

palm

SUNDAY



In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

For music, the words will be sung by the cantor and musicians **while the congregation hums.**

Instructions for in-person worship.

-) Keep your mask on at all times.*
-) Hum but do not sing the hymns.*
-) Please keep a social distance of at least six feet from persons not in your same household.*
-) Enjoy the presence of one another. As we “speak the peace,” wave, smile, make the sign of the Cross. Please do not embrace, hug, kiss, or elbow-bump anyone but for immediate family members you are seated with.*
-) In using the restrooms, follow the capacity guidance posted outside the restroom doors. Practice safe hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water before leaving a restroom, and disinfecting your hands using a no-touch disinfectant dispenser located outside the restrooms.*
-) Please do not attend worship if are currently sick with any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, nausea, or diarrhea.*
-) Please do not attend worship if you had close personal contact with anyone who has been diagnosed or is awaiting test results for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.*
-) Notify the Church Office if you receive a positive COVID-19 test result within 7 days of attending a worship service. Your name will be kept anonymous unless required for reporting to the Department of Health.*

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 28, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Hosanna

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.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you heal the world and give us true life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Processional Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 11:1-11 • The Message

When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany on Mount Olives, [Jesus] sent off two of the disciples with instructions: “Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you’ll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘The Master needs him, and will return him right away.’”

They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. Some of those standing there said, “What are you doing untying that colt?” The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, and the people let them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and he mounted.

The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. Running ahead and following after, they were calling out,

Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in God’s name!
Blessed the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in highest heaven!

He entered Jerusalem, then entered the Temple. He looked around, taking it all in. But by now it was late, so he went back to Bethany with the Twelve.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David!

Processional Hymn • “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 344

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.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise • "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 45:18-25 • The Message

GOD, Creator of the heavens—
he is, remember, *God*.
Maker of earth—
he put it on its foundations, built it from scratch.
He didn't go to all that trouble
to just leave it empty, nothing in it.
He made it to be lived in.

This GOD says:

“I am GOD,
the one and only.
I don't just talk to myself
or mumble under my breath.
I never told Jacob,
'Seek me in emptiness, in dark nothingness.'
I am GOD. I work out in the open,
saying what's right, setting things right.
So gather around, come on in,
all you refugees and castoffs.
They don't seem to know much, do they—
those who carry around their no-god blocks of wood,
praying for help to a dead stick?
So tell me what you think. Look at the evidence.
Put your heads together. Make your case.
Who told you, and a long time ago, what's going on here?
Who made sense of things for you?
Wasn't I the one? GOD?
It had to be me. I'm the only God there is—
The only God who does things right
and knows how to help.
So turn to me and be helped—saved!—
everyone, whoever and wherever you are.

I am GOD,
the only God there is, the one and only.
I promise in my own name:
Every word out of my mouth does what it says.
I never take back what I say.
Everyone is going to end up kneeling before me.
Everyone is going to end up saying of me,
‘Yes! Salvation and strength are in GOD!’”
All who have raged against him
will be brought before him,
disgraced by their unbelief.
And all who are connected with Israel
will have a robust, praising, good life in GOD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A reading from the Psalms.

Psalm 118 • The Message

Thank GOD because he's good,
because his love never quits.
Tell the world, Israel,
"His love never quits."
And you, clan of Aaron, tell the world,
"His love never quits."
And you who fear GOD, join in,
"His love never quits."

Pushed to the wall, I called to GOD;
from the wide open spaces, he answered.
GOD's now at my side and I'm not afraid;
who would dare lay a hand on me?
GOD's my strong champion;
I flick off my enemies like flies.
Far better to take refuge in GOD
than trust in people;
Far better to take refuge in GOD
than trust in celebrities.
Hemmed in by barbarians,
in GOD's name I rubbed their faces in the dirt;
Hemmed in and with no way out,
in GOD's name I rubbed their faces in the dirt;
Like swarming bees, like wild prairie fire, they hemmed me in;
in GOD's name I rubbed their faces in the dirt.
I was right on the cliff-edge, ready to fall,
when GOD grabbed and held me.
GOD's my strength, he's also my song,
and now he's my salvation.
Hear the shouts, hear the triumph songs
in the camp of the saved?
"The hand of GOD has turned the tide!
The hand of GOD is raised in victory!
The hand of GOD has turned the tide!"

I didn't die. I *lived!*

And now I'm telling the world what GOD did.
GOD tested me, he pushed me hard,
but he didn't hand me over to Death.
Swing wide the city gates—the *righteous* gates!
I'll walk right through and thank GOD!
This Temple Gate belongs to GOD,
so the victors can enter and praise.

Thank you for responding to me;
you've truly become my salvation!
The stone the masons discarded as flawed
is now the capstone!
This is GOD's work.
We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!
This is the very day GOD acted—
let's celebrate and be festive!
Salvation now, GOD. Salvation now!
Oh yes, GOD—a free and full life!

