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*Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to
the point of death, even death on a cross!*

[Philippians 2:8b]

† In the Name of Jesus †

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

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 and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

St. John 12:12-19 (ESV)

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 # 442

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

Collect

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.



Special Music: The Handbell Choir will ring "*All Glory Laud and Honor*".

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.

The Holy Gospel: St. Mark 15:1-47 *see insert*

Hymn of the Day # 550

Sermon

Holy Baptism p. 268

Offering

The Handchime Choir will ring "Palm Sunday Glory" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

Prayer of the Church

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Distribution Hymns # 590, 443, 623

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

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Closing Hymn # 441

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,

† Max Boyer (Cindy Peterson's father),
Rev. Dean Hartley, and Gene Heller (Pastor's father);
† Owen Tyler Holder, baptized today.



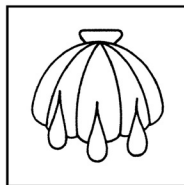
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Attendance**

Worship: 128 Offerings: \$3,863.00

Jesus is our precious Savior. He is also our model to show us what it looks like to be His disciples and live lives of obedience and service. What a joy it will be on the last day to be among those people who joyfully bow at the name of Jesus and confess that He alone is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. May we faithfully sing hosanna to the Son of David, our Savior and Lord!

Welcome to worship on Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion. This Sunday receives its name from the palms 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!

This morning, we rejoice that Owen Tyler Holder, the son of Ryan & Amanda Holder, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to our Lord's most gracious promise, Owen is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. To God alone be the glory for this most precious washing of new life!



Today in Sunday School the lesson studies "Peter Denies Jesus." Though we, like Peter, deny Jesus and His gifts, Jesus cannot deny us, because we are part of Him, baptized members of His own Body. Instead He forgives us and welcomes us back. Consider asking, "*How does Peter's denial affect him? In what ways does God forgive us and welcome us back?*"

Easter Cantata: The Center Community will be presenting their annual Lenten/Easter Cantata on April 1st, Palm Sunday evening, at 7:00 p.m. at the Center Civic Center. This year's cantata "*The Weeping Tree*", includes singers from Center, Hannover, New Salem, Bismarck, and surrounding areas. There is no admission—a free-will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

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, April 4th.



The LYF will be dyeing Easter eggs on Wednesday, April 4th, 3:30 pm. We will also have an Easter egg hunt. If anyone would like to donate hard-boiled eggs, please call Vicky Yeager, 873-5647.

Let's fill the altar with Easter Lilies! Bring your lilies to the church (with your name on them) by Saturday, April 7th to be placed at the altar on Easter morning.



Easter breakfast: The LYF will be serving breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall to bring food items for the breakfast. Thank you for your donations!

Concordia is hosting the SW Zone LWML Spring Rally on Saturday, April 14th. All ladies of Concordia are invited to attend. Registration begins at 9:30. Guest, Nikki Stevens, will talk about her mission trip to Kenya. There will also be devotions, singing, Bible study, music by the Bell Choir and lunch. Please join us for a fun afternoon!

The April calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for us calendar, and council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Please feel free to pick up your copies.

† Holy Week at Concordia †

Sunday Palm Sunday
8:30 am Divine Service
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Wednesday 3:30 pm Egg dyeing and Easter egg hunt
7:00 pm Chime Practice
7:30 pm Bell Practice

Thursday Maundy Thursday
6:30 pm Worship

Friday Good Friday
8:30 am Worship
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Sunday Easter Sunday
7:00 am Easter Breakfast
8:30 am Divine Service
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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Communion attendance this morning.*