



Service Focus:

**Look Up: To See Your King**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church | Santa Barbara, California  
Palm Sunday | March 29, 2026



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## Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. It is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, our service proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children).

**Are you visiting with us today?** Thank you! We love meeting our neighbors and would be grateful for the opportunity to extend our thanks in a more formal way. **Please consider filling out one of the Welcome/Connect cards in the rack in front of you, or scan the QR code** to the right to help us know you better.

Connect Card



## For Your Convenience

- **The order of service** is printed in this folder. If a song is not printed in this service folder, it can be found in the blue hymnal in front of your seat. The pastor will speak the words in normal print. **The congregation is invited to speak those printed in bold.** Please participate as you are comfortable today.
- **Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall building to the left as you exit church.
- Please reserve the rows in the back of the church for families with small children.
- If you are in need of any other assistance, any one of our members will be happy to assist you.

## Participation & Children

Sometimes parents (and even churches) think that worship is not a place for children. At Our Redeemer, we're convinced that nothing could be further from the truth. We want children in church worshipping with their families and learning about Jesus' love for them. Why?

- Even from the earliest of ages, **children are models of faith** from which we can all learn (Luke 18:16,17). Similarly, they learn how to "do church" by watching mom & dad. Model worship for them.
- Our worship format not only encourages families to be together, but is ideally suited for active worship engagement and participation by all, including children, balancing new service elements each week with regular repetition for learning and memorization.
- The **sights and sounds of active children** during worship isn't bad at all – it's a reminder to the adults that the next generation of church leaders is already among us.

We realize that, especially at first, having children in church can be a challenge for parents. To help, we offer the following:

- If your child needs some individual attention to calm them down, an area in the fellowship hall, located just to the left as you exit church, is available. Worship can be watched and heard in this room.
- Other families are willing and ready to help. Let us know if we can offer a hand with your little ones.
- Activity sheets that kids can work on throughout the service are available on the stand in the back.

## Series Focus - "Look Up"

In the world's first week, God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. The pattern was set. In the world's greatest week, God redeemed the world in six days. And on the seventh day, the Son of God rested in the tomb, the Sabbath of all Sabbaths.

When you see the suffering of our Savior on your behalf this week, you may be tempted to look down, hanging your head in shame. You may be tempted to look around at everything disappointing in this world and shake your head. But God encourages you to look up. Your redemption is near!

<b>March 29</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>To See Your King</b>
April 2	Holy Thursday	To Get a Glimpse of Heaven
April 3	Good Friday	To Find the Source of Salvation

## Service Focus

You are going about your daily business. There is a crowd. You are easily distracted by all the activity. It's a holiday, and there are extra things to prepare. It is easy to focus on your personal task at hand and lose sight of the bigger picture.

Focus! Look up! There is a King who presents himself so humbly that you might miss the importance of his arrival. Hail the King who humbly comes to save us!

## Prayer before the Service

With waving palms, we welcome you, Lord. With shouts of "Hosanna!" we say, "You are here!" Be with us here this week as we remember your journey toward the cross. With sad hearts, we contemplate your death. But with confident hearts, we know that you are carrying out God's great plan of salvation. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Daniel Schroeder

Music Operator: Al Todd

Handbells: Debbie Aitkins, Emily Schroeder, Linka Schroeder, Pam Schueler, Al Todd, Susan Tschech

Audio/Visual Booth: Josh Schueler, Jim Everson

Usher: Lance Schroeder

Welcome Table: Sonja Todd

Flowers: Greg & Barb Grunewald

# Palm Sunday

*Hail the King who humbly comes to save us! For 1700 years the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival that opens Holy Week. The time for Christ's glory had come. He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Rather, he would humble himself in great acts of love for us, and then the Father would exalt him to the highest place, because he had fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.*

## The Service

### Welcome

### Invocation and Introduction to Palm Sunday

*Matthew 28:19*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

*Matthew 21:9*

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

*Hosanna means  
"Please save us!"*

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Lift up your head to join  
the chorus of praise for  
King Jesus.*

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "Say to Daughter Zion,  
'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.” (NIV)

Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted “Hosanna” and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**In the name of the Lord.**

## Processional Hymn

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor *Christian Worship 412 (st. 1-4)*

*This is one of the oldest hymns still widely sung today, dating back to around 820 AD. The text was written in Latin by Theodulph of Orleans, a bishop in the court of Charlemagne. According to tradition, Theodulph composed the hymn while imprisoned, possibly due to political conflict. Legend says that when Emperor Louis the Pious heard the hymn sung, he was so moved that he ordered Theodulph's release. The hymn became closely associated with Palm Sunday processions in the medieval church, where it was sung as worshipers reenacted Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*

*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,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high,
- 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews 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.  
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
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.

