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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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**Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Lord, as we remember how Christ the King entered Jerusalem to the sound of joyful shouts, increase our faith and listen to our prayers, so that we may praise You every day, by living always in Him. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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God Comforts His People with His Forgiveness

Today's Theme: **NOT A QUEST FOR POWER BUT A QUEST FOR YOU**

As we begin Holy Week, we see Jesus bury humanity's endless attempts at seizing power. In our world, power dynamics are almost always in play. Those who don't have power want it, often more than anything else. Those who have power are willing to do anything to keep it. In contrast, Jesus—who possesses all power as the Son of God—willingly surrendered His power and placed Himself in the hands of His enemies. Why? What He wanted more than anything else was not power, but you.

So, Jesus begins this Holy Week riding into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that He was riding to the cross. He would surrender Himself to the punishment that our sins deserved, so that through Spirit-wrought faith we might obtain the glory and heaven that only He deserves.

Pastor's Welcome

OPENING HYMN

CW 411 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (CW93 132)

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father,

C: who loved us with an unfailing love, even before the foundation of the world;

P: and of His ☩ Son, Jesus,

C: the name above all names, who came to pay a King's ransom for us;

P: and of the Holy Spirit,

C: who brings us to the faith and keeps us in the faith from the cradle to grave. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Hosanna!

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

CONFESSION

P: We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

C: We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.

P: We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.

C: Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.

P: So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

C: Yes, with the help of God.

ABSOLUTION

(John 20:21-23)

("The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth: to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners." Luther's Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession.)

P: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price you could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)

(These are the words to the oldest canticle in the Christian church, the Kyrie.)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our Savior's willingness to ride into Jerusalem, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our Savior's humility in showing His real passion for all by dying five days later, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to grow in faith during this Holy Week, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, our gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. (CW 548, CW93 363)

Refrain: **The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before Him; lift up your voices.**

**Who is the King of Glory? How shall we call Him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. Refrain**

**In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among His people, curing their illness. Refrain**

**He gave His life for us, the lamb of salvation;
He took upon Himself the sin of the nations. Refrain**

**He conquered sin and death; He truly has risen,
And He will share with us His heavenly kingdom. Refrain**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The salutation is a Christian greeting, offered here for mutual encouragement as the congregation prepares to hear God's word.)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P & C: Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 42:1-4

Isaiah foretold the coming Servant of the Lord whose humility would be the source of the world's hope and whose willingness to surrender would bring forth justice.

"Here is My servant, whom I uphold,
My chosen One in whom I delight;
I will put My Spirit on Him,
and He will bring justice to the nations.

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise His voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed He will not break,
and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out.

In faithfulness He will bring forth justice;

⁴ He will not falter or be discouraged
till He establishes justice on earth.

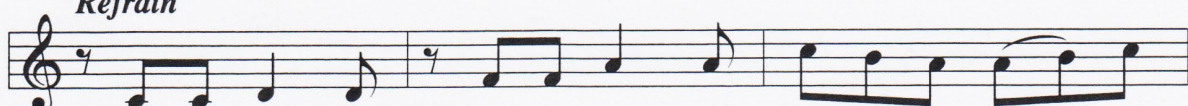
In His teaching the islands will put their hope." (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Refrain

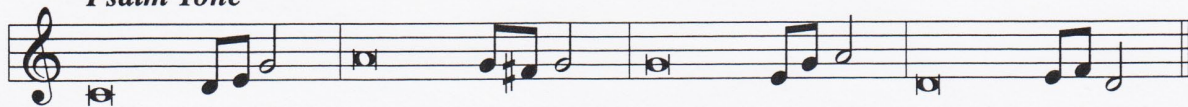


Sing ho - san - na! Loud ho - san - na! Bles - sed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord!

Psalm Tone



The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
 the world, and all who live in it;
 for he founded it upon the seas
 and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?
 Who may stand in his holy place?
 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
 he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.
 Who is this King of glory?
 The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.
 Who is he, this King of glory?
 The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Jesus is true God, yet He did not use his divine power to forcefully seize what He wanted. Instead, He surrendered to death on a cross, so that He might win our salvation.

