



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**Our Mission:** We gather together to explore and celebrate the wonder of Christ, equipping all to live a God centered life.

## ***Palm Sunday ~ March 24, 2024***

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Welcome to worship! We celebrate Holy Communion at each service. Guests and visitors are always welcome and we are delighted that you are worshipping with us. The "pray-ground" near the organ is available for those families with little ones to sit and enjoy while being part of our worship. A Parent Room is also available for your use if your child just needs a space of their own!

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\*\*\*We begin worship today in the gathering space. All are invited to participate in the procession.\*\*\*

**\*ACCLAMATION:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest!** (Repeated 3 times)

**\*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL:** Mark 11:1-10 *Listen to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.*  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ!**

**\*BLESSING OF PALMS:** *The Lord be with you. And also with you.*  
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 + these branches and those who carry them. May they remind us to shout Hosanna in our homes, workplaces and schools. We pray these blessings and graces in the name of Jesus: **AMEN!**

**\*PROCESSION:** Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of the Lord. AMEN!**  
(We will process into sanctuary while the singing Hosanna. All process to places in their respective pews.)

**\*PROCESSIONAL SONG:** *Hosanna (CSS)*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Let us pray:* Council Blessing

**CHOIR MEDITATION:** *He is Exalted*

**PASSION PRESENTATION:** *(May this short video help us to shout “Hosanna” recognizing the gift of Jesus present in our lives today.)*

**SHORT MESSAGE:** *PJ*

**COUNCIL BLESSING:** *We pray over and bless our 2024 church council.*

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *We lift up all of our prayers. Our spoken response after each prayer is “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”*

**OFFERING ~** *We are grateful for your presence today and we never want you to feel obligated to give. Our parishioners are responsible for supporting our ministry and mission through their gifts to God. If you would like to give a gift today, you are welcome to place it in the offering box in the center aisle. Any gifts placed into Noah’s Ark through March 31<sup>st</sup> will go towards the work of the Washington County Humane Society in honor of Ms. Sherie’s love for animals.*



**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray together:

**O God, we offer back with love this day our lives and our offerings- gifts themselves from You. Receive us and these gifts as we strive to share Christ’s goodness with the world! In the name of Jesus we pray: AMEN!**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** *Jesus’ words at the Last Supper become our prayer over the bread and wine.*

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER:** *We pray the words of strength Jesus gave us.*

**\*HOLY COMMUNION:** *Rejoice in this holy meal offered to us.* Christ invites all of God's people to share in this banquet for this is the meal of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

**A Word about Communion here at OSLC...**

*You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to receive baked bread and then dip that bread into the glass of red wine or juice. Gluten free bread is available as well. For those who prefer, communion kits are available in a basket near the front of the sanctuary. All are welcome to share in this meal with us!*

**\*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:* **Holy God, you have fed us with the gifts of your table. Sustain us as we follow in the way of Jesus: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*FINAL BLESSING:** As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way. May he go behind you to encourage you. Beside you to befriend you. Above you to watch over; within you to give you peace! **Amen!**

**\*CLOSING SONG:** *Lord, I Lift your Name on High (CSS)*

**\*HOLY WEEK PROCLAMATION:** Hosanna in the highest! **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!** With palm branches lifted high, we celebrate Jesus' victory over the powers of darkness. **Hosanna in the highest!** Let us go forth these holy days being church after church! **Thanks be to God!**

### **OSLC Lenten-Easter Almsgiving Focus:**

We are inviting folks to consider supporting the work of the Washington County Humane Society. Any gifts placed in Noah's Ark from now until March 31<sup>st</sup> will go towards the WCHS in honor of Ms. Sherie's love for animals. This link will take you to their site:

<https://www.wchspets.org/>



### **Holy Week Invitation!**

*Hosanna! Come walk with Jesus this Holy Week!*

*Maundy Thursday: Service at 6:00pm*

*Good Friday: Service at 6:00pm (Church open for prayer 9am-6pm)*

*Easter Sunday: Services at 8:00am and 10:00am (Breakfast served 7:15am-9:45am)*

*All are welcome. Always welcome. Wonder with us!*

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***Welcome to Worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to this faith. Welcome to friends new and old. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; every socioeconomic and marital status, political conviction, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners, and questioning believers. Welcome.***