



Palm Sunday Step by Step: Jesus Brings Salvation

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AS WE GATHER

Today's processional Gospel looks at the first day of Holy Week, and the Passion carries us on to Jesus' tomb. Throughout the entire week, and since His transfiguration, our Lord has moved toward the cross step by step. Despite opposition from crowds and His circle of friends, He has been determined to love us to death so that He might open heaven to us by the grace of God. Zechariah had written about the procession centuries earlier, and Paul proclaims that God the Father has exalted Jesus for His steadfast commitment to our salvation. But this is no mere history! We also are called to follow, to live through each day, step by step, faithful under various circumstances yet confident of mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

All turn to face the Processional Cross.

***GREETING**

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

***PRAYER**

- P Let us pray. Help us, Lord our God, so that it may be with joy that we begin our contemplation of all the mighty things You have done to give us eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 12:12–19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So 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 to You, O Christ.**

*PRAYER

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father. Today we especially thank You for the love You showed as Your Son redeemed us. Step by step our Savior followed Your will so that by His glorious death He would redeem us and draw us to Himself. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, those who greeted Him cut palm branches to lay before Him.

C **We ask that You bless these palms and all who bear them this day. Grant that we may always hail Him as our Lord and King;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL GLORY LAUD, AND HONOR

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1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

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P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

*INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 AM)

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During it we shall recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.
C **Even during worship, our minds wander to other concerns.**
- P These concerns are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution, but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord's step-by-step determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.
C **I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I am mired in sin and incapable of saving myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.**
- P As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.
C **Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection;**
- P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I 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.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return 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.**

HYMN OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

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EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Philippians 2:8b

P He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

C **even death on a cross.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20–43

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

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his

life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them."

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

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SERMON

STEP BY STEP: JESUS BRINGS SALVATION

***APOSTLES' CREED (8:00 AM)**

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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.**

***CONCLUDING COLLECTS**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

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Serving Our Lord

		Sunday, March 24, 2024	Sunday, March 31, 2024
Musician		Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder(s)	8am	Bill Breitinger	Bill Breitinger
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Rob Orr	Chris Martin
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Open	Ben Swenson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Lynn Kroonblawd
Acolyte	8am	Sophia Orr, Jacob Seeman	Isaac Koch
	10:30am	Dana Vallin	Sabontu Benya, Dana Vallin
Projection	8am	Matt Seeman	Chris Martin
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Jean Peterson	TLO Quilters



Baptisms today

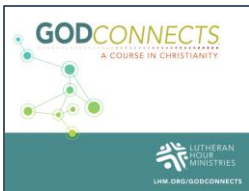
We rejoice with Mike and Stephanie Leinonen as they bring Hugo, Quinn and Forrest Leinonen to be baptized today at 10:30am. Henry, the oldest of the four Leinonen children, is enrolled in Kindergarten and attends Mr. Buecksler's Sunday school class. Hugo and Quinn are registered for TLO Preschool 2024-25. May God bless Hugo, Quinn and Forrest as they are brought into God's family by the gift of baptism.



Mr. Dan Schield accepts call to Trinity Lone Oak

Mr. Dan Schield has accepted the call to serve at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church and School as third grade teacher beginning Fall 2024. Mr. Schield currently teaches a combined class of 3rd & 4th graders at Lutheran Church and School of Messiah in Grand Junction, Colorado. He comes to TLO with 14 years experience, including Trinity Lutheran, Athens, WI and St. John Lutheran, Thief River Falls, MN. He is excited to return to Minnesota and we look forward to welcoming him to TLO

COMING UP AT TLO — March 24, 2024 — April 1, 2024		
PALM SUNDAY		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	9:15am	Moms in Prayer
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
Mon, Mar. 25-April 1		
School closed for Spring break; church office open		
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation class
Thur	5:00pm	Seder Meal
	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion (not livestreamed)
Fri	6:30*pm	Good Friday Worship
Sat	2:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
EASTER SUNDAY		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Food and fellowship—you're invited!
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon		
School closed for Easter Monday; church office open		
	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
*worship online at www.trinityloneak.org		



