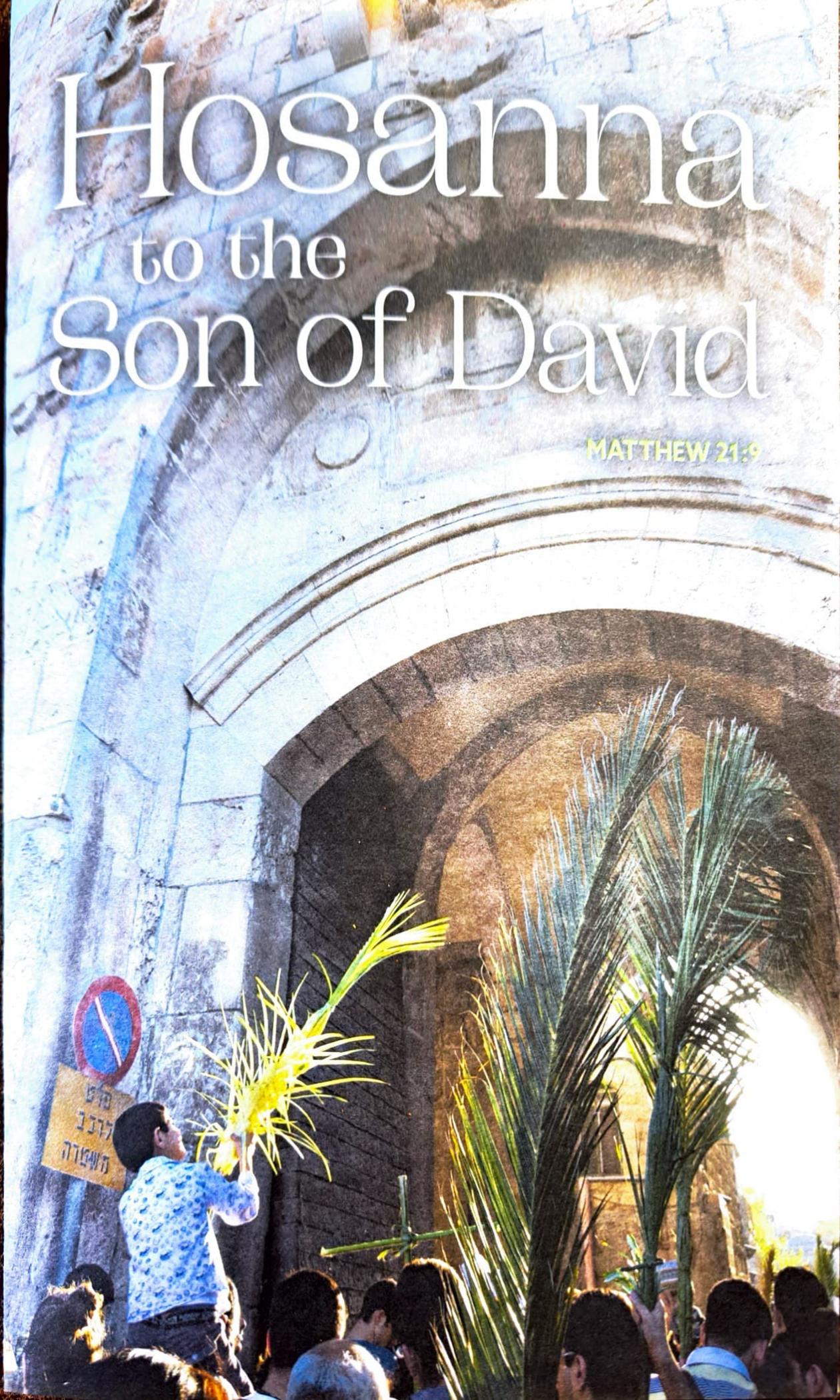


Hosanna to the Son of David

MATTHEW 21:9



Hope Lutheran Church

March 29, 2026

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Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

The Sunday of the Passion or Palm Sunday as it is usually called commences on a high note of joy and anticipation just as the Sunday before Passover began on the final week of Jesus' life. Our worship today begins with a Procession with palm branches held high to welcome the King. By the midpoint in the service, the gospel account of Jesus' passion and death is read and the mood changes. Holy Week has begun.

The Procession with Palms

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

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

Congregation raises their branches.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thursday, April 2nd: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Grace

Friday, April 3rd: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Hope

Sunday April 5th: 9:00 Easter Rolls donated by Ruth Heitbrink, please join us for coffee, juice, a roll and fellowship.

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship; following service there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.

****We invite the congregation to bring an Easter lily if desired.**

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
 a trained tongue,
 that I may know how to sustain
 the weary with a word.
 Morning by morning he wakens,
 wakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.
²The Lord God has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious;
 I did not turn backward.
³I gave my back to those who struck
 me
 and my cheeks to those who
 pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face
 from insult and spitting.

⁴The Lord God helps me;
 therefore I have not been
 disgraced;
 therefore I have set my face like
 flint,
 and I know that I shall not be put
 to shame;
⁵he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand in court together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
^{6a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16

SECOND READING: Philipians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that
 was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he existed in the
 form of God,
 did not regard equality with
 God
 as something to be grasped,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 assuming human likeness.
 And being found in appearance
 as a human,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the
 point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God exalted him
 even more highly
 and gave him the name
 that is above every other
 name,
¹⁰so that at the name given to
 Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and
 under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should
 confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14—
 27:66** [not printed]

or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.

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