

Welcome to worship at **Augustana** Lutheran Church



April 14, 2019 8:30 and 9:45 am
Liturgical Season: Palm Sunday

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.

Imagine the range of emotions the disciples felt from Palm Sunday to Easter. In the midst of the uncertainty, they trusted God even when they didn't understand the plan. Can you relate to the disciples? Have you had a similar experience, or a week that didn't go as you planned? How does your faith give you the courage to let God have control?

Prelude *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. Manz, Peeters

Announcements

Palm Sunday Fanfare *Praise and Thanks to God* arr. Carol A. Scheel
Alleluia Bells

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

Processional Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ELW #344
st. 1,3,4,5

The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, 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.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Anthem (8:30) *Sing, Children, Sing Hosanna!* Patti Drennan
Cherub Choir

(9:45) "The Ground" from the *Sunrise Mass* (sung in Latin) Ola Gjeilo
Senior Choir

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

Lesson

Matthew 21:33-46

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.

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

Sermon

In The Lord's Vineyard

Pastor Megan Torgerson

Hymn of the Day

There in God's Garden

ELW #342
st. 1,2,5,6

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?

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.

RESPONSE AND MEAL

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

Offering *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Osterland

Offertory Response *Let the Vineyards* ELW #184

The Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 152

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg. 153

Words of Institution

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.

Lamb of God ELW pg.154

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn *My Song Is Love Unknown* ELW #343
(alt. tune: Rhosymedre) st. 1,2,3,6

We receive Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion. We trust Jesus' promise that he is fully present as we eat and drink this gift of grace and love. Jesus is given to you; receive him in faith and hope.

Communion Prayer

Compassionate God, you have fed us with your bread of life. Sustain us as we journey with you to the cross: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our actions in obedience to your rule of mercy; and our prayer, the song of penitent hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

Marked with the cross of Christ, you are sent into the world in the name of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending

In holiness and humility, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Closing Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW #347
st. 1,2,3

Postlude

Vexilla Regis (The Royal Banners Forward Go)

arr. James Biery

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Like the disciples, we do not fully know God's plan, but we're invited to pray in all circumstances, knowing that God is united with us in the highest highs and lowest lows of our daily lives.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Mark Aune

Pastor Megan Torgerson

Pastoral Intern Eric Nelson

Kathy Andrews, Choir Director

Kristina Langlois, Organist

Sarah Youngner, Bell Choir Director

ASL Interpreter: Lisa Pederson

Lay Readers: 8:30 Scott Deyo

9:45 David Ocar

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 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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