

# PALM/PASSION SUNDAY CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 2, 2023



## AS WE GATHER

Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week, as well as Confirmation Sunday; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. Far from being a detached dispatch from a distant deity, this Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). As we gather again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

## +PREPARATION+

### PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION *(begins in narthex)*

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet your dearly beloved Son when he came into his Holy City, grant that we may ever hail him as our King and, when he comes again, may go forth to meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### PALM SUNDAY READING John 12:12-19

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN LSB #442 "All Glory Laud and Honor"

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** **Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Trusting in the promises of God's baptismal covenant with us, let us boldly confess our sins.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Pastor: Faithful God,

**People:** **We confess that we have not been faithful in our promises to You. We have not always walked in the way of Christ. We are neglectful in serving others. We allow evil to increase while failing to accomplish the good You desire of us. Have mercy on us and heal us. Strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and guide us in the pathways of service. Amen.**

Pastor: All who turn to God and repent find their sin forgiven for the sake of Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "His Name is Wonderful", Isla Reavie

**+ WORD +**

**OLD TESTAMENT** *Isaiah 50:4–9a* (The servant's obedience)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Philippians 2:5-11 (Christ's example of humility.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN LSB #547 "The Lamb"**

**GOSPEL** *John 12:20-43 (Jesus speaks of His Passion)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

*(The Sunday School children are dismissed)*

**SERMON** "His Obedience and Ours"

Text: The Epistle Reading

**OFFERING** *(The offerings previously collected are brought forward)*

**HYMN LSB #599 "O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near"** *(sung to tune of #595 "O Blessed Spring")*

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION** *LSB pages 272-274*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

*(Page 208 of Lutheran Service Book)*

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*(The Confirmands will Commune first at the altar)*

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**BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING**

**PRESENTATION and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN LSB #922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**