

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

April 10, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

The words of the prophet Zechariah echo throughout this special day: “Behold your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9). On this day, we remember how Jesus Christ, the King of all creation, came down the Mount of Olives riding “a colt, the foal of a donkey.” We know the time and the place of that coming down the hill and traveling in procession across the valley and up to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus rode down a real mountain in a definite time in history and at a place still very much there today. All this was for a most certain purpose. On this day of celebration and of sorrow, we have reason to rejoice in the salvation our humble King brought for us to and through Jerusalem and to the cross on Calvary’s hill. The people there called out *Hosanna!*—which means “save us now!” And Jesus fulfilled their—and our—heart-felt request.

✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

The congregation gathers in the narthex.

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

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL *John 12:12–19* (The triumphal entry)

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: Let us go forth in peace,

People: in the name of the Lord.

HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” LSB 442

ref All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel
And David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain

2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. Refrain

3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. Refrain

4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain

5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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When all have arrived at their places, the people may raise their branches as the procession concludes with the following:

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: All hail to Jesus, the King of our lives! Lift up your hearts and rejoice in Him!

People: He came from the very throne of God, but He gave that up to suffer a criminal’s death on the cross.

Pastor: But God raised Him up that the ends of the earth may bow before Him as their King!

People: Jesus Christ is Lord! Hosanna!

Pastor: In Him is forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord! Bless us with Your peace! Hosanna! Hosanna!

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.

People: Eternal God, we confess that we were born sinful and unclean and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and renew Your Spirit within us that we

may joyfully follow Your will and delight in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, forgive our sins and be gracious to us. Amen.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

Pastor: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Pastor: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

HYMN “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. Text: Public domain

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” *LSB* 443

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
 The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
 The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
 Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
 The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
 Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving
 And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
 Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
 Should on His bidding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”
 That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
 The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
 With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
 Eternally rejoice!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy* 32:36–39 (The Lord will vindicate His people.) The Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. Then he will say, “Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! “See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms* 118:19–29

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
 that I may enter through them
 and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: This is the gate of the Lord;
 the righteous shall enter through it.**

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered me
 and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone.**

Pastor: This is the Lord’s doing;
 it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

**People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Pastor: The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**People: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!**

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**People: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5–11* (Christ poured Himself out in death for His people.) 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Philippians 2:8b*

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

HOLY GOSPEL *John 12:20–43* (Jesus speaks of the death by which He will die.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord

been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" *LSB* 444

1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet

With banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat:

"The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride
No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide:
"Behold, behold your King!"

2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;

With palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near:
The King of glory's throne.

Astride a colt He passes by
As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry
"Behold, behold your King!"

3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn;

The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn
The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,
The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies,
"Behold, behold your King!"

4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake

The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take,
The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name
Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim
"Behold, behold your King!"

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SERMON

We live in a busy, distracting, and noisy world, don't we? And sadly, that has only gotten worse with each passing year. For over 25 years, Bernie Krause had traveled the world to capture the natural sounds of animals and environments. His recordings have been in over 135 movies, and he has produced 50 environmental record albums. As he looked back on his career, he shared this interesting bit of

information. When he first began in 1968, he could record for about 15 hours and capture about one hour of usable sound: a ratio of 15 to 1. When he retired in the 2000s, he said it would take him about 2,000 hours to get one hour of usable sound. One of the main reasons for that is our world has gotten that noisy! We can be distracted with lots of sound.

We can be distracted by sight, too. A recent survey reported that the average adult spends, on average, about 8.6 hours a day using technology. That includes things like phones, TV, computers, apps, video games, reading on a kindle, and the like. And what is fascinating about that is each age group is about the same. Gen Xers lead the way with an average of 8.8 hours a day. For Millennials, that is 8.7 hours a day. And for Baby Boomers, the average is 8.3 hours a day. Sights can be just as distracting as the sounds!

As St. John tells us about Palm [Sunday](#), he does something unique with his account: he punctuates it with a moment of reflection. He wants us to tune out the noise and to refocus our eyes for the important week ahead. He invites us to simply experience the wonder of Jesus, the Lord of all, Who does His work in humility.

When we lived in Michigan, there was the Blossom Time parade that went right past our house. This parade was such a big deal that people would leave chairs outside by the road the night before, and then would chain them to trees or other objects so that no one would take their spot. This parade consisted of various floats from schools, organizations, and churches from all over the county. It also featured local politicians, those running for office, pageant winners, the homecoming court of every high school in the county, and each school's marching band. To top it all off, it had the hometown hero, Joique Bell, who was the starting running back for the Detroit Lions (Dawn had his nephew in her class). Bell was in a sweet blue convertible, and the star of the parade.

In our Gospel text, John tells us of the parade that happened that [Sunday](#) morning; however, it is less grand, and much simpler. There was no ticker tape or streamers, but palms, the symbol of Judea and victory. There were no marching bands and singing choirs, but the choruses of "Hosanna! Save us now!" and "Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, (even the King of Israel)!" There were no pageant winners in splendid costumes, but disciples in their regular old clothes. There is no stallion or blue convertible, but a lowly donkey, showing Jesus comes in peace and prophecy.

