

# Sixth Sunday of Lent

April 13, 2025



## Worship Participants

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## Psalm 118:26-29

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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## God Gathers Us

Welcome

Call to Worship

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Hosanna!

**Hosanna!**

Hosanna in the highest!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Hosanna!

**Hosanna!**

Hosanna in the highest!

Lo, your king comes to you; Hosanna!

**Hosanna!**

Hosanna in the highest!

Triumphant and victorious is he, Hosanna!

**Hosanna!**

Hosanna in the highest!

Humble and riding on a donkey is he. Hosanna!

**Hosanna!**

Hosanna in the highest!

Riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Hosanna!

**Hosanna!**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

\*Song: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LUYH 145

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "The King of Glory Comes"

*Refrain: The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.*

*Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

*1. Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?*

*He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. (to refrain)*

*2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,*

*he goes among his people curing their illness. (to refrain)*

*3. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;*

*he took upon himself the sin of the nations. (to refrain)*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Dying he destroyed our death.

Rising he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

*We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there.*

*Gluten-free bread is available on the table.*

Communion Songs: "What Grace Is This"

LUYH 163:1,5,6

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LUYH 148

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## God Sends Us Out to Serve

\*Benediction

May the God of love, who showed us love,  
strengthen us in our love for others.

May Christ, who shared his life,  
grant us grace that we might share ours.

And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us  
empower us to be Christ's ambassadors  
wherever we go and to whomever we meet.

**Amen.**

\*Closing Song: "Oh, to See the Dawn"

LUYH 177:1,4

## God Speaks to Us

Children In Worship Dismissal: “Speak, O Lord” LUYH 755:1

*Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children and can gather in the fellowship hall with the helpers. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-44 p.1631

Message: “Jesus Weeps Tears Into a Stream” Pastor Joel Kok

\*Song of Response: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” LUYH 149:1,3,4

## God Meets Us at the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God,  
you have gathered grapes from many hills and grain from many fields,

**and so we come to the table of plenty.**

You have offered to quench our thirst and to fill our hunger,

**and so we come to the table of plenty.**

You want to nourish us with the blood and body of Jesus,

**and so we come to the table of plenty.**

You will provide all that we need.

**here at the table of plenty.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Song: “Trisagion”

**Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

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The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

## God Renews Us

Prayer of Confession

We have shown ourselves to be fools, O Teacher.

Celebrating the Robin Hood come to challenge the prince,  
we failed to recognize the outcast Sovereign before us.

Cheering the jester’s parade in all its mockery of power,  
we ignored its earnest portrayal of the realm of God.

Triumphantly paving life’s way with our coats & palms & shouts,  
we excused ourselves from tomorrow’s work against death.

Look how we have shown ourselves to be fools, O Teacher!

Now tell us again the tale of the colt, and say:

“The Lord does not need you to be the strongest.”

Tell us again the parable of the colt’s owners, and say:

“The Lord does not need your gift to be the greatest.”

Tell us again the prophecy of the stones, and say:

“The Lord does not need you to be the loudest.”

Teach us to be foolish in the ways of the world, O Teacher:

to trust in love and goodness—not might and success,

to serve the imprisoned—not the powerful,

to enter with joy—not rejection.

Blessed be the foolish who come in the name of the Lord!

Prayer written by Rachel Hackenberg

Song of Confession: “O Christ, the Lamb of God” LUYH 630

Words of Assurance: I Timothy 1:15; I Peter 2:24 p.1846; 1889

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds we have been healed.

Song of Thanksgiving: “What Grace Is This” LUYH 163:1,2,4  
*Soloist sings st.1; all join to sing st.2 & 4*

Invitation to Giving

*Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.*

Prayers for the Church and World