

## OPENING HYMN

*“Gather Us In” ELW #532(vs. 1 & 4)*

Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## PSALM READING: Psalm 118

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**ALL: Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**ALL: The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the LORD has made;

**ALL: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

**ALL: From the house of the LORD we bless you**

The LORD is God and he has made his light shine upon us.

**ALL: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**ALL: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

## SECOND READING: *Philippians 2: 5-11*

## GOSPEL: *Mark 11: 1-11*

## MESSAGE

## SERMON HYMN *“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

*ELW #264 (vs. 1 & 2)*

Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:

### *Refrain*

Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!

God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

We are a Christ-centered community of believers called to  
**Love God, love people, and serve the world.**

Go in Peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**



**Peace Lutheran Church**  
**March 28, 2021**  
**8:00 am**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Broadcast on 95.9 FM**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hosanna, in the Highest!

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Save us Lord! We need help!

**Come Savior, teach us the ways of Peace.**

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

**Peace in heaven and glory in highest Heaven.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let all who are burdened confess those burdens to God who is loving and merciful,

**God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is looking but forget we need saving moments later. We declare you as king this day and yet too often we live our lives serving other kings. Forgive us for our hearts that are not aligned with yours.**

God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us all know and proclaim that God's steadfast love endures forever. And because of this, we know the truth: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Amen.**