

**Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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Worship –9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

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**Zechariah**

*“Rebuilding hope in a troubled world”*

**Sunday, March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday**  
“Expectations Meet Reality” - Psalm 24:1-10

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Zechariah 9:9–10)

- P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**  
P: Behold, your King comes to you—  
C: **Righteous and having salvation.**  
P: Speaking peace to the nations.  
C: **And ruling from sea to sea—**  
P: To the ends of the earth!  
C: **God’s kingdom comes—**  
P: To us!  
C: **Through Jesus Christ our Lord!**



**OPENING HYMN LSB 442** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (VS 1,3-4)

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the king of Israel  
And David’s royal Son,  
Now in the Lord’s name coming,  
Our King and Blessed One.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went,  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present.**

All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To You, before Your Passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P: Today is a day to rejoice and wave palm branches of praise!  
C: **“Rejoice, O people of Zion!” (Zech 9:9)**  
P: But inside, my heart and faith may feel anything but joy.  
C: **“Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!” (Zech 9:9)**  
P: Sinking deeper, sin has its hold. But this is not the end of your story!  
C: **“Look, your king is coming to you, he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey’s colt.” (Zech 9:9)**  
P: Sing to the King! Your King is here!  
C: **Hosanna! Save us!**  
P: Hosanna! Forgive us!  
C: **Hosanna to the King of kings!**  
P: Come near to me and hear my cries through Jesus:

*(You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that  
though our sin is great, Christ’s love is greater.)*

P: I have great news! God hears your cries and sends the Deliverer. The day of the Lord has come – on a cross, in a tomb, through a grave – the King steps from His heavenly throne into the fray of His creation. All for you! He loves you. He died for you. He rose for you. He forgives you. He restores you. The Kingdom is here in Jesus! Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.

C: **“Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord. (Zech 1:3) Amen.**

### HYMN LSB 442 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (VS 5)

All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev’ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King.

### COLLECT

- P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

✂ WORD ✂

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front 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, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN** "Sing to the King" (Joey Witham) – Video

**SERMON** "Expectations Meet Reality" - Psalm 24:1-10 Pastor Nathan

**CREED** The Apostle's *Creed*. (*Please rise.*)

**ALL:** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**  
**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**  
**The third day He rose again from the dead.**  
**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**  
**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**OFFERING** "Hosanna" (Worship Together) – Video

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**People: 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN LSB 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang,  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.**

**"Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!**

## SENDING

P: Go in peace as to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

