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Hillsboro, Texas



*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.*

Palm Sunday
JESUS COMES TO YOU!
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TODAY'S MESSAGE: JESUS COMES TO YOU!

Today we remember when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey and the crowds welcomed Him with palm branches and singing, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" Jesus was fulfilling the words of the prophet Zechariah who said, "Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey." Jesus came to suffer and die for our sins and to rise from the dead to give us eternal life. And Jesus comes to us today as He speaks to us through His holy Word, washes our sins away in holy baptism, and feeds us with His body and His blood in holy communion. "Behold, your king is coming to you!"



THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

["Divine Service: Setting One" from LSB p.151]

Please silence – or turn off – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.

Welcome

Scripture Reading [ESV]

John 12:12-13

The large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

Opening Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB 443

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang.
Through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed, mid an exultant crowd.
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven, rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children, should on His bidding wait.**

**"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing.
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him, with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence, eternally rejoice!**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* A - - - men

Confession of Sins

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 118:19, 25-29

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness.

C: **That I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

ALL: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

P: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

C: **Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

C: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

ALL: 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.

Hymn of Praise

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

LSB 813 (v.1-2, 4, 7)

**Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks and sing:
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

**With voice as full and strong, as ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

**Yet on and onward still, with hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle, the hallowed pathways throng.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

**Praise Him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Opening Prayer

ALL: **Almighty and merciful God, as the people gathered with palms in their hands to greet your Son as he came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, grant that we may ever proclaim him as our King and know him as our Lord and Savior, who died on a cross for our sins, rose from the dead, comes to us today, and will come in all his glory to take us home to heaven; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Zechariah 9:9-10

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. 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!** Psalm 118:26 and Matthew 21:9

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!** Psalm 118:26 and Matthew 21:9

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Matthew 21:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

LSB 442

REFRAIN

**All glory, laud and honor, to You Redeemer, King.
To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.**

REFRAIN

**The company of angels, is praising You on high,
And we with all creation, in chorus make reply.**

REFRAIN

**The multitude of pilgrims, with palms before You went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems, before You we present.**

REFRAIN

**To You before Your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

REFRAIN

**As You received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.**

REFRAIN

Sermon

JESUS COMES TO YOU!

Baptism of Kaiyanni Aria Johnson

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: **I do renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: **Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, 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.**

Baptism Blessing, Candle and Prayer

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

P: Through baptism, God has added Kaiyanni Aria Johnson to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of the darkness and into his marvelous light.

C: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, as a child of the same Heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.**

Baptism Hymn

“See This Wonder in the Making”

LSB 593

**See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking,
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.**

**Miracle each time it happens, as the door to heaven opens,
And the Father beams, “Beloved, heir of gifts a king would covet!”**

**Far more tender than a mother, far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place her, with Your love and peace embrace her.**

**Here we bring a child of nature. Home we take a newborn creature.
Now God's precious son or daughter, born again by Word and water.**

Offering *(Take this time to greet those seated near you with a handshake and the words,
"The peace of the Lord be with you.")*

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Prayers

✦ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✦

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus (*sung*)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

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

John 20:19

C: (*sung*) A - men.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

John 1:29

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

LSB 554

**O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, in whom all joys are found.**

**When once You visit darkened hearts, then truth begins to shine.
Then earthly vanity departs, then kindles love divine.**

**O Jesus, light of all below, the fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, all that we can desire.**

**May ev'ry heart confess Your name, forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame, to seek You more and more!**

**Oh, may our tongues forever bless, may we love You alone,
And ever in our lives express, the image of Your own!**

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

LSB 527

**O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love.
O name of might and favor, all other names above.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing.
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our holy Lord and King.**

**O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation, of love beyond our thought.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing.
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our gracious Lord and King.**

**In Thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow’r divine.
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing.
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our glorious Lord and King.**

**O grant the consummation, of this our song above,
In endless adoration, and everlasting love.
Then shall we praise and bless Thee, where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, our Savior and our King!**

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

LSB 420

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe.
Who, Thyself for me once giving, to the darkest depths of woe.
Through Thy suff’rings, death and merit, I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee, bonds and stripes, a cruel rod.
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!**

**Thus didst Thou my soul deliver, from the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou hast borne the smiting only, that my wounds might all be whole.
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul.
Yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, treating Thee with shameful scorn,
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me, and with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, that from pain I might be free.
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security.
Comfortless Thy soul did languish, me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou has suffered great affliction, and hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented, that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, for Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, and shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

Song of Thanksgiving "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

LSB 632

**O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee, my heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed, on me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth has come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we would serve you at all times; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

Closing Hymn

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LSB 441

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne, awaits His own anointed Son.**

**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.**

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