Blessed are you who enter in GOD's name—
from GOD's house we bless you!
GOD is God,
he has bathed us in light.
Adorn the shrine with garlands,
hang colored banners above the altar!
You're my God, and I thank you.
O my God, I lift high your praise.
Thank GOD—he's so good.
His love never quits!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“...so, is this a parade, a parody, or a protest?...”
Pastor Kim Latterell.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Philippians 2:5-11 • The Message

Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human!* Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day • "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Prayers of the Church

God of judgment and justice, forgive our nation its love of guns. Forgive us our fetish with violence. Forgive us our indifference to the tens of thousands who die by gunfire each year. Forgive us for accepting our status as a nation of many, many mass shootings. Forgive us for doing nothing but offering empty thoughts and hollow prayers for those who die too soon, too senselessly.

O Lord, grant forgiveness that works needed change within us.

God of every nation, forgive us as a people who do not love people of color—black, brown, Native American, Asian, East Indian, Mid-Eastern. Forgive us our deep-seated, long-historied hatreds and prejudices and our ever new, ever present acts of violence and oppression against them. Forgive us our love of all things white.

O Lord, grant forgiveness that works needed change within us.

Lord of the church, forgive us for our continual willingness to talk, to study, to discuss, to write, to review matters of social justice, social engagement—without a willingness to act. Forgive us our judgement, our condemnation of those who are brave enough to speak up, act up, stand up, hold close those who are put down and pushed away.

O Lord, grant forgiveness that works needed change within us.

God of all creation, forgive us our unwillingness to see that you have created one human race, one people with more in common than what differs. Forgive us our blindness to all those whom Jesus has loved who differ from us. Forgive us for leaning back on laws and rules made to keep people down and away and in places we deem acceptable to us but not to them.

O Lord, grant forgiveness that works needed change within us to truly begin to love our neighbors in word and deed.

Eternal God, forgive us our delusion, our false belief that we can truly love you whom we cannot see while failing to love our neighbors and families whom we see every day. Forgive us for such willingness, such sinfulness of putting our 'self' above and apart from others. Forgive us for trying to love you while hating, despising, ignoring, neglecting, oppressing all those whom you also love.

O Lord, grant forgiveness that works needed change within us, making our hearts truly new, and all lives truly blessed and abundant.

God of law and order and peace and justice, forgive us for putting party over progress. For supporting politicians and lawmakers who make a mockery of justice, who push back on common sense, who put political survival over sound policy. Who put their own good over the common good. Forgive us for keeping them in office, returning them to office, supporting them in offices they simply do not deserve.

Or perhaps Lord, simply hold us all accountable to your judgment. For a time, withhold your tender mercy. Set aside your deep and wide forgiveness. Suspend your grace until we take to heart your call, not to admire Jesus but to truly follow him wherever, however, whenever, and to whomever he leads. Until truth wins out over expediency. And love wins out over indifference. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

You can mail an offering to:

Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 - 122nd Ave E
Edgewood WA 98372

Ways that you can give electronically:

TEXT

-)] Text “Give” to 253-292-9599.
-)] You will be sent a message to (a) text your giving amount and/or (b) set up recurring giving.

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

-)] Visit www.mtviewlutheran.org.
-)] Hover over the “GIVE” dropbox.
-)] Choose “Make a Donation via Bank Account” or “Make a Donation via Credit/Debit Card.”
-)] Fill out all information on the page and then click the blue “GIVE” button.
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Offertory

Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.**

**Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Holy Week Approaches

On Palm Sunday, during Holy Communion, we make a subtle shift into Holy Week. By removing the joyous tones of this meal—“Great Thanksgiving,” “Preface,” “Sanctus/Holy Holy Holy,” and “Agnus Dei/Lamb of God”—we leave this gathering in anticipation of that which will unfold in the coming days. Even as we know the story, Palm Sunday invites us to wait and watch with those first-century disciples wondering how this triumphal entry will bring about the Kingdom of God.

There is something very important about taking time to investigate what lies over the horizon. Just out of sight is the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. His last supper, betrayal, trial, suffering, and death are all critical events that we anticipate in the life of the church. In these events, Jesus makes human existence the location for experiencing the Gospel, even when that existence is painful. If you have not attended Holy Week services recently, come this year and dwell in these significant moments of life, remembering that there is no Easter without Good Friday.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

**your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.
Come to this meal and be fed.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Song • “Now Behold the Lamb”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 341



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be-



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Deacon Sending

Deacons are called to “make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example.”

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized, and often lonely as well.

Deacons for the week are named.

Gracious God,

**whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,
bless those who go forth
to share your word and sacrament
with our sisters and brothers who are sick and homebound.**

**In your love and care, nourish and strengthen
those to whom we bring this communion
in the body and blood of your Son,
that all may feast upon your abundant love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Blessing

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 347



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

Sending

Go in peace to enter Holy Week.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Attendance

Please register your worship attendance online at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance

Please submit prayer requests online at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/prayerrequest

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8:15 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.