# The Word

Ruth 2:4

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*This prayer for Palm Sunday originates from a Christian service book from the 400s AD. This prayer comes from the same time period when Christians began celebrating this day with a procession of palm branches.*

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Children's Devotion

*The prophet Zechariah draws our attention to a Savior King who will rule with gentleness and bring peace.*

### First Reading

Zechariah 9:9,10

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth. (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Handbell Anthem

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*Arranged by Bill Ingram*

*Published by Choristers Guild*

## Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Every eye will see  
Jesus exalted.

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty  
*Christian Worship* 411

*Penned in 1827 by an Anglican clergyman, this English hymn portrays Jesus entering Jerusalem as a true King—majestic, yet humble—while pointing ahead to his suffering and death. Each stanza deepens the tension between glory and sacrifice, reminding worshipers that Christ's reign is revealed most clearly in his willingness to die for sinners and rise again in victory.*

## Sermon

Zechariah 9:9,10

**“Who Is Your King?”**

## My Christian Life - Who Is Your King? //

Jesus rode into Jerusalem as a spiritual king, and that's what I need him to be for me today. With thanks to my King, I want to ...

- Place a palm branch in a prominent place this week so I can revisit Palm Sunday when my King rode in on a rescue mission for me. He helps me with my most pressing concerns.
- Like the disciples and crowds, use my mouth/voice to praise Jesus for all the great works and miracles I've seen in my own life and family by singing or speaking hymns around the table.

- Silence the inner “Crucify Him.” When irritation, anger, or selfishness rises, I can stop and say: “That’s not my King’s voice.” I can Replace it with a Christ-centered response (patience, forgiveness).
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Stand*

*Martin Luther’s Small Catechism uses the Apostles’ Creed as a cornerstone for teaching Christian doctrine, breaking it into three articles to explain the roles of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Luther emphasized its simplicity for instructing families, making it a vital part of Lutheran worship and catechesis.*

## **Apostles’ Creed** *Credo*

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.**

*Be seated*

*In the Prayer of the Church, the congregation acts as Christ’s body on earth, lifting prayers for the world, the church, the suffering, and the dying, trusting that the Spirit intercedes for us.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Lord Jesus, you are the king of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one of us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God’s holy law in our place.

**Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**

Move us today, and every day, to honor you as the Son of David, the Savior promised to all the believers of the Old Testament. Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death and the devil.

**As the people of Palm Sunday honored you by placing their cloaks before you in the road, so move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.**

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth! Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good governments. Let peace prevail.

**Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection.  
Strengthen the faith of the dying.**

King of Glory, hear us as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world, and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

**Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.**

## Offering

The members of Our Redeemer have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. **If you are a guest with us this morning**, we are so happy you're here! Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. For those who wish to give a gift, you can place an offering in the **offering plate** located near the doors where you entered church today. A plate will be there as you depart today. You may also **scan the QR code** to the right with your smartphone's camera to be re-directed to a page where you can give an offering. While the members of Our Redeemer support this ministry with their gifts, we understand that you might want to learn more about us before you choose to do the same.

Offering



### Connect Card



We would greatly appreciate it, however, if you would fill out a **Welcome/Connect Card** (located in the rack in front of you) and place it in the offering plate following the service. You could also let us know you were here today by filling out a card online by **scanning the QR code** to the left.

