

Palm Sunday
The Sunday of the Passion
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Concordia Lutheran Church

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+ In the Name of Jesus +

Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross!
[Philippians 2:8b]

Procession with Palms (please rise)

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

C: Amen.

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

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P: Let us pray...

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one

another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him (ESV)."
St. John 12:12-19

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

P: Let us go forth in peace

C: In the name of the Lord.

The Processional Hymn

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

Collect

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 with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

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 made himself nothing, 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.

Following the Epistle, the Chime Choir will ring "All Glory, Loud, and Honor"

The Holy Gospel	St. Matthew 27:11-66	<i>see insert</i>
Nicene Creed	p. 191	
Hymn of the Day	# 443	
Sermon	The Lamb of God Who Give Us Peace	
Offertory	p. 192	
Offering	<i>The Bell Choir will ring “Palm Sunday Glory” during the offering</i>	
Prayer of the Church		
Service of the Sacrament	p. 194	
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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament

In our thoughts and prayers,



+Our sick and recovering: Jim Aanderud, Lenora Hafner, Ruth Helm, Bev Janke,

Harold Link, Dean Renner, Marlin Rueb, Dan Weidner, & Alex Woroniecki;

+ The Family of Ivan Herrmann, as they mourn his death.

Welcome to worship on Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion. The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms which were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,” clearly reveal that they hailed Jesus as the Messianic King. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry “Crucify Him!” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today in Sunday School the children study the account of the Passion of Christ as He ventured to the cross for you and me. The Father, the perfect, righteous judge of the universe, forsook Jesus on the cross so that the perfect, righteous sacrifice, Jesus Christ could be punished for the sins of the whole world. Talk with your children about the wages of sin (death) and the gift of God (eternal life) in Christ Jesus. Talk about the importance of relying on Jesus blood and merit rather than our own works for salvation as you consider Luther’s explanation to the second article.

Bible Class: Please join us for Bible class this morning as we look at “The Lamb of God Who Gives Us Peace”.



Easter Lilies for the altar forms must be turned in today. The cost of each flower is \$12.50. To order, fill out the form, make checks payable to Bloom-n-House and return to Vicky Yeager. You may also purchase your own lily and have it placed at the altar by filling out a form with a notation that you are bringing the plant yourself. Please have all lilies to the Church on Good Friday.

Because of Holy Week, please have all announcements for the Easter Sunday bulletin turned into the church office no later than 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 19th.

Pastor Heller's 9th-Grade Wednesday School will meet at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19th.



All youth are invited to dye Easter eggs at the Church on Maundy Thursday, March 20th, 5:30 PM. If anyone wishes to donate eggs, please put them in the refrigerator at Church.

The LYF will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday from 7:30 – 8:30 AM.



All youth are asked to bring either egg bake or muffins. If you plan to be gone, please have your food items at the Church before Easter Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the social hall. All youth are asked to help serve and clean up. For more information, call Carla Renner at 948-2534.

There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class on Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear brother in the Christian faith, Ivan Herrmann. Christian Burial was this past Wednesday, March 12th. "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great" (Gen. 15:1b).

Congratulations to Paige Scherer who won the 2008 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Oliver-Mercer Cooperative. A copy of Paige's winning essay is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

+ Holy Week at Concordia +

Today	Palm Sunday	
	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday	6:30 PM	Kronthal Cemetery Meeting
	7:00 PM	Sarah Guild @ Church
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:00 PM	9 th -Grade Wednesday School
	6:00 PM	Chime Practice
	6:30 PM	Wednesday School
	7:30 PM	Bell Practice
Thursday	Maundy Thursday	
	5:30 PM	Dye Easter Eggs
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	Good Friday	
	9:00 AM	Good Friday Worship
Sunday	Easter	
	7:30 – 8:30 AM	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Divine Service

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 144 Offering: \$ 2,406.78

Jesus, the almighty and eternal Son of God, emptied Himself and took on the form of a servant to do for us what we could never do for ourselves. What an encouragement for us to live as God's servants who do the right things for the right reasons and make this world a better place because we are here.

*Thank you for filling out a Record of Friendship Card this morning.
We record both worship and Communion attendance.
Place completed card in collection plate or hand to an usher.*