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**Palm Sunday**  
March 29, 2026  
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***Greetings in Christ, and welcome to Concordia Evangelical  
Lutheran Church!***

If you are visiting us for the first time or have not before received Communion from Pastor Scheltens, please speak to Pastor before approaching the altar for the first time.

**Divine Service III (LSB 184)**

**Processional Reading**

*Matthew 21:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.

<sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

<sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

*Processional Hymn*

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

**Confession and Absolution**

*LSB 184*



<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 73:23b–24, 1*

You hold my | right hand.\*

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive  
me to | glory.

Truly God is good to | Israel,\*  
to those who are | pure in heart.

## Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ  
Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count  
equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing,  
taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.  
<sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming  
obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore  
God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is  
above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should  
bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue  
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Tract

*Psalm 22:1, 4–5*

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my  
| groaning?

In you our fathers | trusted;\*  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued;\*  
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

## Holy Gospel

*John 12:12–19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard  
that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of  
palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed

is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”  
<sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 191*

*Hymn of the Day*

**441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

*Sermon*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

*Prayer of the Church* The Litany *LSB 288*

**Service of the Sacrament**

*LSB 194*

*434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* Replaces Agnus Dei during Lent

*Distribution Hymns*

**619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior**

**455 The Royal Banners Forward Go**

**334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

*Closing Hymn*

**531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**