



## St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

The Church of the Lutheran Confession

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**Pre-Service Meditation:** Psalm 118 (Hymnal page 148)

## Behold, Your King is Coming to You!

### Opening Prayer:

**Invocation:** Let us worship Christ our King with all our heart in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### Cong:



C: A - men.

### Opening Hymn: 160 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One.

2. All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels  
Are praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.
3. All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With psalms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before Thee we present.
4. All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To Thee, before Thy Passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.
5. All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.

***Palm Sunday Praise*** (From the Gospels)

P: Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Cong: Hosanna in the Highest!**

P: Blessed is the kingdom of our Father David that comes in the name of the Lord!

**Cong: Hosanna in the Highest!**

P: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

**Cong: We praise You, Christ our King and Saviour.**

**Cong. Sing:**

Mel. 341

**Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

*~ Confession of Sins and Absolution ~*

P: Thus says the Lord: “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

**C: Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.” (Ps. 24:3,4)**

P: O Father, we enter Your holy place to worship You. However, we do not have clean hands and a pure heart, we are sinners. How then will You accept our worship and bless us on our way? It is only if you cleanse us from our sins. Lord, cleanse us for Jesus’ sake, that we may worship you with clean hands and pure hearts and sing Your praises.

**C: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have seen the evil that I have done and the good that I left**

**undone. Clinging to the cross of Jesus Christ, I appeal to You for mercy. Cleanse me in Jesus' blood. Purify my mind from every evil thought, my lips from every evil word, my hands from every evil deed. Renew my heart by the working of Your Holy Spirit so that I may present my body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to You, which is my spiritual service of worship.**

P: Be of good cheer, children of God, for our Father is forever merciful. The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, for Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might sanctify and cleanse us. By the command of the King of kings and Lord of lords I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: Sing                    Crown Him the Lord of Love  
                                  Behold His hands and side,  
                                  Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
                                  No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
                                  But downward bends his wondering eye At mysteries so bright!**

**Responsive Dialog:** From Revelation 5

P: In Heaven the four living creatures and the twenty four elders fell down before the Lamb saying:

**Cong: You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.**

P: Then all the hosts of Heaven joined in giving praise to Christ the Lamb who was slain for us, saying with a loud voice:

**Cong: Worthy is the Christ the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing! Amen.**

P: To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father,

**Cong: to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

**Cong. Sing:**

Mel. 341

**Crown Him the Lord of Life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

- The Worship Prayer -

*P: Let us pray* - O Almighty and everlasting God, Your Son rode into Jerusalem like a King, yet He did not come to rule an earthly kingdom, He came in all lowliness to die on the cross so that He may rule over us as King of Your Heavenly Kingdom. Mercifully grant that we may receive His great humility to confess our sins and humbly serve others the way Christ has served us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** C: A - men.

**Scripture Readings:** Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

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.

**C: Sing**

**Crown Him the Lord of Heaven,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to whom is given  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns  
For He is King of all. Amen**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11**

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.”

### **Confession of Faith: The 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: 161 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and Temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm-branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of men and angels  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heaven our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice.

**Sermon Text:** Zechariah 9:9-10

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, lowly and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.”*

## REJOICE GREATLY IN YOUR KING!

### 1. Rejoice in What He Is!

- He is Righteous and having Salvation.
- He is Lowly.

### 2. Rejoice in What He Does!

- He Speaks Peace to the Nations.
- He Rules from the River to the Ends of the Earth.

**Hymn: 725** No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet  
with banners and with drums,  
no sound of music's martial beat:  
“The King of glory comes!”  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride  
no bells in triumph ring,  
no city gates swing open wide:  
“Behold, behold your King!”

2 And yet he comes. The children cheer;  
with palms his path is strown.  
With ev'ry step the cross draws near:  
The King of glory's throne.  
Astride a colt he passes by  
as loud hosannas ring,  
or else the very stones would cry  
"Behold, behold your King!"

3 What fading flow'rs his road adorn;  
the palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn  
the King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,  
the streets with tumult ring,  
as Pilate to the mob replies,  
"Behold, behold your King!"

4 Now he who bore for mortals' sake  
the cross and all its pains  
and chose a servant's form to take,  
the King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name  
till heaven's rafters ring,  
and all the ransomed host proclaim  
"Behold, behold your King!"

**Psalm 117:**

P: Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles!