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

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;

⁷ rather, He made Himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,

He humbled Himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place

and gave Him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclimation: "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" vs. 6 (Tune CW 597)

**Rejoice, O Sons and daughters! Sing
And shout Hosannas! Raise the strain!
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings,
On Easter day will live again!**

Please Stand

(The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)

GOSPEL

LUKE 19:28-40

On Palm Sunday Jesus rode into Jerusalem to cheers and praise, knowing that shortly after He would surrender Himself to His enemies and be put to death.

P: The gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As He approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever

ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as He had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," He replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

CW 415 "Exult Today, Jerusalem"

(The Hymn of the Day is a hymn specially assigned to this day for its richness, its content and its connection to the day's Gospel.)

THE SERMON

OFFERING

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1)

THE SACRAMENT

(God in His word makes it clear that Holy Communion is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26, 1 Corinthians 10:16). So, without judging anyone's heart, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our church body, and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27), to come to the front and receive the Sacrament.)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into Jerusalem with palms waving, not to be a king, but to pay the King's ransom through His passion and by His blood redeem all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



1 Sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, the God by all a - dored."
 2 "Ho - san - na in the high - est" sing and bless the com - ing One.



The heav'ns a - bove and earth be - low His glo - ry ev - er tell.
 Our Lord is here and with Him we shall now and ev - er dwell.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Jesus took bread and "gave thanks" (Matthew 26:26).)

P: Blessed are You, King of the universe, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and pay the King's ransom for our salvation. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb and King in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and hear us now as we join in praying...

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (*Latin for "Lamb of God," tune CW 441*)

(John 1:29)



1 O ho - ly spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.
2 O ho - ly, spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.



Have mer - cy, Lord, Your mer - cy show, and hear us as we pray.
Have mer - cy, Lord, and send us peace as we live out this day.

DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution the congregation will sing a Palm Sunday Hymn, **CW 412** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (CW93 131)

THANKSGIVING

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin for "Now Dismiss," tune CW 215*)

(Luke 2:29-32)



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Bc hon - or, love, and praise.

PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Your King cares for you! Receive His blessing through the words of the Aaronic benediction, by which He said, “Thus you shall bless the people.” Receive that benediction, your King’s 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.

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

CW 413 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (CW93 130)

Announcements

<h2>Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week</h2>

Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

Today—Palm Sunday Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship in the fellowship hall at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class in the Café at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 5:00 PM

Thursday—Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM

Friday—Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM

No Preschool on Good Friday

Sunday—**Easter Sunday**

Easter Sunday Breakfast begins at 8:30 AM

Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:45 AM / No Adult Bible Class or Sunday School

No Confirmation Class

ADULT BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, the Sunday school kids will cover the Bible story “Doubting Thomas,” and the adult Bible class will continue making use of “The Chosen” season four video series.

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted to provide something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers March 2025 through June 2025.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, April 6th we have received \$180,323 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$2,891 behind the budget, which is \$2,328 worse than the previous week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 21-25. Please mark your calendar.

BRANCH CONNECTION SPRING BANQUET

The Branch Connection will be holding our annual Spring Banquet on April 27th at church with lunch starting at noon. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall to bring a salad and / or a dessert. Sandwiches will be provided. Friends are also welcome.



EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to purchase an Easter lily, the cost is \$10. Please use the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

EASTER BREAKFAST

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the fellowship hall for Easter breakfast. Use the sign-up sheet to indicate what you'd like to bring for the breakfast.

EASTER POST CARDS

Brent Anderson put together Easter postcard invitations. Please use the postcard to invite someone to our Holy Week and Easter services.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Thanks to everyone who came to church yesterday to clean up the church property.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The preschool will have a second open house on Tuesday, May 6 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Most of the preschool students come because of individual referrals. Thanks to the members for referring friends who have preschool age children to our preschool. What you have been doing, do more and more.

PALM FRONDS

The palm fronds used in today's service are stored until Shrove Tuesday, 2026, when they are rendered into ash. If you'd like to take home a frond (s) in remembrance of Palm Sunday, 2025, feel free to do so after the service.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 PM

April 18, Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM

April 20, Easter Sunday, Breakfast at 8:30 AM, Worship at 9:30 AM, Easter Egg Hunt at 10:45 AM