

Blessed is
the king
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!

LUKE 19:38

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY

April 12 & 13, 2025

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Brian Ferguson
Organist—Cheryl Licary
AV Assistant—Milton Dodson

5:00 pm service

Assisting Minister—Lynette Rust
Communion Assistants—Beverly Spangenberg
Communion Prep—Lynette Rust
Lector—Diane Riesen
Readers—Mark Lindsey, George Lisensky, and Nancy Nelson
Usher—Nancy Schmidt

8:30 am service

Assisting Minister—Nathan Dygart
Communion Assistants—Cindy Blair and Char Kepler
Communion Prep—Cindy Blair
Lector—Deanna Feuerstein
Greeters—Peter and Sue Hanewall
Readers—Tony Bosco, Wanda Faust and Bill Ribbeck
Ushers—Terry Amundson, Bob Pederson, Darryl Schutte, and David Van Egmond

10:30 am service

Assisting Minister—Pam Olson
Communion Assistants—Dawson and Dylan Van Fleet
Communion Prep—Pam Olson
Lector—Max Dodson
Greeters—Jon, Megan, and Drew Nelson
Readers—Norm Alpers, Jason Parker, and Greg Wallendal
Ushers—Steve Christensen and Rich Olmstead

INTRODUCTION

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this Holy Week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ACCLAMATION

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

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PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter.

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

BLESSING OF PALMS

P: 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. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ACCLAMATION

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PRELUDE

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor—ELW 344 (Please remain standing.)


Refrain




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
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.



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Everlasting God,

C: in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 am)

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now—ELW 345:1,2



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpinus, 1570–1615
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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD: Luke 22:14-23:53

Introduction given by Pastor

HYMNS

Eat This Bread—ELW 472 (sung twice)



"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

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Go to Dark Gethsemane—ELW 347:1



Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901
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Stay Here—WOV 667 (*sung twice*)

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour ___ has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch ___ and pray.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour ___ has come.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch ___ and pray.' Both staves end with a double bar line and repeat dots. There are dashed lines above the first staff and below the second staff, indicating where the lyrics are placed relative to the notes.

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In the Hour of Trial—LBW106:1

In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;
nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.' The third staff contains the melody for the third line, with lyrics 'When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;'. The fourth staff contains the melody for the fourth line, with lyrics 'nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.' The notation includes various note values, rests, and a key signature change to D major (two sharps) for the second line.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843–1903
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Ah, Holy Jesus—ELW 349:1,2



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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Go to Dark Gethsemane—ELW 347: 2



2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;



oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!



Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Jesus, Remember Me—ELW 616 (*sung twice*)

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the song 'Jesus, Remember Me'. Each system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Were You There—ELW 353:1

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were You There—ELW 353:5

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Brief Silence

Readers: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

A: Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Sustain the weary with a word. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering *especially those we name silently in our hearts at this time.....* God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **and also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row.

Please rise.

OFFERTORY

Come to the Table of Mercy—ELW 481



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray... 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.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray... 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown—LBW 94:1,3,5



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way;



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
a mur - der - er they save, the prince of life they slay.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Yet cheer - ful he to suff" - ring goes, that he his foes from



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
thence might free. that he his foes from thence might free.

Text: Samuel Crossman

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ASSISTANT AVAILABILITY

Please contact Jean (jean@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org) with your availability for June, July, and August **no later than Monday, April 14.**

CAMPERSHIPS FOR LUTHERDALE

Campership applications are available for OSLC students attending Lutherdale Bible Camp in the summer of 2025. An awarded campership will cover a portion of the cost of attending one of Lutherdale's programs. Completed applications are due to the office by **Monday, April 14.**

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is proud and blessed to offer scholarships for students who will be enrolled in postsecondary education during the 2025-2026 school year. Applications are now available - visit www.oursaviorshbeloitwi.org/scholarships for all of the details. **The application deadline is April 27, 2025.** If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 608-362-0716.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us on **Saturday, April 19** for a Community Easter Egg Hunt for children, ages Pre-K thru 5th grade. Donuts, juice and milk will be served in the Commons at 10:30 am. Egg hunt begins at 11:00 am. Bring a bag or basket to gather your eggs. If the weather is not cooperating, we will have the egg hunt downstairs on the lower level of the church.

EASTER BREAKFAST

A church-wide continental breakfast will be served in the Commons on **Sunday, April 20 beginning at 7:30am.** Invite friends, fellowship together, and enjoy this Easter celebration. Please sign up to bring "easy to eat" breakfast items to share. We also need help serving and cleaning up, if you are available, please indicate on the sign up sheet.

PASSOVER SEDER

Join us on **Sunday, April 27, at 12:00 pm** for a special afternoon of celebration and reflection. We'll begin with a traditional Passover Seder complete with matzo ball soup. Following the Seder, we'll enjoy a screening of the animated film The Prince of Egypt. This is a family-friendly event, and all are welcome to join us. Sign up in the Commons. We look forward to celebrating with you!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Come together for a night of laughter and friendly competition! Trivia Night will be held **Saturday, May 3 at 6:30 pm**. Gather your team of 6-8 players, cost is \$10 per person. Added bonus: \$10 for 10 Mulligans may be purchased for answers that you don't know. Sign up your team on the bulletin board in the Commons. BBQ, hot dogs, chips, and snacks will be provided. All proceeds support our Youth Ministry!

SALAD LUNCHEON

WELCA invites you to a salad luncheon on **Wednesday, May 7 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. A wide variety of salads, featuring hot chicken salad, cinnamon rolls and a variety of bars for dessert will be served.. Coffee and lemonade will be served. Fresh cinnamon rolls will also be available for purchase. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Sunday morning services (8:30 am and 10:30 am) are livestreamed and available on our YouTube channel. For your convenience, links and bulletins are posted on our webpage - visit oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday	April 12	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday	April 13	8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Worship Coffee Hour Youth Connect Worship Kids Connect Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	April 14	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Sewing Bee Naomi Circle
Tuesday	April 15	9:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00 pm	Newsletter Deadline Staff Meeting Pastors Text Study Elizabeth Circle Boy Scouts
Wednesday	April 16	9:00am 9:00am 5:00pm	Men's Group Shalom Circle Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Thursday	April 17	6:00pm 7:00pm	OA Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	April 18	12:00pm 7:00pm	Good Friday Worship Good Friday Worship
Saturday	April 19	10:30am	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday	April 20	6:30am 7:30am 8:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Easter Worship Easter Breakfast Easter Worship Easter Worship Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	April 21		<i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	April 22	10:00am 6:00pm	<i>Office Closed</i> Second Harvest Boy Scouts

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

STAY CONNECTED

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SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
- Luke 24:1-12

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 13 | PALM SUNDAY
8:30 & 10:30 am Services

APRIL 17 | MAUNDAY THURSDAY
7:00 pm Service

APRIL 18 | GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 & 7:00 pm Services

APRIL 20 | EASTER SUNDAY
6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 am Services

Join us as we celebrate the passion and resurrection of Christ Jesus.
Easter Sunday breakfast will be served from 7:30 - 10:30 am.
Bring a friend and enjoy!

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