- J HEAD USHER: Mark Williams / Bill Hansen.
- J USHERS: Janice Harrison, Betsy Tunstall / Ken Edmonds, Bob Yost.
- J GREETERS: Julie Williams / Mark Cantrell, Barb Edmonds.
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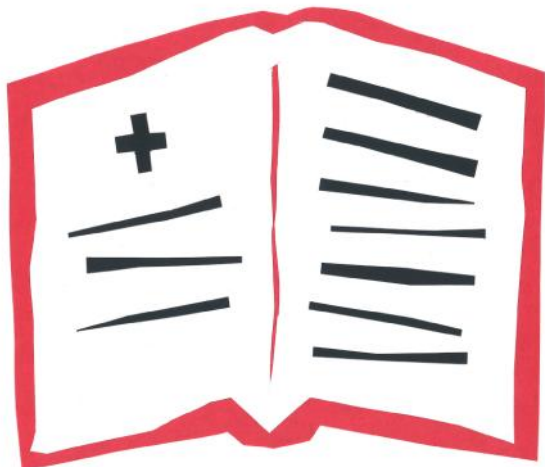


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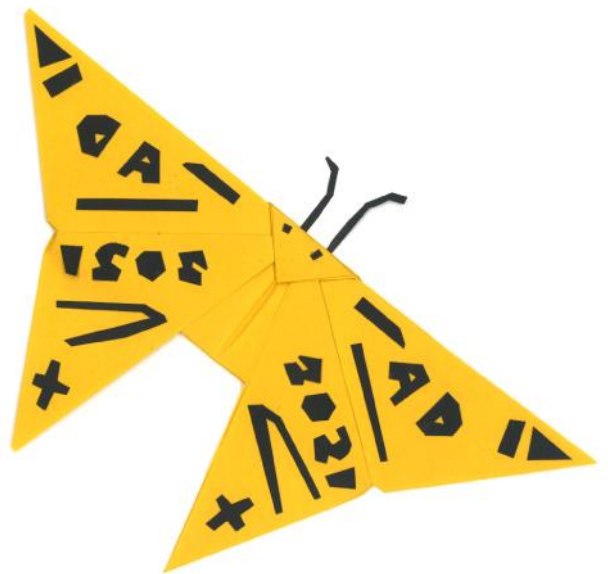


EASTER Vigil



Easter

SUNDAY



HOLY WEEK AT MVLC

MAUNDY THURSDAY • 4/1

7:00 p.m. • in-person + livestream **Maundy Thursday worship service**

Rock Ministry **Maundy Thursday Oil Anointing Ritual** sheet
<https://mtviewlutheran.org/rockministry-maundythursday.pdf>

GOOD FRIDAY • 4/2

7:00 p.m. • in-person + livestream **Good Friday worship service**

Rock Ministry **Good Friday Reflection** sheet
<https://mtviewlutheran.org/rockministry-goodfriday.pdf>

EASTER VIGIL • 4/3

7:00 a.m. • Rock Ministry **family-friendly Easter Vigil Hike**

7:00 p.m. • in-person + livestream **Easter Vigil worship service**

Rock Ministry **Easter Vigil Bedtime Ritual** sheet
<https://mtviewlutheran.org/rockministry-eastervigil.pdf>

EASTER SUNDAY • 4/4

8:15 a.m. • in-person **Easter Sunday worship service**

10:45 a.m. • in-person and livestream **Easter Sunday worship service**

Flowering Cross in the Chapel/Sanctuary lawn

*You **must** register in advance to attend in-person worship services.*

Check the MVLC E-news and www.mtviewlutheran.org for more info.



Serve, Praise, Act, Receive, Know Creatively worshipping God together

A small team of parents gathered to dream about what 'family worship' might look like. When we worship with our children and youth, we want them to:

- J **SERVE**—learn about loving their neighbor by practicing that love.
- J **PRAISE** God with their whole bodies and with bold voices.
- J **ACT**—to be on the move, learning to love God through going, seeing, and doing.
- J **RECEIVE** God's Spirit and God's love.
- J **KNOW**—know each other's stories, know God's story, & love spending time together.

So we've designed a 'worship laboratory' series... trying to embody all these things in worshipful experiences for our children and youth... and for ourselves too. Mark your calendars, reserve the dates, and **join in the SPARK!** Watch for more info on what will be coming for the summer as well.

Vigil Hike Worship, Saturday April 3rd at 7am

Easter Vigil is a time of waiting and trusting. In the Christian tradition, walking (pilgrimage) is a way Christians have long practiced waiting and watching for God's presence. So join in on Vigil Saturday for a family-friendly hike. Reconnect with each other. And wait and prepare for the new life of Easter day. Meet at Snoquera Falls, off Hwy 410, in the parking lot. RSVP to Pastor Bri bmerkle@mtviewlutheran.org so we know to expect you!

Paint, Praise and Pray Worship, Sunday May 2nd 1pm

Art is a wonderful way to praise and pray to God. We'll provide all the supplies. This is suitable for children, youth and adults. Stay tuned for a location!

Pentecost Camp Fire Worship, Friday May 21st 6:15pm

What better time to gather around a fire to worship God than for Pentecost, the day when God sent the fire of the Spirit into the Church! Bring camp chairs or a blanket to sit on. TEASER: Sparklers may be involved!