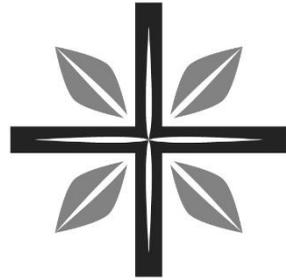


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 AM.
Exodus: The Gospel in the Old Testament: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
Bible Information Class: St. Matthew's Room, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

Palm Sunday⁺

March 24 & 25, 2018

Jesus Carries Our Cross: Glory

Prelude

Processional (Sunday)

K5 & Junior Choir

Palm Sunday Antiphon

by Dan Edwards

Come, sing hosanna to the King!
Come, sing hosanna to the King!
Come, sing hosanna, come, sing hosanna,
Come, sing hosanna to the King!

Casting our palms before his way!
Casting our palms before his way!
Casting our palms, we're casting our palms,
We're casting our palms before his way!

Come, sing hosanna to the King!
Come, sing hosanna to the King!
Come, sing hosanna, come, sing hosanna,
Come, sing hosanna to the King!

Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son \oplus and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

† Palm Sunday: For 1700 years, the Christian Church has celebrated *Palm Sunday* – the festival that opens Holy Week – with “Hosannas” and palm branches. Beginning on Palm Sunday and continuing to increase in intensity throughout Holy Week, the focus is on Christ – the Messiah, our Eternal King, the one who comes in the name of the Lord. As with the rest of the Sundays in Lent, the liturgical color for Palm Sunday is *purple*. For more information on Palm Sunday, see pg. 32 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's redeeming work. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, die, and rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry into Jerusalem that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

Be seated (Sunday)

Anthem (Sunday)

K5 & Junior Choir

He Comes in the Name of the Lord

by Mary Kay Beall

Hosanna! Hosanna! He comes!
He comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna! Hosanna! He comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

Hosanna! Hosanna! He comes!
He comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna! Hosanna! He comes in the name of the Lord!

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

Hosanna! Hosanna! He comes!
He comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna! Hosanna! He comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!

Please stand (Sunday)

GATHERING RITE FOR PALM SUNDAY

M: I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The LORD is a warrior, the LORD is his name.

C: **Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.**

M: Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? *Exodus 15: 1, 6, 11*

At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall
bow, Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of
glo - ry now; 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea -
sure We should call him Lord, Who from
the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.

M: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8:9*

C: **We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death,**

M: so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. *Hebrews 2:9*

(sung) **Humbled for a season
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed.**

M: We too often we live for ourselves and not for Christ who died for us. Therefore, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ died for all and was raised again. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son \oplus and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

(sung) **In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true.
Crown him as your captain
In temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you
In its light and pow'r.**

M: In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

C: **Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob.**

M: He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.”

Isaiah 2:2, 3

(sung) **Christians, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again
In his Father’s glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-10

The King would come, but not with the glory that some expected.

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and having salvation,

gentle and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the war-horses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**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.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Because Jesus humbled himself, he was also exalted in glory.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
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.

Verse of the Day

M: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Please stand

Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

Jesus, the King of glory, enters Jerusalem for the final time.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat

on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest!”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Christian Worship 133

Sermon

Philippians 2:5-11

The Mindset of Christ(ians) (Saturday)

Holy Week: The Big Picture (Sunday)

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**C: 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.**

Be seated

Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work
in our community and around the world, and our offerings
are a joyful response of our faith. If you are a visitor today,
you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*

Please stand

Prayer of the Church for Palm Sunday

- M:** Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself for our salvation. Give to each of us and to every member of your Church a confident faith in your love for us.
- C:** **During this Holy Week and throughout our lives, grant that we might humbly entrust ourselves and all those whom you place in our lives to you.**
- M:** Lord Jesus Christ, you promised that when you were lifted up, you would draw all people to yourself. Work through your Word to create saving faith in those who do not yet know you.
- C:** **Give us the courage to speak of you, our King, who comes righteous and having salvation. By the power of your Gospel, put faith-filled "hosannas" into the mouths of people who now live without you.**
- M:** Lord Jesus Christ, in love for us you became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Teach us to look to you in every temptation.
- C:** **Give us the strength to resist the devil and our own sinful desires, to obey your commandments, and to care for all people as you care for us.**

M: Lord Jesus Christ, during this Holy Week, you call us to follow you through your sufferings, death, and resurrection.

