PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 23, 2024 – 5:30pm Sunday, March 24, 2024 – 8:00am and 10:45am



As We Gather – Messianic Order of Service

This weekend we celebrate the ministry of Apple of His Eye Mission Society. We urge you to prayerfully support this Mission Society leading the effort in bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel. AOHE is a RSO (Recognized Service Organization) of the LCMS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION

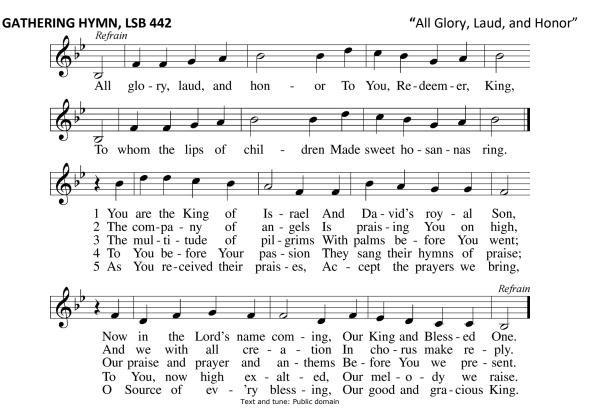
P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 12:12-16, The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." ¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.



THE SHEMAH (please rise)

- **I** Shemah Y'srael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad.
- Hear O Israel, the Lord our God the Lord is One.
- Baruch Shem K'vod Malchuto L'olam V'ed. Veahafta et adonai elohecha u'vkol l'vavecha, u'vkol nafshecha, u'vchol meodecha
- Blessed be His name, whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever. And you shall love the Lord Your God with all your heart and all your mind and all your soul.
- L Veahafta lereicha k'mocha
- And you shall love your neighbors as yourselves.
- L On these two commandments pivot all the law and the prophets.

AVINU MALKEINU (Our Father, Our King)

Avinu Malkeinu, avinu malkeinu, avinu malkeinu haneinu v'aneinu, ki ayn banu ma-asim. Asey imanu tzedakah v'chesed, Asey imanu tzedakah v'chesed v'hosheinu. (Our father, our King, have mercy upon us, for we have no merit in ourselves to save ourselves.)

CONFESSION

Eternal God who calls us to repentance, we are grateful for the opportunity to answer Your call, to forsake our sins, and to turn to You with all our hearts. Yet we know that repentance is sometimes difficult. We know that there have been times when we have resolved to mend our ways and did not succeed. Even our admission that we have done wrong does not come easily: our pride is as tall as the mountains, our vanity is as wide as the sea; and excuses abound. But before you there are no secrets. To You all stands revealed. Our pettiness and our greed, our selfishness and our weakness, our running to do evil and our limping to do good - all these are known to You. On this day, we yearn to become better than we have been, not because of our merit, but because of your grace which is more than sufficient for us. For You, O Lord, have given us this great gift of redemption through Y'shua, our Messiah. Open our hearts to the call of this day, may our prayers remain with us and renew us through your Spirit. Create in us clean hearts O God through our Messiah.

ABSOLUTION

- P Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

BLESSING BEFORE THE SCRIPTURE READING

- E Barkhu et Adonai ham'vorakh. Baruch Adonai ham'vorakh L'Olam va'ed. Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher bakarbanu mikol hamin, v'natanlanu et torahto. Baruch attah Adonai, notain ha-torah.
- Bless the LORD, the blessed One. Blessed be the LORD the blessed One forever and ever. Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the Universe, who chose us from all nations and gave us His Scriptures. Blessed are You, O LORD, Giver of the Scriptures.

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Exodus 12:1-13

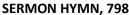
The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. 7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD'S Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MYSTERY BOX MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Gehrke





"The God of Abraham Praise"



MISSION MESSAGE, "Christ IS the Passover"

Steve Cohen, Founder of Apple of His Eye Mission Society

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was

buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Donations to Apple of His Eye may be put in the offering today or mailed in the envelope provided in the Tidings. Please include your email address for the free book.

This is a time that we, as a church family return a portion of the financial blessings God has given us. If you are our guests today, please do not feel obligated to participate. We have many ways to give your tithe or offering. You may place your offering in the plate when it is passed, mail it to the church, text to give by texting 84321 with any dollar amount (be sure to select "South Shore"), give online at sstwbl.org/give, or use the Church Center App from your smartphone (available for both Android and iOS). Disciples of Jesus at SST, please fill out an ivory SST Registration card and place in the offering plate.

Guests: If you would like more information regarding South Shore Trinity, please fill out a blue Guest Registration card before and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher before leaving.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. Fix our faith upon His death for our salvation, enrich the proclamation of the Gospel, and enliven our hearts to live out this faith until Christ comes again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord of hosts, Your Son came to deliver His people from all evil. Take away the fear of all who suffer in this world especially _______. As they await the fullness of their salvation, fix their eyes upon their crucified Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Eternal Lord, as Your Son once entered humbly into Jerusalem to cries of "hosanna," so send Him to us according to His promise in the Holy Sacrament, that we may eat His body and drink His blood in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you share the fellowship of faith as confessed by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table.

For those communing, examine yourself with these questions: Do I believe I am a sinner and am sorry for my sins? Do I believe Christ's body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins? Do I earnestly intend with the help of God to amend my sinful life?

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

LSB 628 "Your Table I Approach" LSB 727 "On Eagles Wings"

GROWING IN THE WORD

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! – John 12:13



BENEDICTION

- P 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.

C Amen.

AARONIC BENEDICTION IN HEBREW

SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR



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