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Palm Sunday

“WHO IS THIS?”

***Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!***

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.



Invocation and Prayer

Leader: Today we enter the Great and Holy Week of our faith, the very heart and center of God's greatest act since the Creation itself—the salvation of mankind by the overthrow of sin, death, and the devil, and the restoration of all creation through the power of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. As we join the crowds welcoming Jesus, the one who comes in the name of the Lord, as we contemplate and consider what was in the mind of Jesus as He entered Jerusalem to the cheers of adults and children waving palms and shouting praise.

Leader: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

People: **Mercifully, grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection.**

Leader: Let us pray: Lord God, as the people in Jerusalem gathered to welcome Your Son, our Lord, when He came into His holy city, so we sing of Your coming among us today with songs of praise. Keep us steadfast in our hope and confession of faith throughout our lives that we may meet Him with grateful hearts, when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Leader: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Jesus, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Opening Song: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" – LSB #442

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4 – 9a

Reader: This is God's Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5 – 11

Reader: This is God's Word.

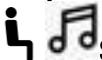
People: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1 – 11

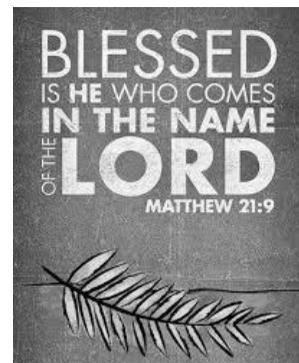
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Song of the Day: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" – LSB #441

Message: "Who Is This?" – Pastor Tom Hurley



WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS



Nicene Creed – (All speak together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



The Prayers – Congregation: “Hear our prayer.”

WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD’S GRACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You.

Words of Institution

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom as you taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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.

Communion



Please come forward as the ministers (Pastor and Lay Leader) serve you the Sacrament. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, "The Body of Christ, given for you... The Blood of Christ, shed for you." The communicant may say, "Amen." We invite non-communicating children to come forward for a blessing and to cross (X) their arms.

Dismissal Blessing

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray: O 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 may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE

Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. In the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Closing Hymn: "O Savior, Precious Savior" – LSB #527

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK – Please join us for Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 1pm and Good Friday service, April 3, at 1pm.

ADULT FORUM – Join us today after service for the Adult Forum to discuss today's message or join us Monday morning on ZOOM to discuss the message.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY: **SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

Lay Leader: Dwayne Warren
Comm. Assistant: Dwayne Warren
Ushers/Greeter: Chuck & Elfi Bakken
Reader: Nancy Warren
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Marcia Hurley
Counter: Chuck Bakken
Fellowship: Dwayne & Nancy Warren

Lay Leader: Judy Montoya
Comm. Assistant: Judy Montoya
Usher/Greeter: John & Gail Hutson
Reader: Beverly Erbel
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Daina Vitols
Counter: Dan Bastien
Fellowship: John & Gail Hutson

**No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

BIRTHDAY: George Cirelli, Cooper Warren

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Joseph Worthington (*Grandson of the Bakken's*) and LTJG Charles Gremmels (*Grandson of Nelson & Shirley Gremmels*).

SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:

Lance Desmond – Prayers for hernia surgery, also healing from dialysis procedure, also an available kidney transplant to become available, as he continues dialysis.

Max Newman – Prayers for successful chemotherapy treatments for his Leukemia.

Jan Goldberg – Prayers for her health issues (*Cameron Gremmels' grandmother*).

Joy Bloom – Supportive prayers of encouragement about her son, Brian Brooks.

Susan Desmond – Prayers for her full recovery from heart surgery.

Dave Hurley – He needs prayer for stage 4 prostate cancer, (*John Bowman's Cousin*).

Eddie Hailey – Prayers for completely restoring his ability to walk again and healing his brain damage (*Sherrald McMurray's brother*).

Fern Johnson – Prayers for her continued health.

Carmen Roncancio – Prayers for her health & finances for her great-grandson, Gabriel & his father, Daniel.

Ken Benson – Continued healing from cancer.



First Reading: Isaiah 50:4 – 9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5 – 11

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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1 – 11

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.”



BEHOLD YOUR KING
MATTHEW 21:1-11