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Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion



*He 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)*

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

Amen.

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

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.

Amen.

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

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)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth in peace.

in the name of the Lord.

The Processional Hymn # 442

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

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.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a (ESV)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?



Special Music: *The Handbell Choir will ring "Hosanna Loud Hosanna".*

Epistle Reading: 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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 27:11-66 (ESV) *(see folded insert)***Nicene Creed** p. 191**Hymn of the Day** # 443**Sermon:** More Than Meets the Eye**Offering**

During the gathering of our morning offerings, the Handchime Choir will ring "All Glory Laud and Honor".

Prayer of the Church**Service of the Sacrament** p. 194**Distribution Hymns** # 437, 438, 560**Nunc Dimittis** p. 199**Thanksgiving** p. 200**Benedicamus and Benediction** p. 201**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.

Welcome to worship on Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion. 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.

LYF: Please remember our meeting today at 3:00 pm. All youth grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend. We will be dyeing Easter eggs and having pizza along with the meeting.

Easter Breakfast will be served following our Easter service at approximately 9:30 am. The menu includes muffins/sweetbreads/sweet rolls, sausage, breakfast bakes, juice, coffee and of course Easter eggs. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the social hall if you would like to volunteer to bring any items.

Easter lilies: You are welcome to bring lilies for Easter Sunday. Please bring them to the Church this week.

The April Human Care Project is collecting paper products for Women's Action and Resource Center. Suggestions are paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue, and Kleenex.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick and recovering: Dennis Blaisdell (brother of Steve), Tamara Bogo, Tom Bornemann, Derek Ferebee, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Anna Pischel;
- † Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care;
- † The family of Bill Sharpe, as they mourn his death.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 139 Offerings: \$4,519.00

"If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise with us – the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	3:00 pm	LYF Meeting
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	10:15 am	Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Maundy Thursday	6:30 pm	Worship
Good Friday	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	6:30 pm	Worship @ Concordia
Easter Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service