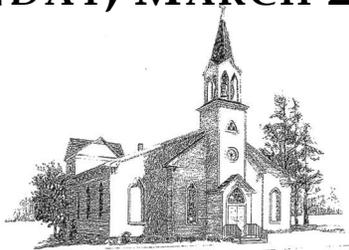


PALM SUNDAY
“PALMARUM”
CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026



SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Vertrau Auf Gott!
Trust in God!



WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

as we gather in person and virtually to
Worship in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Bold portions of the bulletin are read by congregation.
Our Mission

We affirm that:

God has planted us in fertile soil;
Unified us in the waters of baptism;
Nurtured us with Word and Sacraments;
And called us to harvest in bountiful faith.

Therefore, the mission of Saint Paul's Cordova is to:

Be led by the Spirit of Jesus;
Praise and worship the Trinity;
Grow our membership with faith and love;
And share our blessings with all God's people.

Holy Communion at Saint Paul's

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Welcome and Announcements

Hymn-*"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"*

1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear;
2. First let me hear how the chil - dren Stood 'round His knee,
3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low The chil - dren's band,

Things I would ask Him to tell me If He were here:
And I shall fan - cy His bless - ing Rest - ing on me;
Wav - ing a branch of the palm tree High in my hand;

Scenes by the way - side, Tales of the sea,
Words full of kind - ness, Deeds full of grace,
One of His her - als, Yes, I would sing

Sto - ries of Je - sus, Tell them to me.
All in the love - light Of Je - sus' face.
Loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

The musical score consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 6/8 time. It features three systems of music with lyrics. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The third system contains two lines of lyrics. The score concludes with a double bar line.

The Gathering-Invocation and Confession

Pastor In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The pastor prays a prayer asking for the Spirit of God to lead us in worship.

Pastor Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

The Pastor and People together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Kyrie Eleison-Lord have mercy

Pastor You came to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor You plead for us at the right hand of the Father: Lord, have mercy

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading of Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 **"This is the gate of the Lord; ***
he who is righteous may enter."

- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 **The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 **On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.
- 26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 **"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."**
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

A Children's Song *"Deep and Wide"*

A Reading of the Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11

Children and youth are invited forward for the Gospel reading with the Pastor, and are welcome to stay for the Children's Sermon – all are invited, no age limits!

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 fulfil 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.’

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A Children’s Sermon

The Blessing of the Palms

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor
It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Palm Procession

Pastor Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest!**

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1. You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One. *Refrain***

**2. The company of angels
is praising you on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. *Refrain***

**3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain***

**4. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain***

**5. As you received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King! *Refrain***

Pastor Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor
Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking

in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*After each petition, (Hear us, O God) the congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.***

The Peace

Pastor The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

A Children's Song "I've Got the Joy"

The Great Thanksgiving

First, the Pastor prays an offertory prayer.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor

God, our loving Father, we are glad to give you thanks and praise because you love us. With Jesus we sing your praise:

People **Blessed are you, O Lord!**

Pastor

Because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world. With Jesus we sing your praise:

People **Blessed are you, O Lord!**

Pastor

Because you love us, you sent Jesus your Son to bring us to you and to gather us around him as the children of one family. With Jesus we sing your praise:

People **Blessed are you, O Lord!**

Pastor

For such great love, we thank you with the angels and saints as they praise you and say:

People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

People

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.

Pastor

Help us, Father, to love one another as Jesus loves us and calls us to follow him, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul the Apostle, and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

The Pastor and People together

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **have mercy on us.**

Pastor Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **have mercy on us.**

Pastor Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **grant us peace.**

Pastor

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him to takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

People

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The Communion of the Faithful

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The Prayer after Communion

Pastor

May the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Pastor and People together

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we have who received the Sacrament of his Body and Blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Final Hymn-*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to His breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid - ding wait.
 and in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

The Dismissal

Pastor Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**

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Serving this Week

Ushers/Tellers: Donnie Davis and Keith Davis/Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

Lector, Communion Assistant, and Acolyte: Joshua Lewis

Serving Next Week

Ushers/Tellers: Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens

Lector: Joseph Comer Communion Assistant & Crucifer: Couper Barletta

Acolyte: Ella Barletta

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Our Lord's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem March 29th

Holy Eucharist

8:45am at St. Paul's/10:45am at Grace

Sunday School Easter Celebration and Luncheon Following Worship

Holy Monday Jesus Cleanses the Temple March 30th

Holy Eucharist 5:00pm at Grace

Holy Tuesday Jesus Curses the Fig Tree March 31st

Matins (Morning Prayer)/8:30am at St. Paul's

Holy Wednesday Judas Iscariot Plots with the Sanhedrin April 1st

Holy Eucharist 5:00pm at Grace

Maundy Thursday Jesus in the Upper Room April 2nd

Holy Eucharist/7:00pm at Grace

All-Night Vigil

Beginning at 10pm at Grace

Concluding with Matins (Morning Prayer) at 7:00am Friday

Good Friday Christ gives himself on the hard wood of the cross for our salvation April 3rd

The Seven Last Words of Christ Devotion/12:00 Noon at Grace

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday/2:15pm at Grace

The Evening Liturgy of Good Friday/7:00pm at St. Paul's

Holy Saturday This is the night! April 4th

The Great Vigil of Easter/7pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Salisbury

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord April 5th

Sunrise Service with the New Fire/6:00am at St. Paul's

The Festival Eucharist of Easter Day

8:45am at St. Paul's/10:45am at Grace

Vacation Bible School is Coming!