C: **Bless the service of all those who proclaim your Word, that your flock would be fed and your glory revealed.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself and took on our human nature that you might present us to your Father as a holy people. Where we stumble, lift us up. Where we are afraid, give us joy.

C: **Walk with us through this Holy Week as we gaze with sorrow and contrition on your suffering and death. Keep before our eyes the sure and certain hope of your resurrection. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Be seated

Hymn

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet (see pg. 14)

Christian Worship Supplement 716

Please stand

M: Lord God, our heavenly Father, you sent your Son to earth to offer full and complete payment for the sins of the world. As he entered Jerusalem to the shouts of “Hosanna,” so also hear our prayers and save us by your mercy. Bless the preaching of your Word and in our words and actions graciously grant us the opportunity to proclaim our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

Closing Hymn

The King of Glory Comes

Christian Worship 363

Announcements

Postlude

If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.

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No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet With
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer; With
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn; The
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake The



ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!" To
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne. A -
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown. The
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns. Ho -



greet what pomp of king - ly pride No
 stride a colt he pass - es by As
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries. The
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name Till



bells in tri - umph ring, No ci - ty gates swing
 loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ve - ry
 streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 heav - en's raft - ers ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be-hold your King!"
 stones would cry, "Be - hold, be-hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be-hold your King!"
 host pro - claim, "Be - hold, be-hold your King!"

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Readings for the Week of Palm Sunday

M	1 Peter 2:21-24.....	John 12:1-36
T	1 Timothy 6:12-14.....	John 12:37-50
W	Jeremiah 15:15-21.....	Luke 22:1-6
TH	Maundy Thursday	
F	Good Friday	
S	1 Peter 3:17-22.....	Matthew 27:57-66

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Seminary Student Jake Brohn (Saturday) Pastor Joel Leyrer (Sunday)
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer (Saturday) Pastor Kyle Bitter (Sunday)
Musicians	Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday) Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)
Junior Choir Director	Mandy Treder
Head Ushers	Tom Wessel (Saturday) Kerry Kuehn (8:00 AM) Rick Yahn (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Peter & Sharon Trettin, Steve & Jennifer Wolf (8:00 AM) Holly Curtis, Lorna Leyrer, Brian & Tracey Lampe (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Lee Abraham in celebration of her birthday, and in thanks for blessings received.

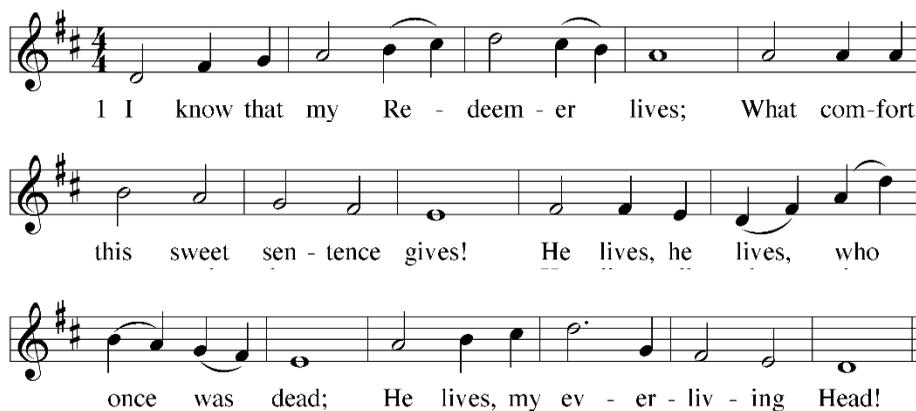
In Our Prayers

- Charlotte Hansen, who will undergo shoulder replacement surgery on Thursday.

Parents' Preview for April 1 (Easter Festival Service)

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” stanza 1 (*Christian Worship 152*)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, March 29
Communion Service at 3:30 and 6:45 PM

Good Friday, March 30
Communion Service at 1:00 PM
Tenebrae Service at 6:45 PM

Easter Sunday, April 1
Sunrise Service at 6:00 AM
Breakfast at 7:15 AM
Festival Worship Service at 8:30 and 10:30 AM



