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Palm Sunday

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Hosanna in the Highest!



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✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Gathered outside

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!

C **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

PALM SUNDAY ACCOUNT – 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, 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, 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!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Ps. 24:7-10; Ps. 118:26

P Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.

C **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

C **Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

C **Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

During the next hymn, the congregation is invited to proceed into the sanctuary, lay their palm leaves before the altar, and return to their seats.

HYMN: WS #725

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

- 1. No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet With banners and with drums, No sound of music’s martial beat— “The King of glory comes!” To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring, No city gates swing open wide: “Behold, behold your King!”**
- 2. And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown. With ev’ry step the cross draws near—The King of glory’s throne. Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring, Or else the very stones would cry “Behold, behold your King!”**
- 3. What fading flow’rs His road adorn; The palms how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory’s crown. The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring, As Pilate to the mob replies, “Behold, behold your King!”**
- 4. Now He who bore for mortals’ sake The cross and all its pains And chose a servant’s form to take, The King of glory reigns. Hosanna to the Savior’s name Till heaven’s rafters ring, And all the ransomed host proclaim “Behold, behold your King!”**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** Blessed Lord, Who always comes among Your people for good,
- C** We confess to You that we are conceived and born sinful and both by nature and choice have turned away from You. We have enthroned self-interest and pride as our kings, and they have ruled us as tyrants. We have failed to acknowledge Your rightful lordship in our lives. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit turn our hearts this day to worship and follow Jesus, the one true King of kings and Lord of lords.
- P** The King has won your freedom. 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

P Let us pray. 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. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 8:1-9 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the

heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

EPISTLE READING – Philippians 2:5-11 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 emptied himself, by 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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

HYMN: TLH #160

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”


SERMON – Matthew 21:12-17 (NIV) Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'" ¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful

things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. ¹⁶ "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?" ¹⁷ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

Ironies of the Passion: "Do You Hear What These Children are Saying?"

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- 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.**

Hymn: TLH #161


"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -


Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

- C**  **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C**  **Amen, amen, a – men.**

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #162

"Ride One, Ride On, in Majesty"



✠ Announcements ✠

Good Friday Tenebrae

On Good Friday we will hold a Tenebrae service. *Tenebrae* is a Latin term meaning “*shadows, darkness.*” This service is an ancient form of worship dating from the fourth century. The tone is very somber as candles

are extinguished, and the sanctuary is gradually darkened to remind worshipers of the three hours of darkness which blanketed the earth during Christ’s crucifixion as He suffered the punishment of being forsaken by God for our sins. The darkness of Good Friday prepares us for the brilliant dawning of Easter. **The Good Friday Tenebrae will begin half an hour later than normal evening services, at 7:00 pm.**

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Apr. 19:** Good Friday Tenebrae at 7pm
- ✠ **Apr. 21:** Easter Breakfast 9 am
- ✠ **Apr. 21:** Easter Song Service

Easter Service

Just a friendly reminder that next Sunday is Easter, and we’ll be holding our Easter Worship at the regular 10:15 time slot. In place of the 9:15 Bible class, we will be having our Easter Breakfast Potluck. If you are able, bring a dish to share. Easter Breakfast will begin at 9 o’clock. If you haven’t seen someone in church for a while, reach out to them with a reminder that next Sunday we’ll be celebrating our Lord’s Resurrection!

Easter Lilies

If you’d like to place an Easter Lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, you can find the signup sheet in the back of church. Lilies are \$10, and you can give that money to Teresa Bernthal.

Saint Called Home

The Lord in His mercy called Mary Beth Schierenbeck to His side on Monday, April 8. Mary Beth was a sister of Rev. John Schierenbeck. Her victory service will take place later today at Messiah in Eau Claire, beginning at 3 pm.

Quarterly Voters Meeting Summary

The voters met on Sunday, April 7, at 12 pm. The Elders report that Josh Merashoff has finished classes with Pastor. He was ratified as a new communicant member of Immanuel. The Treasurer reports that the deficit for the first three months is \$1,521. All the funds are stable, except for the Property

Improvement Fund that has a deficit of \$2,742 due to replacing the AC unit in the parsonage. Pastor has completed the mailboxes in the hallway. The Board of Trustees is looking into an audio system to carry audio from the service out into the hallway. The Board of Ed is projecting 16 students for 2019/20. The school is planning to advertise in the Auburndale Football game programs. It was moved and adopted to increase tuition from \$350/mo to \$400/mo.

CLC Call News Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran in Clarkston, WA, has requested a 2019 ILC teacher graduate. <> Teacher Matt Thurow (Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN) has returned the call to St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN.

Arise and Shine Retreat registration is now open! Our theme for this year is "Confidence!" In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather calls us to be confident in His Word and the salvation which He has won. If you are in your 20's or 30's and are looking for a relaxing getaway weekend of fun and fellowship, consider signing up for this retreat. The cost is \$140 per adult and \$100 per child. The retreat will be held June 13-16 in Pillager, MN. For more information, visit our website: <http://ariseandshineretreat.com>.

Daily Rest Today is the very last day to sign up for Daily Rest devotions for the rest of the year. If you sign up, please speak to Pastor.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers.

Last Week (4/7) WH – 51

General = \$2590.47 | Property Improvement = \$70 | Missions = \$80
Building Fund = \$20 | Lent = \$100 **Total Offering = \$2,860.47**

April Usher: Ed Morris | **Acolyte (4/21):** Hayden

| **Cleaner (4/20):** Goodwin