

**PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**  
**March 28, 2021**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHERING**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P: Hosanna, hosanna!

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

**OPENING HYMN No. 344 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" vs. 1, 2**

**CALL TO WORSHIP by Deborah Roof**

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

**C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven**

P: Come! Gather with the saints to worship and praise!

**C: We come to praise God joyfully with loud voices!**

P: Let us give thanks and rejoice in God's Presence.

**C: Let us give thanks for the beauty of creation;**

P: Let us give thanks for the foundation of faith that holds us fast and keeps us even in the midst of pain and struggle.

**C: Let us give thanks for the Blessed One who comes with salvation and mercy.**

P: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**HYMN No. 344 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" vs. 3, 4**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

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P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

**C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

##### **First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like 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 are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

##### **Second Lesson: Philippians 2:9-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON**

##### **HYMN OF THE DAY No. 338 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

##### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

#### **OFFERING**

##### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**LORD’S PRAYER**

**GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH**

**BENEDICTION**

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter  
✠ keep you in peace. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN No. 347 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” vs. 1-3**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome!** Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021**

The following 5th graders will be receiving First Communion April 1, Maundy Thursday:

Avery Mae Bosma - daughter of Kim Bosma and Landon Bosma

Tommie Louise Chaulsett - daughter of Cory & Jessica Chaulsett

Troy Leland Chaulsett - son of Cory & Jessica Chaulsett

Ryne Kennedy Gordon - daughter of Erin & Jason Gordon

Zachary Steven Sneller - son of Lisa & Steve Sneller

**The Worship Broadcast** today is sponsored in honor of Mavis Pierson and in celebration of the life Ray Pierson by the First Lutheran Church family.

**✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Dennis Hazelton, Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde, and Darrell & Carol Foss as they deal with health issues; and for family of Ray Pierson on the passing of Ray.

**This Week’s Schedule – March 28, 2021**

**Today “PALM SUNDAY”** 9:30am Worship at Church and live streamed

**Wednesday** 3:30pm First Communion class

**Thursday** 7:00pm “Maundy Thursday” Worship /Holy Communion/First Communion for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Friday Good Friday** – The Church will be open for a time of Prayer & Meditation. Pastor Joyce will record a message for Facebook live. It will also be on our Website.

Check it out [www.firstlutheranpipestone.org](http://www.firstlutheranpipestone.org)

**Sunday “EASTER”** 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at Church and live streamed

**Ministers** Members of First Lutheran Church

**Pastor** Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp

**Organist** Paul Henriksen

**Sound** Mike Straw

**Reader** Dave Dulas

**March 2021 Offering**

<b>Monthly Income Needed to Operate</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,800.00</b>
<b>Lent - Mar 3</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – Mar 7</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,368.87</b>
<b>Lent – Mar 10</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>130.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – Mar 14</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,698.51</b>
<b>Lent – Mar 17</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>175.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – Mar 21</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,817.14</b>

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***The weekly topics during Lent will be:*** April 1st (Maundy Thursday) Blood of Christ  
April 2nd: (Good Friday) Body of Christ  
April 4th (Easter) The Risen Body of Christ

**Question of the Month for February 2021**

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\* What does Lent mean to you? Please email your response to [henriksen7@mchsi.com](mailto:henriksen7@mchsi.com)

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