GodConnects Faith Formation Class
Saturdays, April 6, 13, 27 | 9:00am-12noon

Plain language and helpful illustrations present God’s work of salvation in a concise manner. This series is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer’s life, and more. Completion of the course may lead to membership in our church but there is no obligation. Register at trinityloneak.org or with the church office.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 17, 2024

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	4,711.50
	(Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	465.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Sunday school	\$	2.75
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	155.00
	Chapel	\$	89.51
	Tuition	\$	9,105.34
	Parking Lot fund	\$	5,025.00
	Gala 2024	\$	2,030.00
	Church and school fees	\$	3,245.29
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	24,829.54
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	315.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	20.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	249.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	584.45

Fiscal Year To Date as of March 17, 2024

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$8,525.00 per week for 38 weeks)	\$	323,950.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	338,618.93
	YTD Difference	\$	14,668.93
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$665.00 per week for 38 weeks)	\$	25,270.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	25,384.22
	YTD Difference	\$	114.22



Thanks to the generosity of our TLO community who choose to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Trinity Lone Our, our church is able to support Christ-centered preaching and teaching and our students are able to receive an affordable, accessible Christ-

centered, Lutheran education, which wouldn't happen without your partnership! Your 2024 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2024, so direct yours today!



Remember in Prayer

Avianna (age 2), niece of Chelsea Cardenas, battling cancer
Dixie Cliff

Connie, sister of Jim Kohn, who had surgery March 8

Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, Gloria, starting chemotherapy and radiation therapy for bile duct cancer

Ed Jones, father of David Jones and Julie Casby, for peace and comfort as he struggles with dementia

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, continue prayers for resolution of autoimmune liver issues

Liam, 9 month old friend of Bueckslers, surgery to remove tumors. Prayers for this little fellow...

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

Ryan Kroonblawd - 1st year seminarian - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Jill Olson, granddaughter of Roger and Lois Schaaf, and former TLO Teacher,
undergoing treatment for breast cancer

Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn

Verna Ratzlaff recovering at home

Former TLO staff member Curt Stoltenow receiving treatment for prostate cancer.

Stuart Weierke at the Minneapolis VA Home

Keaton David Wells, great-grandson of Al and Linnea Raveling, born March 5, 2024 at 4# 3oz.

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Karen requests continued prayers for her parents



Thank you

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped or brought desserts for the funeral for Richard Cliff. We have received much love and support from the people who called him friend. God's blessings on you all.

—The Richard Cliff Family



Weekly Memory Verse

Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Hosea 6:1-2



Birthdays this week

March 27 Irma Bjork, Chuck Wachter

March 28 Benjamin Orr, Coutney Schaaf, Ethan Swenson

March 30 Jacob Nadeau, Tracey Siewert, Donna Logan

Anniversaries this week

March 24 William & Nancy Kolesar

March 25 Alfred & Linnea Raveling, Greta and David Whittenberg



Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

For those with small children, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children’s bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

Restrooms are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

Large print copies of the worship folder are available. Please ask an usher.

Invite a friend to worship with you this Easter season. Postcards in the narthex make inviting easy!



Maundy Thursday—Thursday, March 28
5:00pm Seder Meal – reserve today!
6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion



Good Friday—Friday, March 29
6:30pm* Worship



Easter—Sunday, March 31
8:00am* and 10:30am Worship
with Holy Communion
9:15am Food and fellowship
no Sunday school; no Bible class



*livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org



Food and Fellowship

Easter Sunday, March 31 | 9:15-10:15am | TLO Gym
Come for the food and stay for the fellowship! Visit with old friends and make new ones as we celebrate Our Lord's resurrection!

Menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits with sausage gravy, rolls, fruit, juice and coffee. Tell a friend and join us Easter Sunday!

