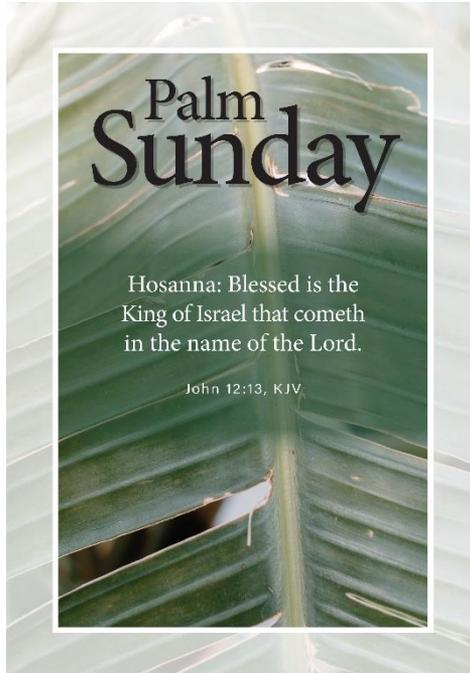


REDEMPTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Palm Sunday



WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Zechariah 9:9 ⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Prayer: Lord, at the beginning of Holy Week, You fulfilled this long-awaited promise. Your eyes were set on Calvary and Your love was set to redeem lost sinners like us. Enable us to honor You as our King, the bringer of our salvation. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forevermore, Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

WS 725 No Tramp of Soldiers

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by

the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gloria Patri *TLH pg 6*



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie *TLH pg 7*



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise:

TLH 161 Hosanna Loud Hosanna

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Thro' 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.

2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River^f to the ends of the earth.^g

¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope. This very day I declare that I will restore double to you.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118 (selected verses)

- P** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
- C** This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- P** I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- C** The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
- P** This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C** This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** Save us, we pray, O Lord! Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord!
- C** We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 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!

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.
⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself ^e by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-12

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵*Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Apostles Creed

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

And 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 21:1-12**

From Palms to Passion...

Hymn of Praise: **TLH 161 Hosanna Loud Hosanna**

3 "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!

Hymn: **TLH 162 Ride on Ride on in Majesty**

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:

G 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

Benediction

C Amen.

Hymn

Exult Today, Jerusalem! [Tune of TLH 277]

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Good Friday:** Our Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be held on March 29th at 7pm. [*Tenebrae* is a Latin term meaning “*shadows, darkness.*” The 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 strepitus at the end of the service is the sound of a harsh noise signifying the earthquake when Jesus died and His tomb was closed. It marks the end of the Good Friday service. The congregation will leave in silence and will return for the brilliant dawning of Easter morning.]
- **Easter:** Our Easter worship service will be on March 31st at 9:30 am with Easter breakfast beginning at 8. Rather than preparing a full meal in such a short period of time, the idea is to bring pre-made breakfast items.
- **Hymns:** Any hymn suggestions for the Easter season can be written on the sheet in the narthex.

Call News:

- Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL *is considering the call* to Luther Memorial in Fon Du Lac, WI
- Pastor Nathaniel Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN *is considering the call* from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

Upcoming Schedule:

Friday Mar. 29th Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7pm

Sunday Mar. 31st Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday April 7th Redemption Sunday Service at 9