, Charlotte, and the Jeffers and Greaves Families** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

AM Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

AM O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

AM Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

AM The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

AM Let us share a sign of God's peace with those around us.

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our office administrator for more information at office@clczionsville.org.



OFFERING

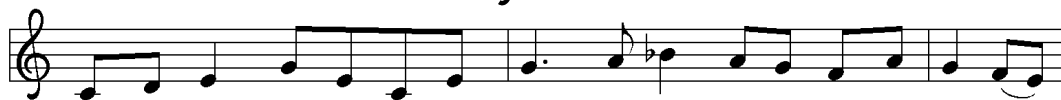
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~ Celebration Bells ~

Please stand as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P O Lord, with the Palm Sunday crowd, we cry to You this day: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

C "Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O Lord!"

P Save us,

C for we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed.

P Save us,

C for we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P Save us,

C for we have not loved You with our whole heart.

P Save us,

C for we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David and the Son of God, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew and cleanse us; by Your holy Spirit, enable us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P Your King offered His life as an atoning sacrifice to cover the debt of your sin. Through faith in Jesus Christ, life and salvation are yours. It is in the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, that your sins are forgiven. To Him be the glory.

C Amen. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**


INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to ask. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from the Pastor or Assisting Minister and you will hear the words **the body of Christ, given for you**. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, **the blood of Christ, shed for you**. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.*

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ, the Life of all the Living

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1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf-fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore,



Christ, your-self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar-den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent - ed.
thank you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy - ing,



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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MAKE PALM CROSSES

Everyone always wants to know how to make palm crosses. Here is a simple way—a little tricky, perhaps, but once you've mastered it, it will be easy to do. Enjoy!

Most palm fronds are actually double; split the frond into two long separate strips. Remove any stringy bits.



1. Hold palm pointing up; about 5-6 inches from the bottom, fold top over keeping the long part toward you.



2. About 1½-inches from the top, fold long end on the diagonal to the right, making a right angle.



3. Wrap the long end around the upright 2½ times; this is important!



4. Flip it over.



5. Make an arm about 1½–2-inches, folding the long end toward you.



6. Make second arm, folding on the left.



7. Make a diagonal fold so the long end points up.



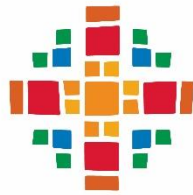
8. Slip the point of the long end behind the center loops.



9. Loop the long end a 2nd time behind the center loops; pull taut to secure the cross. The top piece may be adjusted by pulling on the base.



Finished cross!



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