



**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON THIS PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026**

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PALM SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

MARCH 29, 2026

INTRODUCTION

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

ACCLAMATION

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
C **Hosanna in the highest!**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-38

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was 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, saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

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.

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.
- C **And is also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Advent Bell Choir

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ is with you always.
- C **And is also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the peace

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.
- C **Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, 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 in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31 (Read responsively)

A 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 **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

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

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

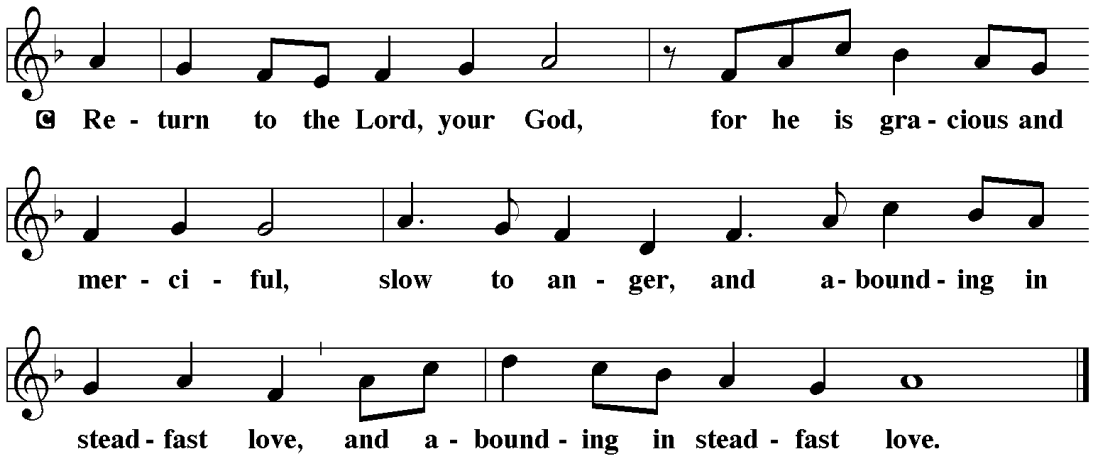
A My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You may remain seated or stand for the reading of the Gospel.

VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN

HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!


Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Offering is taken and the offering plates will be passed. You may put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plates, or use the "Online Donator" card, found in the pew rack. You can also support Advent's Ministries by using this QR code:



You may remain seated or stand



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

APOSTLES' CREED

A Christians, what do we believe?

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence

A O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally; we pray especially for our Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt and national Bishop Rev. Curry. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A 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.**

A Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place – we pray especially for Tanzania, Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and the the United States - 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.

A 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. We take a moment now to pray for those in need of healing; family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know only by name, either out loud, or silently in our hearts (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A 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.

A O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for Hans Nielsen Hauge and 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.


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

C Amen.


GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... 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:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are 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 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

A Lord, 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

♩ 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.

DISTRIBUTION

This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

*Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets
provided on the first row of chairs.*

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,
please let an usher know.***

POST COMMUNION

P And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in peace and may the Lord be with you.

C **Amen**

PRAYER

A 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.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✝ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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| | 8:30 AM | 11:00 AM |
| ACOLYTE | | SAM WITTEN |
| ASSISTING MINISTER | ALYSHA CLOUS | JENNIFER PARKER |
| PASTOR | INTERIM PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN | |

This Week at Advent

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| Sun Mar 29 | NO Confirmation/Sr. High | |
| Mon Mar 30 | Holy Week Worship Service | 7:00pm |
| Tue Mar 31 | Building Use – Singing Buckeyes | 6:00pm |
| | Holy Week Worship Service | 7:00pm |
| Wed April 1 | NO Women’s Bible Study today | |
| | NO Worship at The Estates | |
| | Holy Week Worship Service | 7:00pm |
| Thur April 2 | Maundy Thurs Worship Service | 12 noon |
| | Bell Choir rehearsal | 6:20pm |
| | Maundy Thurs Worship Service | 7:00pm |
| Fri April 3 | NO SCHOOL – Good Friday | |
| | Good Friday Worship Service | 12 noon |
| | Worship at The Estates | 2:00pm |
| | Good Friday Worship Service | 7:00pm |

Looking Ahead:

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| Sun April 5 | Easter Sunday! Worship | 8:30 am & 11:00 am |
| | Easter Breakfast | 9:45am (between servcies) |
| | Worship at The Estates | 2:00pm |
| Sun April 12 | VBS planning meeting | 9:45am in the Sanctuary |
| Sun May 3 | Advent's 60th Anniversary Celebration! | ONE service at 10:00am |
| June 22-26 | Advent's Vacation Bible School | |
| June 28 | Celebration of Jean's Ministry & Retirement | |

Commemorations This Week:

Sun Mar 29, 2026: **Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824**

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

Tue Mar 31, 2026: **John Donne, poet, died 1631**

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

Sat April 4, 2026: **Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589**

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

“Red Paraments”

by Melissa Richeson-O’Neil, Artist

The designs of the red paraments and stole for Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church reflect the variety of liturgical celebrations for which they will be used. Their color scheme reinforces this variety. The overall background color of bright red is the liturgical color for Pentecost, Reformation, and days celebrating martyred saints. The deeper, dark red highlights call to mind the celebrations of Holy Week, including Palm Sunday. These two reds interweave throughout the parament designs, just as our celebrations come together as vital parts of the overall church calendar year.

The shapes of the pieces are unusual as each display one wavy, or undulating, side edge. These waves, three in number on the altar piece to represent the Trinity, are the waters of our baptism, marking us as children of God as they continually nurture us. The breaks between the waves remind us of the differences that led to the Reformation. The running waters mingle with flames of fire in the parament designs, just as believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit in the flames at Pentecost. The Spirit is personified here as a dove, appearing from within the flames. Proclaiming the power of our Triune God, a gold pointed cross is shadowed by a white cross, creating a star shaped nimbus behind the dove.

The Altar parament and the stole includes palm leaves, reminding us that all the red days of the church year are holy celebrations – in each of them, our brokenness is made whole as we gather in Christ’s love.