

Palm Sunday

March 24th, 2024

Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns: 442, 573, 443, 441, 444, 343

10:30 Hymns: 442, 443, 441

Sermon

"Hidden From Your Eyes"

Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12: Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Philippians 2:5-11: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking

the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19:28-44: After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 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: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of

the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charles Zwerk, Dave Miller, Wayne Bierlein; Mark Frank*
Organist *Dr. Jon Eifert*
Choirs *Kindergarten & First Grade*
Usher Captains *Ron Spiekerman; Paul Kern*
Altar Guild *Deborah Zwerk*
Acolytes *Jaxson Franklin, Warren Schlegel*

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday: Communion at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Thursday's theme is the question posed by Judas, "What will you give me to hand him over to you?"
Good Friday: Worship at 1:00 and 7:00. Friday's question is shouted by a frustrated Pontius Pilate: "What crime has he committed?"

Easter Sunday; Communion is at 6:30 AM and 10:30 AM.

No Kidzmin or Pastor Gillaspie's Bible Study for the next three Sundays (Easter and Spring Break).

Ushers Needed: Anyone interested in joining an usher group please contact Matt Buchinger @ 989-860-9136. Groups rotate every 6 weeks.

2024 Church Directory Update: To Date: 296 families have responded with Directory Updates. Thank You ! Photo Scheduling: Karen Zehnder Cell to be used for No Show purpose - 989-412-3205. You can contact her Studio 989-652-9909 for a photo to be taken in studio.

Silverware Rolling: If you would like to help with this project for OutReach, tubs of silverware and napkins are in the entry corner. Take a tub home and return when finished. Thank you in advance!

Mary Martha will meet on Monday, April 1st at 7 pm. Pastor Gillaspie will have a presentation and explain the significance of the stained glass windows of the church. We welcome anyone interested to attend. A mite offering will be taken and refreshments served.

Mary Martha Rummage Sale is coming. Remember to start saving things for the sale the first week in April! The Rummage Sale

collection will be Mon. Apr 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues. Apr.2, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., & Wed. Apr. 3, 8a.m.-12:00p.m. at the Richville Legion Hall. Donation ideas: clothing, toys, sporting goods, furniture or decorations.

Benefit Dinner: We will have a Sloppy Joe benefit for Sherry Krieger on April 14th starting at 11:45 at church.

The Kindness Club is in need of new or gently used shoes that you have at home. We are partnering with Funds2Org, to host a fundraiser for Pastor Joe Boway, who will be visiting us for chapel in April. His mission is to build schools in Liberia. For the shoe drive, we are collecting new or gently used shoes of any size. Our goal is to fill over 100 bags with 25 pairs of shoes in each bag by the end of April! Any questions, please let me know! Thank you for your support, Mrs. Callahan and the Kindness Club.

Easter Cards and various other cards are on the cabinet by the office for 0.50 cents.

Endowment Fund applications are due at the end of March, and are available in the church office.

Upcoming New Member Class: Pastor Auernhamer will teach a class on the basics of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. It will start on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 5:30. Dinner will be served too.

Thrivent Members: Your Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2024! You may do so by going online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice OR calling(800)847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Don't let your Thrivent Choice Dollars expire!

Dear members of St. Michael's,
Thank you for the prayers, thoughts, cards, and well wishes as our mom and grandma went through and lost her short battle with cancer and hospice. They were all much appreciated. We are sad at her passing but rejoice knowing she no longer suffers now that she is with her Lord and Savior. Thank you to Pastor Gillaspie for his prayers, visits and funeral message. Thank you to Mr. Chaveriat for playing piano and organ. Thank you to Mary Martha and the funeral committee for their help on the meal. Thank you again! God's blessings! -The family of Sharon Dietrich

I want to thank all my friend, family, neighbors, and relatives for all the birthday wishes I received, God's blessings to all of you - Lorine Nickodemus

Attendance

Fifth Sunday of Lent: 276
Wednesday, March 20th: 135

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Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Eucatastrophe" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. (Mark 16:6-7)

PRAYERS

Health

Karen Bauer, Kurt Howell, Jim Karst, Sherry Krieger, Mary Ann Mossner, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter, Justin Heinlein, Stanley Bierlein (carpal tunnel surgery, Rochester, March 28th).

Missions

Rev. Herb and Markie Burch serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Belize, Central America. From Belize, they support other Lutheran ministries in Central and South America, where he preaches, coaches pastoral candidates, and teaches adults and children about the Christian faith through Luther's Small Catechism.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty and everlasting God the Father, who sent Your Son to suffer death on the cross, mercifully grant that we may follow

the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in His humility and share in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."