

Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026

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Welcome to
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States, in Canada, and throughout the continent of Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All our churches confess that the Bible is the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come and worship with us again. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

based on Worship Supplement 2000 (pp. 12-21)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 442 *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

The Kyrie

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

The Gloria in Excelsis



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-11

9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; the battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.'"

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 24

P The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof:

C **The world and those who dwell therein.**

P For he has founded it upon the seas:

C **And established it upon the rivers.**

P Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?:

C And who shall stand in his holy place?

P He who has clean hands and a pure heart:

C He will receive blessing from the LORD.

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors:

C That the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory?:

C The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors:

C That the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory?:

C The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Children's Song

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Second Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and immediately he will send them." 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.' " 6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" 11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles Creed

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

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 554 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

Sermon

Philippians 2:5-11

Let Us Walk in the Footsteps of Our Heavenly King

1. Loving footsteps that led Him to the Cross.
2. By clothing ourselves with humility toward one another.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

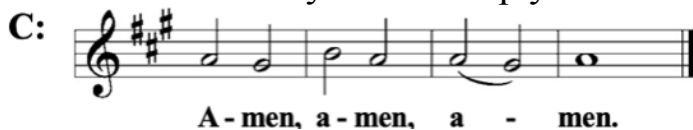
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

LSB 441 (1-4) "*Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty*"

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . .



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

LSB 441 (5)

This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/29)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Palm Sunday brunch served by the men
Thu	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship Service
Today (4/5)	9:30 am	Easter Sunday Worship

April Meeting Schedule

Mary & Martha Ladies: Sunday, April 12, 10:45 am
Church Council: Sunday, April 19, 8:30 am
Quarterly Voters: Sunday, April 12, 10:45 am

Extended Calendar

- Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 25 (8 am to noon)
- West-Central Delegate Conference: Tues-Thurs, May 19-21, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne

April Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Mary Anna Sprengeler, Apr 3	Ruth Greening, Apr 9
Jennifer Roberson, Apr 3	Debbie New, Apr 15
Wayne Ruegge, Apr 3	Pat Newton, Apr 19
Fred Brethauer, Apr 6	Ruth Claeys, Apr 23
Kylee Acker, Apr 6	(Gilbert & Jo Ellen Blakey, Apr 19)
Derek Barthels, Apr 7	(Bob & Carrol Rankin, Apr 28)

Synod News & Notes

- Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 1, 2026 for students grades 7 and up. An invitation letter, schedule of events, and online registration can be found at www.ilc.edu. Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 24. A theater performance of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are free and open to the public. For more information regarding ILHS Visitors Day, please contact Prof. Matt Thurow (matt.thurow@ilc.edu 612-516-1177) For general questions regarding the high school program, please contact the high school principal, Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).
- Jaqi Bredehoft will be resigning as girls dorm supervisor at the end of this school year. We thank her for her faithful service to the LORD and for being such a positive role model to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for this position to begin the 2026-27 school year. This role is vital to our campus, given how dorm supervisors provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Females who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 15.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 30 – April 4

Mon Zechariah 9:9-10 The prophet's promise: Zion's King Messiah will bring exultant joy when He comes to Jerusalem. He is humble, comes not with weapons of war, but to proclaim peace to the ends of the earth!

Tues Matthew 21:1-9 Jesus comes to Jerusalem for the Passover, and He comes humbly riding the foal of a donkey. A large crowd welcomes Him, applying verses from one of their Passover Psalms (118) to Him!

Wed Philippians 2:5-11 The apostle calls for a Christ-like attitude in God's people. Not only did He take on the nature of a servant (v7), but He also humbled Himself to die for us, before His glorious exaltation! (V9)

Maundy Thursday John 13:1-15 Jesus is about to lay down His life for His disciples, but He is also not too proud to be their servant and wash their feet. Thus He would lead us also to serve one another.

Good Friday Psalm 22:1-21 This Psalm was on our Savior's mind as He hung on the cross this day. It speaks of the profound suffering of God's Messiah, while still looking forward to God's deliverance (vv19-21).

Sat Psalm 22:22-31 On that sad Saturday after our Lord's death, the disciples would have had reason to hope if they had remembered the promises at the end of this Psalm from which Jesus quoted on the cross.

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