

April 5, 2020

Worship

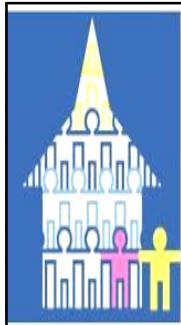
*Christ Lutheran
Community of Faith
Cottonwood, Minnesota*



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.

(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2020)



Ways to Connect for Worship

On Cable Channel 180
Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Holy Week:
Maundy Thursday 7:45 p.m.
Good Friday 7:45 p.m.

Online
YouTube Links on Facebook or Emailed to you.

HYMN - ELW # 344

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,

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 - them斯 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.

Refrain

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
All: Hosanna in the highest!

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: 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 the branches and those who carried them so long ago and those who carry the promise of God's King in their hearts today. 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.

All: Amen.

CELEBRATION LITANY adapted from Psalm 118

Pastor: Today we shout, "Hosanna! Hosanna!"
All: "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!"

P: O, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his love is eternal.
All: Open to me the gates of the temple. I will go in and give thanks to the Lord.

P: This is the gate of the Lord; only the righteous shall come in.
All: I praise you, Lord, because you have heard me and made me righteous in your sight.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the most important one of all.
All: This is the day of the Lord's victory; let us be glad and celebrate with songs of praise.

P: So we shout, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”

All: “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”

P: With branches in our hands, we celebrate your triumph, O Lord.

All: For you are our God, and we proclaim your greatness. Lord, you are good, and your love is everlasting.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When [Jesus and his disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“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.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

All: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When [Jesus] entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with, “hear our prayer.”

LORD'S PRAYER

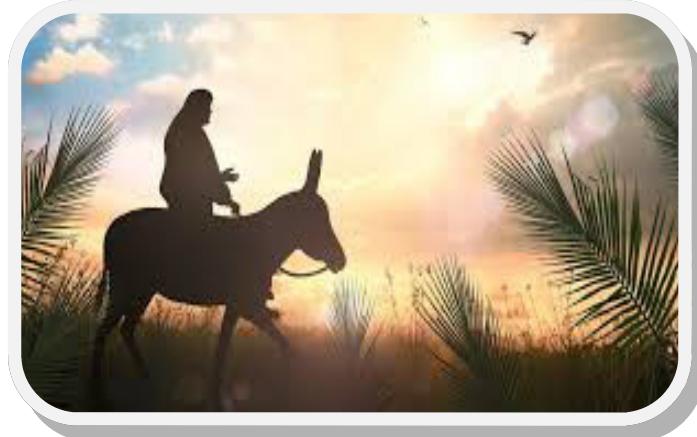
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is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

SENDING WORDS

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

All: Hosanna in the highest!

BLESSING



HAVE A CONCERN...CONTACT US

As we physically distance ourselves from one another we continue to care for our neighbors' needs with compassion. If you have questions, concerns, or pastoral needs, please contact us:

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Or, visit our congregation's website for updated information as it becomes available: <http://www.christcottonwood.org>

THANK YOU

The ministry to which God has called us is continuing in differing ways. We are grateful for your ongoing financial offerings that can be mailed to the church (P.O. Box 166, Cottonwood, MN 56229) or given online.

CANCELLED: WELCA Spring Gathering, which was to be held at Christ Lutheran on April 18.

WELCA SW MN Synod Convention scheduled for May 2 in Redwood Falls is postponed. The Executive Board will be scheduling a new date.

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Landyn Berends	Dean Berg	Bob Bode	Mark Bode
Rodney Carlson	Elaine Elston	Norm Evers	Gordy Geistfeld
Gail Gregoire	Bruce Hoffman	Diane Hoiland (friend of Barb Crouse)	
Tara (Wisdorf) Iyer	Grant Johnson	Bob Kaeter	Teri Kemmer
Cole Louwagie	Linda Magnuson	Pr. Curt Miller	Jori Ella Morrison
Gretchen Noon	Ione Olson	Hunter Pinke	Savannah Rausch
Joyce St. Pierre	Harvey Suer	David Vandelonatte	Gary Vossen

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:

Shi Aamodt, Arvilla Berg, Darleen Cole, Michele Engholm, Irene Evers, Lavonne Fischer, Marge Gigstad, Janet Gniffke, Adrian Golberg (moved to Fieldcrest), Julie Jaeger, Marietta Jarcho, Betty Lovness, Lila Mauland (moved to Fieldcrest), Laurie Pickthorn, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Alnora Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Marge Seitz

Families of our Congregation.

Dave and Shannon Geihl, Tom, Jarrett Paul and Karen Geihl

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.

Charles and Anita Jackson/World Mission Prayer League (WMPL)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

