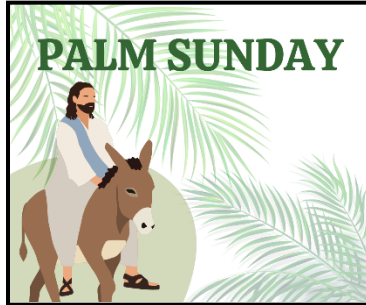


ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 24, 2024 9:45 AM
PALM SUNDAY

We proclaim and Practice Christ's Love



Everyone is asked to wave your palm branches every time we hear and say the word Hosanna and during the opening hymn.

GREETING

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace;

In the name of Christ. Amen.

SONG *Glory to the King* (*everyone join in as our Palm Sunday Procession leads the singing of this song*)

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40 *Please turn to the back during the reading of the Gospel.*

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,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna 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."

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. 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.**

SONG *Blessed Be Your Name*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

C: Hosanna!

L: Blessed is the coming reign of God.

C: Hosanna!

L: Blessed is Jesus, our messiah and savior.

C: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: **Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with**

their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Chay Charlene Martin

Daughter of Colby and Brittany Martin

Birthdate: July 28, 2021

Baptismal Sponsors: Augie and Stephanie Nguyen and Abby Servantez

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? *We do.*

As you bring Chay to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Chay grow in the Christian faith and life? *We do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Chay in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Chay and pray for her in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church:

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that she who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Chay Charlene, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Ava with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Chay Charlene, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Presentation of Candle: Chay, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission that we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

SONG *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Chorus: Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You...I want to see You. *Repeat*

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy *Chorus*

Holy holy holy...Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy...I want to see You. *Repeat*

READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

SERMON

SONG *Forever Reign*

You are good You are good When there's nothing good in me
You are love You are love On display for all to see
You are light You are light When the darkness closes in
You are hope You are hope You have covered all my sin

You are peace You are peace When my fear is crippling
You are true You are true Even in my wandering
You are joy You are joy You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life In You death has lost its sting

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more You are more Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God Of all else I'm letting go *Chorus*

(Bridge)

My heart will sing no other Name Jesus Jesus (REPEAT 4X)
Chorus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises,

we have ignored your prophets in our own day,

we have failed to recognize you in our midst,

we have failed to shout hosanna when you act.

**Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
give us eyes to see you,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In ☩ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, in light of your extravagant blessings, we offer our gifts, our talents, and ourselves, and know that you transform what we create into beautiful works of love. Amen.

PRAYERS

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

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.

A PRAYER AS WE ENTER HOLY WEEK

God, our blessed sovereign, we gathered this day with shouts of 'hosanna', knowing full well that we will soon be shouting 'crucify.' Remind us that,

come what may, you are still our God, and your love for us cannot be shaken, that we might go into this holy week with our eyes and ears open to what you would teach us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CARRYING OUR BRANCHES, WE BEAR JESUS TO THE WORLD

READING: John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SPECIAL MUSIC *Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord (the congregation is invited to join in if you know it)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: March 30th at 2 pm.

We Need Candy For The Easter Egg Hunt! If you would like to donate candy please leave it next to the welcome desk in the Narthex. Thank you!

Job Opportunity: Building and Maintenance Supervisor: If you are interested in this salaried, part time position, please send a resume to Jere Merrill at: jeremerrill@gmail.com

Easter Breakfast (Set-up 10 am Saturday)

7:45 to 9 am on Easter Sunday;

Egg bake, scrambled eggs, french toast, ham and all the fixins'!

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday: 8:30 & 9:45 AM Worship; Parade of Palms 9:15 am

Maundy Thursday: 11 am worship with Holy Communion; 6:30 pm presentation of Living
Supper with Holy Communion

Good Friday: 8 pm worship with special music from choir

Easter Sunday: 7 am sunrise service, 7:45- 9 am Breakfast, 9 am Festival Service with Holy
Communion

Next Week

Wednesday Meal:

No Dinner during Holy Week

Tuesday, March 26th: Do-Days 9 am

Wednesday, March 25th: Men's Breakfast 7am, , Choir 7 pm

Thursday, March 27th: Maundy Thursday Worship, 11 am and 6:30 pm

Friday, March 28th: Good Friday Worship, 8 pm