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Palm Sunday

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

**We omit the Gloria in Excelsis and Alleluia until Easter.*

Opening Hymn: None

Hymn of the Day: 422 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Closing Hymn: 441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com. Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

JoAnn Ohlde - chemotherapy

Cody Ohlde - surgery

Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades



As We Gather...

The Cross and the Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey."

Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross. His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father." It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HOLY WEEK

BEGINS A WEEK BEFORE EASTER

No other week in the church year has so strong an aura of special devotion. The eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday immerse us in the central mystery of God's work of salvation through the Lord's death and resurrection.

Holy Week contains in itself not only the final days of Lent but also the celebration of the Passion of the Christ. Holy Week falls into two distinct parts. Palm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, and the day hours of Maundy Thursday complete our time of preparation. The Holy Communion of Maundy Thursday night begins the Three Holy Days, or Holy Triduum, which is completed at Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Easter Day. The services of these days form a single unit of celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. The week thus faces both back to the very beginning of Lent, and forward to the 50-day celebration of the resurrection, which is sealed on the Day of Pentecost.

Calendar: Holy Week is always the week before Easter.

Customs: On Palm Sunday, have a procession of children waving palms and singing. For many congregations, Palm Sunday is the day of confirmation. Congregations or individuals may renew their confirmation vows through the questions and answers of the confirmation service. Traditional confirmation gifts include Bibles, hymnals, and prayer books. Footwashing is part of the Maundy Thursday service in some congregations. Some congregations conduct a Seder meal, the traditional Passover liturgy Jesus would have observed with His disciples. Read the entire story of Jesus' passion from the Gospels. Spend Good Friday in quiet contemplation (turn off your electronic devices and TV). Show kindness to those who cannot repay you.

- 4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain
- 5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain

Sermon

Offertory

C - Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

(Offerings may be left inside the church or given to an elder or usher.)

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Benediction

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tries hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

Confession and Absolution

- P - In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C - **Amen.**
- P - Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P - Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C - **Who made heaven and earth.**
- P - I said, I will confess my transgressions in the name of the Lord,
C - **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P - O almighty God, merciful Father,
C - **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- 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 unto all of you, and 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.**

Introit *(Psalm 22:1,7-8,11; antiphon: vv. 19,21)*

- But you, O Lord, do not be | far off!*
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!
Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*
- You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!
- My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?***
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?
All who see me | mock me;*
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;
“He trusts in the Lord; let him de- | liver him;*
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”
Be not far from me, for trouble | is near,*
and there is | none to help.
- But you, O Lord, do not be | far off!*
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!
Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*
- You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

Kyrie

C - Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11*

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:1-9*

P - The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.
C - **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1 When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

P - This is the Gospel of the Lord

C - **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C - **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

422 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ref All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King.
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. Refrain

2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we will all creation
In chorus make reply. Refrain

3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. Refrain

From Martin Luther's 1528 Confession of Faith

As to pictures, bells, vestments, churchly ornaments, altars, candles and the like, I regard them as coming within the domain of liberty; whoever wishes, may omit them. Although pictures representing Scriptural scenes and scenes from reliable history are very useful, yet I regard their use as free and optional; for I do not side with the iconoclasts.

Finally, I believe in the resurrection of all the dead, both of the pious and the wicked at the last day, so that each shall receive in his body according to his deeds, and thus the pious enjoy everlasting life with Christ, and the wicked suffer everlasting death with the devil and his angels. For I do not agree with those who teach that the devils also will be finally saved.

* Martin Luther's 1528 confession of faith is from *The Distinctive Doctrines of the Different Christian Confessions in the Light of the Word of God* by Karl Gaul (1814-1864). The 1897 English translation by D. M. Martens is in the public domain. For information on Elements of Religion and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholia.net.

Announcements

- * Please check our St. John Facebook page and our website for the most current updates and information since our situation seems to change throughout the week.
- * The LWML is in the process of updating the Prayer Chain and also the list of those willing to participate in the Meals for Moms activity. Meals for Moms provide several meals to families in the congregation who have newborns. If you would like to be ADDED to the prayer chain, please let Deb Ohlde know by text or call at 785-275-2499 or dcohlde@nckcn.com. You can choose to be notified by text, call, email and/or via a closed Facebook group. If you would like to become involved in the Meals for Moms activity, please talk with Annette Bott. You can also get in touch with Deb or Annette if you presently participate and don't wish to continue. We would like to thank everyone who helped with the "Meals for Mom's" project this past year.
- * As special thank you to those who provided music in March while the organist took communion: Mixed Choir, Elijah Meier, & Merv Knox
- * The pickup date for the Linn Lutheran plant sales has changed to **Sunday, April 26th**. Also, the final day to turn in orders has been moved to **April 6th**.
- * The church cleaning that was scheduled for Saturday, **March 28th**, has been postponed until a later date. Thank you!
- * St. John is looking for one or two people who would be willing to serve as a volunteer for our congregation's Thrivent coordinator. Responsibilities would mainly be coming up with ideas for funding, assisting members to apply for action grants, and helping members designate their choice dollars. If you would be willing to help, please contact Annette Bott. Thank you!
- * This week on KFUO.org, we wish you a blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week! Follow Jesus through Holy Week in the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8:00 a.m.**), study penitential Psalms on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11:00 a.m.**), and hear a Good Friday Tre Ore service from **12:00-3:00 p.m.** on **Friday, April 10th**. Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.

"Behold, your king is coming to you!"



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