**Palm Sunday**

**April 13, 2025**

**9:30am**



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**Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!**

To assist in your worship:

**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansrise in body or spirit,

+ you may make the sign of the cross should you so desire.

**It is our joy to worship with your whole family!**

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together.

We offer a “pray-ground” located in the back left of the Sanctuary for those with littles to have some room for movement and activity. The Narthex (gathering space at the entry) also has some resources for families, including activity bags filled with crayons, paper and storybooks. These supplies can be used in the Narthex or brought into the Sanctuary. For those that find themselves in the Narthex, there is a speaker with which you can still hear the service. Lastly, a changing table is located in the restroom off the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**TODAY’S worship THEME**

**Jesus needs our help**

While we know Jesus must eat and drink and sleep, Jesus only expresses something he needs once: an animal to ride into Jerusalem. This week, we consider how Jesus invites us to participate in the work of God. This is what God needs from us.

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Kyrie, Holy Holy Holy, and Lamb of God, written by Rev. Steve Beckham.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Ain’t No Rock Gonna Shout* Chancel Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**\*DIALOGUE**

People of God, what do you need today?

**To be part of God’s unfolding story.**

Then come, let us worship God,

**who calls the faithful to holy work and who works in every offering.**

We worship in the name of our triune God, our generous host, our leader, our teacher and friend.

**Amen.**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,** **but our lives do not always reflect you** **and your love for the world.** **We do not show others the tender compassion** **you have shown to us.** **We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality** **you grant to all people.** **We oppress others,** **even though you have set us free again and again.** **We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.** **Transform our lives** **and guide us again in the way of the cross.** **Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG** *All Glory, Laud and Honor ELW #344*

*(verses 1, 3, 5)*

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**\*GREETING**

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

**\*KYRIE** *Sing Hosanna*

Give me love in my heart

Keep me serving

Give me love in my heart I pray

Give me love in my heart keep me serving

Keep me serving till the break of day

Sing hosanna sing hosanna

Sing hosanna to the King of kings

Sing hosanna sing hosanna

Sing hosanna to the King

**\*pRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together,

**Holy Jesus, you sent your disciples to ask for a colt with no reason other than that you needed it. Increase in us the willingness to go where you send us, even when we don’t understand the needs you call us to answer or the value of what we can offer. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

*After this time, children will be invited to Sunday school. They will return during the passing of the peace.*

**PSALM** Psalm 118:19-29 Pew Bible Old Testament Pg.626

19Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.  
**20This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

21I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
**22The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.** 23This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**24This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.** 25Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**26Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from**

**the house of the LORD.** 27The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with

branches, up to the horns of the altar.  
**28You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.** 29O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

### **SCRIPTURE READING** Philippians 2:5-11 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.210

Word of God, Word of Life**. Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Jesus, Name Above All Names W&P #77*

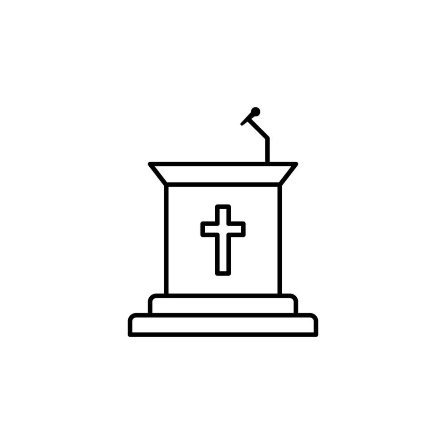
Jesus, name above all names  
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord  
Emmanuel, God is with us  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

**\*GOSPEL** Luke 19:28-40Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 85

The Gospel comes from Luke the 19th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Nikki Fielder



**\*SERMON HYMN**  *The Summons W&P #137*

*(verses 1, 3, 5)*

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**BAPTISM OF CONRAD MOON**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY**  *In the Name of the Lord*  Chancel Choir

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Majesty W&P #94*

Majesty, worship his majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne  
Unto his own his anthem raise  
So exalt lift up on high the name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the king  
Majesty, worship his majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified  
King of all kings.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together,

**Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord,**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is not only right, but even needful for us to thank you, God…and so we join the echoing song:

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God…

All honor and glory is yours, O God, who is both Giver and Gift, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins** **as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.** **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that this is Jesus' table. All are welcome and invited to commune.  We serve communion by “intinction”; receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of red wine. Currently we are offering individual communion cups as an alternative to intinction if you so desire. Both wine and grape juice (white) are offered in the tray. Gluten free wafers are available; let your server know. Should you choose not to commune, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to let us know to give you that blessing.

**HEALING PRAYER**

*This morning we offer healing prayer. If you would like our healing minister to pray with and for you, please go to the right transept after taking communion.*

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

**lamb of god**

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**COMMUNION SONG** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW #659*



**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together,

**Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**\*BLESSING**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING** ***SONG*** *How Great is Our God*

**Verse 1**

The splendor of the King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

And trembles at His voice

**Chorus**

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

How great is our God

**Verse 2**

And age to age He stands

And time is in His hands

Beginning and the End

Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one

Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb

The Lion and the Lamb

**Bridge**

Name above all names

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing

How great is our God

**Chorus**

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

How great is our God

**\*SENDING GOSPEL** Luke 21:1-13 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 87

The Gospel comes from Luke the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; 2he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; 4for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."  
5When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."  
7They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" 8And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.  
9"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." 10Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.  
12"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13This will give you an opportunity to testify.

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The journey continues…

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Roger Halvorson

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**Mission Statement**

Living by Christ’s example, we welcome, serve, and love all through God’s grace.

**Vision Statement**

Embracing the truth that God’s love and grace is for all, Christ Lutheran Church is a vibrant and active community spreading the good news through acceptance, action, and benevolence.

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**Our Position**

Christ is ALIVE!

**Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Welcome Statement**

Christ Lutheran Church is a congregation who joyfully welcomes everyone who enters our doors. We recognize that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's children, welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

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