

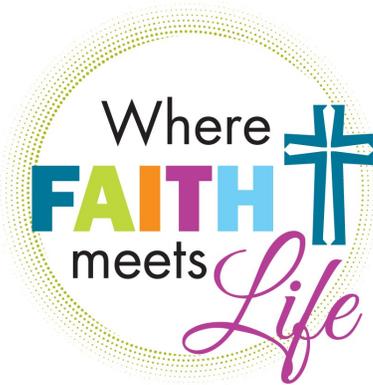
# Welcome to worship at **Augustana** Lutheran Church

**April 14, 2019 11:00 am**  
**Liturgical Season: Palm Sunday**

*What does this mean?*

Remember in our first month in the season after Pentecost, Pentecost, marked as a time of the Holy Spirit's gift presence, is followed with spiritual growth for both individuals and communities. As we grow this

This day begins Holy Week with its highest highs and lowest lows. Today, the church celebrates Jesus and his triumphal welcome to the holy city of Jerusalem. Just five days later, the cheers will turn to jeers as he is crucified. We raise palm branches and hosannas like the crowds who welcomed him before. We also prepare our hearts as we walk with Jesus to his condemnation and death.



## Today's Theme: Fulfillment

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem shows that he is a king worthy to be praised and a fiery prophet worthy of respect. He fulfills God's promises to the people. However, not everyone is ready to accept the new thing God does in Jesus. In his confrontations with authorities, Jesus prepares to fulfill his ultimate role as Savior.

**Opening Song**

*Hosanna*

Paul Baloche,  
Brenton Brown

**Announcements**

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### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

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**Palm Sunday Processional**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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. 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. **Amen.**

## Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-17

*Jesus used memorable stories to convey a message of who God is and how we are called to live and show up every day. As you listen to the text and sermon today, be mindful of what Jesus is teaching. Will this story change your thoughts and actions this week?*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?" He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

### Praise Music

*Trading My Sorrows*

Darrell Evans

*The Wonderful Cross*

Isaac Watts

C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, D.W. Walt

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### WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

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### Lesson

Matthew 21: 33-46

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### *Sermon Questions*

*How would you describe your roles and responsibilities as a faithful worker in God's world?*

*How does this parable change when you imagine yourself in the many characters?*

*As we enter Holy Week, where do you most need to be called to honesty and repentance?*

**Sermon**

In The Lord's Vineyard

Pastor Megan Torgerson

**Anthem**

*East to West*

arr. Casting Crowns

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

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#### RESPONSE AND MEAL

We respond to the Word, and God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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#### **The Prayers**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

#### **Words of Institution**

*We welcome you to Holy Communion. We extend the hand of Christian fellowship and invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior to participate as His guest at His table. Communion will be by intinction, meaning that we will hand you a wafer and ask that you dip it into the wine. We have non-wheat wafers available; simply notify the pastor when you come forward. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please indicate your participation in Communion on the Connection Card in the bulletin. If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and a pastor will come to you.*

#### **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.**

## Communion Distribution/Offering

*Amazing Love*

Graham Kendrick

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### SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

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### Benediction

Worship Leader:

May the grace of our Lord be with you,  
Now and always may you stay blameless 'til he comes.

**Congregation:**

**May the love of our Lord be with you,  
Now and always may you stay blameless 'til he comes.**

### Closing Hymn

*Were You There*

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### SERVING TODAY

Pastor Mark Aune  
Pastor Megan Torgerson  
Pastoral Intern Eric Nelson  
Music Director: Lisa Griffin  
Band Members: Ryan Engelhardt, Jay Matuzak, Erik Saxton, Dave Hofgren  
Media Team: Wayne Worth  
                  Matt Howard  
Acolyte: Blake Eckmann  
Lay Reader: Karen Ollie

Following worship we invite you to stop at the Information Center. It is staffed with individuals eager to answer any questions you may have.

You are welcome to pick up our monthly newsletter, Augustana Life, at the Information Kiosk in the Narthex. It is also available online at [www.augustana.com](http://www.augustana.com), click on RESOURCES.

Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read Matthew 28:1-10.

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