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Palm Sunday



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

Philippians 2:8b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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.

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.

Procession of Palms

Greeting

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.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

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.

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 of the Day

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

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, **thus securing an eternal redemption.**

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal Inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

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

*The congregation joins in the reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew by reading together the **CAPITALIZED PORTIONS**.*

The reading of the Passion begins without announcements and the usual responses are not used.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "**CRUCIFY HIM.**" And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "**CRUCIFY HIM.**" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, **"THE KING OF THE JEWS."** And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.

And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, **"AHA! YOU WHO WOULD DESTROY THE TEMPLE AND REBUILD IT IN THREE DAYS, SAVE YOURSELF, AND COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS!"**

So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, **"HE SAVED OTHERS; HE CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF. LET THE CHRIST, THE KING OF ISRAEL, COME DOWN NOW FROM THE CROSS THAT WE MAY SEE AND BELIEVE."** Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, *"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"* which means, *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* And some of the bystanders hearing it said, **"BEHOLD, HE IS CALLING ELIJAH."** And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, **"WAIT, LET US SEE WHETHER ELIJAH WILL COME TO TAKE HIM DOWN."** And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, **"TRULY THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD!"**

There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**



In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Tom Bornemann, Shirley Follis (mother of Kim Senske), Hannah Schantz, Delphine Traxel, Mary Weidner (sister of Carolyn Riegel) and George Zeiszler (brother of Laura Jorgenson);
- † Melissa & Mikayla Voegele, on the death of their mother-in-law and grandmother.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 75 Offerings: \$3,991.20

“Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
Zechariah 9:9

No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.

Announcements

Lutheran Youth Fellowship: Today is the day! Anyone in grades 6—12 is invited to join us at 12:00 (noon) for a pizza lunch and an information and organization meeting. Questions, please talk to Anne Rosenow.



Ingathering: The March Human Care Ingathering is Bingo prizes for Knife River Care Center. Suggestions are bags of popcorn, candy bars, sugar free candy, Pringles, snack bars, etc.

Shepherd's Hills at the Crossroads: Brochures for summer camps and activities are on the table in the social hall.

We are having a Card Baby Shower for Ethan Helmer Heller, son of Christian and Laura Heller. Ethan was born on February 27, 2024. Let's shower Ethan with love from our church family. Nona will collect the cards and send them to the Heller family after April 15th. Christian asks that you please include your return address so they can send a thank you and he looks forward to hearing from you!



Greeters are needed for the month of April. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



PALM SUNDAY

✠ Holy Week at Concordia ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
	12:00 pm	Lutheran Youth Fellowship Meeting
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	9:00 am	Deadline for April calendar
	4:00 pm	Catechism
Holy Thursday	6:30 pm	Worship Service
Good Friday	6:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*

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