*As a response of faith,  
the members of Our  
Redeemer present  
gifts of money to the  
Lord. God's work must  
be done. God's word  
of salvation, the word  
we have just heard,  
must be preached to all  
people everywhere. We  
pray that God use these  
gifts to accomplish such  
vital work!*

## Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway  
*Christian Worship 302 (st. 1-3)*

*This joyful hymn echoes John the Baptist's call to prepare the way for the coming King.  
Its author was a Lutheran pastor, professor, and later bishop in the Church of Sweden.  
He composed the hymn in 1812 in Swedish. With its lively Swedish tune, it invites us to ready  
our hearts in repentance and faith as we welcome Christ our Savior.*

## Lord's Prayer

**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,**

*The Lord's Prayer  
teaches us how to  
approach God "as dear  
children ask their dear  
Father"—boldly, with  
trust that he delights in  
hearing and answering  
us.*

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Closing Litany

People of God, wave your palm branches high and praise your coming King.  
**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the King!**

People of God, your coming King is Jesus, the Blessed One of Israel.  
**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the King!**

People of God, lift up the name of Jesus, who will fulfill the prophets' words by dying on the cross.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the King!**

People of God, shout aloud to Jesus, who has the power to save.  
**Hosanna to the Savior! Hosanna to the King!**

*Receive the same  
blessing that God gave  
to the ancient Israelites  
(see Numbers 6:24-26).*

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
*Christian Worship 413*

*Composed in 1873, this hymn was written by Jeannette Threlfall, an English poet and devout Christian known for her warm, accessible devotional writing. Threlfall was maimed by two accidents, leaving her a lifelong invalid in frequent pain, yet her hymns are marked by joy, simplicity, and a deep love for Christ. "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" is a joyful Palm Sunday hymn that highlights the praises of children who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem as their King.*

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## Attendance

Sunday Worship (March 22) - 64

Midweek Lent Worship (March 25) - 23

Starting Point/Christianity 101 Total During Week - 6

## Our Redeemer News

### Upcoming Bible Study at Our Redeemer

Sunday, March 29, 11:00am - "How Often Should We Offer the Lord's Supper?"

### Easter Brunch and Memory Garden Signups

Easter is coming next Sunday, April 5! After our Easter worship service, we will gather for a joyful Easter Brunch, and you are invited to help make it a wonderful celebration for everyone. A signup sheet is available for those who would like to bring items to share. ... There is also an opportunity to place flowers in our "Easter Memory Garden," remembering loved ones now in heaven and rejoicing in the promise that, because of Jesus' resurrection, we will see them again. If you would like a name included in the Easter bulletin, please add it to the Easter Memory Garden signup sheet. Flowers for Easter Sunday are to be brought to church on or before Saturday morning, April 4.



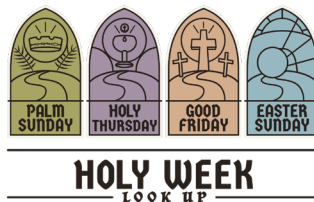
### Managing God's Gifts to Us

Could a prophecy made about 25 centuries ago about an event about 20 centuries ago change our lives? Absolutely. As the prophet here sees Jesus coming so humbly to save us, we learn what grace and our lives under God's grace are all about. We're not here to do whatever we want. Humble faith leads to humble willingness to do whatever God wants. To help be kept informed of finances to carry out our ministry plans at Our Redeemer, here is the recent offerings report.

	Last Week	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Actual Offerings	\$5,955	\$20,305	\$44,670
Budgeted Offerings	\$3,124	\$12,496	\$36,884
Difference	\$2,831	\$7,809	\$7,786

### This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday	March 29	9:30am	Sunday Worship (Palm Sunday)
		11:00am	Sunday Bible Hour
Monday	March 30	7:00pm	Handbells' Practice
Wednesday	April 1	9:00am	Starting Point/Christianity 101 (Individual Class)
Thursday	April 2	7:00pm	Holy Thursday Worship (Lord's Supper)
Friday	April 3	7:00pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness)
Sunday	April 5	9:30am	Easter Festival Service (Lord's Supper)
		11:00am	Easter Brunch



# About Us

## Our Mission

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been serving the Santa Barbara community since 1968. As people who have been redeemed through faith in Jesus Christ, our mission is to: **Grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; **Encourage** one another; and **Proclaim** what we have seen and heard.



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## Our Ministry

Sunday Worship: 9:30am  
Sunday Online Broadcast available at our YouTube channel  
Bible Studies: Sundays at 11:00am  
Starting Point/Christianity 101 classes: Thursdays at 6:30pm

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## Our Church Body

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are united in faith and teaching with the other 1,200 plus churches of our Wisconsin Synod and 33 other church bodies around the world of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC).



Let us know you were here!

