

# PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

*As you come today, and before the service starts, you are invited to place your palm branches before the altar. As you do, recall our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and how the people spread their garments and palm branches along His way. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of what is called Holy Week, where Jesus' passion is on full display, along with all that He endured to save us. After you place your palm up front, you are encouraged to silently meditate or pray, reflecting on what Jesus will go through to make you His own this upcoming week.*

## PRELUDE

### GREETING

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes,

**People: who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Hosanna!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

### COLLECT

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### GOSPEL *John 12:12–19 (Jesus enters Jerusalem.)*

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

**People: 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David!

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### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT** *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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE** *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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **MUSIC DURING PREPARATION**

### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, and who, raised in glory by the Father, has received the name above every name. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS**

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## **MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" LSB 441**

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,

With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin

O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Zechariah 9:9 – “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.”* 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 and to make us His own people. And He also does all this to show us an example of self-giving love for us to follow.

**MIDWEEK WORSHIP** Maundy Thursday (April 1) and Good Friday (April 2) will be held at Emmaus at 11:30 a.m. There will be an evening service at Bethel Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.

**SHOES:** The countdown has begun! We are less than a month away from the kickoff for our shoe drive collection. Have you cleaned out your closet yet? Check out the narthex for some information on where your shoes could end up and the do's and don'ts of shoe donation. Thanks! The youth really appreciate your support.

**EMMAUS BOARD NOMINATIONS:** It's that time of year again. As mentioned in the April newsletter, we are looking for a few helping hands. Please consider how you can assist the ministry of Emmaus through your service. If you have an interest in helping on one of our boards or would like more information, please connect with Nicole Pierce, Pastor Kooi, Todd P or Pam U.

**EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN:** The Easter Memorial Garden donation insert in the narthex provides an opportunity to remember departed loved ones and contribute toward the cost of Easter decorations. Complete the slip, enclose it in the envelope provided along with your donation and drop in the collection plate or hand to an usher. Those who wish to pick up their Easter lilies may do so after the 9:30 am Easter service.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER VIDEO:** If you enjoyed the 2020 virtual Christmas Program then you are in luck for another treat. Coming soon to a home near you is the 2021 Easter Story presented by the children of Emmaus Sunday School. They have worked hard this year during Covid doing art, craft, and building projects of all kinds to learn Bible stories.

**OFFICE CLEAN UP:** After Easter, we are going to be cleaning up the office. If you have left anything in the office for someone to pick up, for temporary storage or any other reason, please either remove it or label it by April 1st. We want to make sure that our office workspaces are available for Maria and not used as a “catch all.” Thanks for your assistance!

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays we will have a prayer and Bible Study group. Please check with Pastor Kooi for the current start time. Each week, we will gather together to pray and study a text. We will be meeting in-person and virtually. For those that attend virtually, we will have you join us via Zoom (contact Pastor Kooi for the link). Please contact Pastor Kooi for more details.

**BUTTER BRAIDS!!!** Concordia Academy’s choir students are selling butter braids to raise funds for choir tour in 2022. Though Marie will have graduated then, she is still collecting orders, and the proceeds will go to the general choir program. Orders can be placed through Marie by April 9th.

**LWML SPRING RALLY:** For freedom Christ has set you free! (Gal. 5:1) Join us on April 10 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. for a Bible study and mission talk with Rev. Dr. Joshua Miller, Pastor at Jehovah Lutheran Church in St. Paul, MN. Pastor Miller will lead us in a study of Galatians 5:1-6, 13-15 and talk with us about an opportunity for mission and mercy in the St. Paul Midway neighborhood. This event will be virtual and can be accessed through Emmaus Lutheran Church’s website or Facebook page. [www.emmaus-lutheran-church.org](http://www.emmaus-lutheran-church.org) Please note that one does not need Facebook to watch the event. Just click on the link, and it will take you right to the event. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Nick Kooi at 651-424-6294 or [pastornkooi@gmail.com](mailto:pastornkooi@gmail.com).

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Fear...Like Onions, You Know?” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why end a good news story on a note of fear? St. Mark’s Gospel wants us to see human fear as evidence that God is at work. (Mark 16)

**CONCORDIA ACADEMY AT-HOME GALA IS FREE FOR EVERYONE!** On April 17, Concordia Academy’s annual Dinner Auction becomes an At-Home Gala! This free, 45-minute, online event features entertainment by Triple Espresso’s Bob Stromberg, touching stories from CA families, games of chance, and fun surprises. CA is excited to welcome attendees from all over the country, so spread the news to all the Beacons fans that you know. Visit [www.concordiaacademy.com/gala](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/gala) for all the details, including how to register for this free event.

**REGISTER FOR CONCORDIA ACADEMY CAMPS:** This summer, Concordia Academy offers over 30 sports, arts, and STEM summer camps for elementary, middle, and high school students. New offerings include Cardboard Creations, Coding, Stop Motion Animation, and Sweet Treats & Healthy Eats! Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/camps](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/camps) to get details and register.