**C: Laud Him, all you peoples!**

P: For His merciful kindness is great toward us,

**C: And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!**

**Prayers:**

**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.

**Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**Hymn: 799** This Is the Feast of Victory

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God? (Refrain)

2 Power, riches and wisdom and strength,  
And honor and blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)

3 Sing with all the people of God  
And join in the hymn of all creation. (Refrain)

4 Blessing and honor and glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

5 For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

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## Scripture Treasure to Remember

### Philippians 2:3-4

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## Holy Week

**Wednesday** - Skype Bible Study at 9:30 am

Bible Study at Orchard Valley at 2:00

**Thursday** - Shut-in-visit with George at 1:30

**Good Friday** Service at 10:00 am.

We commemorate Christ’s death on our behalf in this Good Friday communion service. Following our Lenten Series of prophecies from Zechariah, we will focus on chapter 3, with the theme: **Gone in a Single Day.**

## Easter Sunday

The most important day of the church year, the day when our salvation was complete; also the most joyful day, the day when Christ Rose from the Dead and won the Victory once and for all. This is the Day that gives meaning and purpose to every day of our lives. Truly “This is the Day the Lord has made, LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.” Jesus has given everything to us, the best we can give is our Worship and Praise. Don’t miss it - 10:00 am next Sunday.

## CLC Mission Prayer List

**Bangladesh** (South Asia) – The February 12th elections were mostly peaceful, and pre-election violence has subsided. Christians are praying that the newly elected Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) majority government and upcoming constitutional reforms will provide protection for minorities, including Christians. Construction on the multipurpose building is almost finished. The Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) has already begun using the building as construction continues. Plans are underway to conduct a pastor and church leader training seminar there in April, and the building will be dedicated to our Savior’s service later this year. Pray that the Lord provides good government that

will be a blessing to the citizens of Bangladesh. Thank the Lord for His provision and blessings on the new BLCM building and for the preaching and teaching of God's saving Word that will take place there.

**Pakistan** (Asia) – Pastor Tim Daub has been conducting online training and Bible studies with a group in Faisalabad for the past few years. A congregation has been established and now meets weekly for worship. Pastor Daub and Missionary Ohlmann made their first face-to-face visit in January, and the visit went very well. A recommendation to begin the more in-depth colloquy process was made to President Wilke, who will now assign a CLC representative to oversee the colloquy. A second visit is planned for early 2027. Thank the Lord for safe travel and a positive, productive visit. Ask the Lord for His continued blessings on the preaching and teaching of His saving Word in this predominantly Muslim nation.

**The Philippines** (Southeast Asia) – Mr. Joel Krafft, CLC Board of Missions chairman, and Missionary Ohlmann visited the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP). They conducted a two-day seminar and Sunday worship service at one LAMP congregation in Delles and visited two preaching stations. Follow-up outreach seminars are planned for both preaching stations at the end of March and again in April. Pray that the Lord blesses these outreach efforts so that more people may join us in repenting of our sins and rejoicing in the forgiveness we have through faith in Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on these new members. Pray also that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

**Nepal** (South Asia) – Following the Gen-Z protests last fall that led to the resignation of the prime minister and dissolution of the government, peaceful elections were held on March 5. The newly elected government, which ran on a secular, anti-corruption platform, won an overwhelming majority over the Hindu nationalist party. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are cautiously optimistic as they pray and trust in God's protection and blessings. Due to security concerns leading up to the elections, the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) delayed the start of classes until April. A new cohort of 15 students is planned. Ask the Lord to bless the new HBI students and teachers and pray that He provides a stable and good government that will be a blessing to the citizens of Nepal and to the Gospel ministry.

**India** (South Asia) – Classes continue at the BELC Bible Institute with twenty-seven students and the CLCI seminary with fifty-one students. The CLCI will graduate seventeen seminary students in May or June. Please pray that the Lord will protect, provide, strengthen, and give hope to His children in India through the Gospel ministry of the BELC and CLCI.

**Liberia** (West Africa) – A regular schedule of Bible training seminars continues for pastors and church leaders across several regions of Liberia. Missionary Ohlmann visited for two weeks in November. Together with Pastor Kwiwalazu, he conducted a pastor training seminar in Bopolu with 18 pastors and church leaders. Thank the Lord for the ongoing Biblical training and outreach and ask for His continued blessings on the work in Liberia.

**Nigeria** (West Africa) – The NCLC is planning its 50th-anniversary celebration in April. CLC President Mike Wilke and his wife Gloria, along with CLC Board of Missions Chairman Mr. Joel Krafft and Missionary Ohlmann are scheduled to travel to Nigeria May 20–28 to celebrate with them. During the visit, the new academic building will also be dedicated. Ask the Lord to bless the new building, the travel plans, and the up-coming conference, and thank Him for 50 years of cooperation in training faithful workers for His Nigerian harvest.

**Togo** (West Africa) – Pastor Kossi Blewu, Missionary Evensen, and recent seminary graduates continue outreach efforts aimed at starting new congregations. Pastor Blewu conducts a weekly Gospel radio program in Assahoun, a town about 30 minutes from the seminary. Following the broadcasts, people have been calling to attend services. One graduate will be called to begin a congregation there.