

**Palm Sunday**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
Virginia, MN  
Pastor Liz Cheney



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In Jerusalem, Simeon and Anna prophesied over Jesus, the infant.

Mary accepted their words into her heart, and Jesus grew in strength and spirit.

**O Emmanuel, the long-expected king, hasten to us. We need you here.**

In Jerusalem, the temple scholars were astonished by Jesus, the boy.

He accepted their teachings into his mind and grew in knowledge and wisdom.

**O Child of Joseph and Mary, the unexpected teacher, hasten to us. We need you here.**

Outside Jerusalem, the jubilant crowd cheered for Jesus, the man.

They accepted him as he rode on a donkey, but the fears of the powerful grew.

**O Lamb of God, gentle and meek, hasten to us. We need you here.**

The words of the crowd echoed on the city walls:

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

Save us, Emmanuel! **We need you here.**

Save us, Child of Joseph and Mary! **We need you here.**

Save us, Lamb of God! **We need you here.**

**ACCLAMATION**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME AND THE READING OF THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

**Shouted: HOSANNA!**

**Town:** Bustle-Bustle-Shove and Bustle!” (Two times)

**Donkey:** “Ee-Aaw!”

**Coats:** “Zzzzzzip!”

**Waved:** wave your arms

**Disciples:** Give a High 5 to the person next to you.

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*All Glory Laud and Honor*

**ELW 344**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY – *Join in on the bold print***

O God, you travel by many roads to reach us. To some, you speak through passionate preaching, and to others through casual conversations. To some, you speak through music and dance, and to others through silence and stillness. Although there are many roads to Jerusalem, Jesus chose the one that would lead to his death on the cross. **We praise you, God, for the ways you reach out through creativity, witness, community, storytelling, and holy disruption. May we learn from the example of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The 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.

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

I 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.

The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSLAM: Psalm 31:9-16**

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;**

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

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.

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

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.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.**

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

**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL Mark 14:1--15:47**

*Readers Theater*

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded vs. 1-3*

**ELW 351**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

**ELW 335**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

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**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.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come! All are welcome.

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

ELW 349

### **TABLE BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK**

We begin the final journey to the cross as we begin Holy Week. We take this week to re-member the last supper, foot washing, a new commandment, Good Friday, Holy Saturday that get us closer and closer to Easter morning. Join us this week for worship, prayer, contemplation and preparation for the events before us.

### **SENDING SONG**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

ELW 325

### **DISMISSAL**

Altered by the Spirit, we go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Kris Weikum**

*The pieces of worship that have a \* by them are part of a Lent in Box series by Church ANEW and have been written by Andy and Rev. Elise Pokel. This series has been purchased for church use and is being used with permission.*

## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Pastor Erika, Phyllis S., Archer, Roya, Ave, Laurie, Amy, Colton, Wally C., Deb L., Bob, Tom, Carol, Steve, Gary, Jeannie, Cliff, Dale, Larry, Mickey, Mark, Jess, Kate, Joe, Matthew, Russ, Dan, Adeline, Jesse, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Diane, Chuck, Sue, Mike, Matt, Ken, Hermine, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas) Marlene K. Call Janet Heglund prayer leader for this month, at 218-749-6143, for prayer needs.

**If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.**

### **CONTACT US**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Office Admin hours are Tuesday – Friday 9am – 5pm

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Liz will be here Mon. – Thurs. & off Fridays.

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### **STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Liz Cheney

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**Musicians:** Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, and Ginny Ahrlin



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARCH 24, 2024

### PALM SUNDAY

**LIVE STREAMING SERVICES** We will be livestreaming services Sunday mornings now! You can watch on facebook or Youtube (Our Savior's Lutheran Church Virginia MN). ***Turn the page over to see how to access the Live video on Youtube*** ~

**HOLY WEEK** Join us for the upcoming worship services leading to Easter Sunday:

Maundy Thursday, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Sunday Worship, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am.

**CLOTHING SALE** Friday, Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> (8:30-2:30) & Sat., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> (8:30-12pm). You may bring donated clothing & leave them bagged on a back table, left side of the Fellowship Hall. We need donated clothes! If you have **gently used household items, kitchen gadgets & cookware, even tools**, bring them as well.

*\*We will be setting up tables on Monday, Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to help let Marcia know.*

**OLD KEYS** If you have an old key for the main doors of the church, please bring them by the office. Please see Pastor Liz about a new key if you are involved in ministry and need one. There will be a new key policy, etc., made for the new keys.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** We are in need of people to sign up to help **serve communion, be a lector, usher, greet**, etc...in order for worship on Sunday mornings to run smoothly. The sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk in the narthex. This work belongs to all of us, the ministers of the congregation. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to sign up to help. Not sure how to do something, just ask!

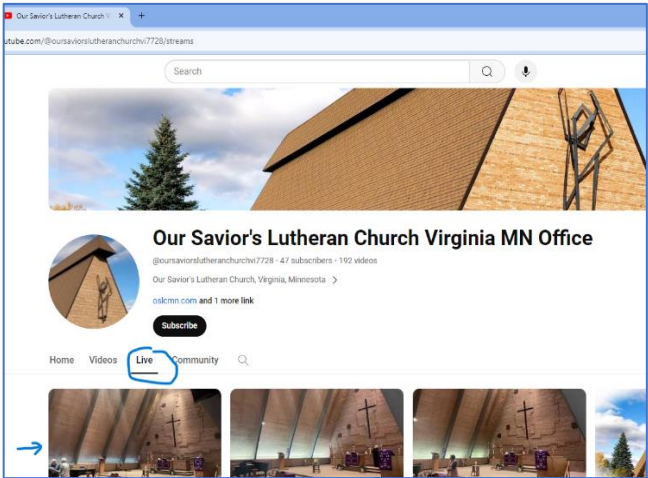
**LITTLE PANTRY** **Heart Health focus this month:** peanut butter, tuna fish & salmon in peelpacks/cans, nuts, sunflower seeds, oatmeal & hot cereals, dry beans, brown rice, multigrain bread, applesauce & fruit cups (no added sugar).

**TECH TEAM FORMATION** It's exciting to see what we will be able to do in the very near future! Shortly, Our Savior's will have the equipment and ability to live stream our worship services, funerals, weddings, concerts, etc... LIVE! This is very exciting! Pastor is looking to put together a *Tech Team* that would be able to help on Sunday mornings get mics on, camera on, radio on, easy tasks.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** Gloria Pavelich is sponsoring today's broadcast in loving memory of her mother, Ruth Thompson. Linda & Lauren Jallen sponsored last week's broadcast in honor of their family & friends – **Thank you!** If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday Worship in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, and/or the tech equipment, you may do so in full for \$90 or shared/partial at \$45. Just call the church office, **and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain.**

EVENTS & MEETINGS:

- 3/26 TUES. FUN-DUH-MENTAL BIBLE STUDY  
FIRESIDE RM @ 5:30PM
- 3/28 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE @ 6PM
- 3/29 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ 6PM
- 3/31 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30AM



LIVESTREAM VIDEO

1. Go to YouTube, type "Our Savior's Lutheran Church Virginia, MN" in the search bar.
2. Click on the circle emblem of our church. *It takes you to our page.*
3. Now click the word "Live." \* *See the picture to the left and the word "Live" circled in blue.*
4. The first video starting from the left should be the newest video that is/has Live Streamed. Click on the video to watch!

**For Facebook,** just look up *Our Savior's Lutheran Church Virginia Mn* and scroll to find the post with the video. When you click it, it brings you to our YouTube page to watch.

*Holy Week*

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