As John tells us about the events of Palm [Sunday](#), he suddenly pauses. He sorts through the noise of the crowd, and the sight of the palms. He invites us to reflect, stop, and think, so that the moment isn't lost. He writes, **"His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him."** In the moment, John didn't realize what was going on. It wasn't until he looked back years later that he got the moment, or saw it for what it really was.

John knows that after the death and resurrection of Jesus that things look different; it changes everything! After we have seen Jesus bear the punishment of our sin. After we have watched Jesus offer His life for our salvation. After we have witnessed His resurrection from the dead. After we see how He ascends and rules over all things; only then do we see how this moment, and others in His ministry, take on a deeper, and more significant meaning. For we see that as Jesus goes about His work in the world, He does so through the way of humility, and with little fanfare.

In John's Gospel, Jesus does His work in humility, and with little fanfare, if any! Only the servants and disciples know that Jesus turns the water into wine at the wedding in Cana, which was His first miracle in chapter two. The couple doesn't know, and there is no big fanfare or celebration. The greatest sermon the world has ever heard is spoken to just one person, Nicodemus, in the silence and darkness of night. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16)." Living water is offered to a single, sinful, Samaritan outcast (in ch. 4), and her small village meets the Savior of the World. A man who was an invalid for 38 years is healed, and doesn't even know it is Jesus Who did it (ch. 5). Jesus feeds a multitude in the barren wilderness, and walks to a small group of disciples out on the sea (ch. 6); He doesn't do that in a crowded place. Alone with the adulterous woman, He sends her away with a word of forgiveness instead of doing it in front of the crowd (ch. 8). He heals the blind man in chapter 9, and calls Lazarus from the tomb in chapter 11. Both are done with few people around.

[Today](#), we remember this reality: Jesus approaches His work in humility. When Jesus approached His greatest work, our salvation, He did it without fanfare. John has brought us to the edge of the Passion, the hour of glory, and yet, it is strangely anticlimactic, isn't it? There is no epicness to the moment, or a larger than life

feel. Jesus is not part of a royal procession, or something grand like the Blossom Time parade. Its just a spur of the moment gathering as He comes to ordinary sinners on the streets of Jerusalem. This humble trend will continue this week.

On **Thursday**, He will take the role of a servant as He washes His disciples' feet. On **Friday**, He will give *everything He has* to make us His own as He takes on the world's sin amidst the jeers of His opponents. Paul puts it this way in our Epistle reading: **"though He was in the form of God, [He] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by 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."** Then, on Easter morning, He will rise in a quiet and quaint garden tomb, showing the proof of our justification and salvation. Jesus does His greatest work in humility!

As we enter this Holy Week, John invites us to stop and reflect. Don't get lost in the noise; don't get distracted by the sights. Let this year be different! Get in the Word. See and experience the Lord of All Who comes in humility, and still does **today**. God comes to us **today** through ordinary, simple, and humble means. One of those is the Word. On the outside, it is a simple, unordinary, unimpressive Word spoken by regular people, but it life-changing! God's Word can do what it says! It bestows hope and speaks peace to the troubled heart. It sustains the weary and makes the simple wise. It lifts up the downcast, cheers the depressed, and binds the brokenhearted. It forgives sinners and bespeaks us righteous. It delivers to us the saving work of Jesus, and creates and sustains our faith. (Kantor Resch story?)

He comes in ordinary bread and wine, His Supper, to deliver to us the body broken for us on Good **Friday**, and the body risen for us on Easter **Sunday**. It is a meal that delivers the very means that won us salvation and makes us right with God!

He comes in plain, regular water with the Word: baptism. I remember baptizing Zoey in the hospital, and having a moment of awe about it. I was amazed that the water I poured on her with God's Word gave her new life, the Holy Spirit, and entrance in God's family, and then, right after that life changing event, life resumed and went on. One of life's most significant moments was immediately followed by the mundane! Talk about God working in humble means and ways!

And He works through our ordinary conversations and actions. Ever have those days where an unexpected compliment, or encouragement, made all the difference? Ever have someone's simple smile toward you brighten a sour mood, or a thoughtful action, like a call out of the blue, make you feel loved and cared for? How about a friend sees you downcast and says, "Let's get coffee?" God works through ordinary, simple actions like these, to care for, encourage, and support His people. He uses *your actions* to do that for others. *You* are His hands and feet in this world that He works through.

As Holy Week dawns upon us, sit with St. John. Reflect with him. Ponder God's work. Silence the noise. Ask Jesus to shift your gaze with the help of the Holy Spirit. See the humble Lord at work, saving His people, and giving them His gifts through His Word. Don't miss it!

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

OFFERING "Hosanna" -Paul and Betsy

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

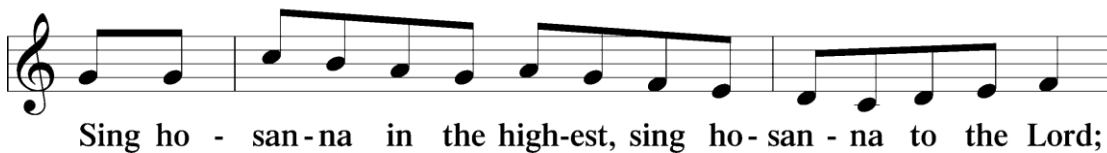
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to come among us, bringing His salvation, has fulfilled the vision of the prophets and the hopes of Your people. We thank You for calling us in this time and place and for inviting us to Your holy Table. Joined together in the name of our Lord and in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

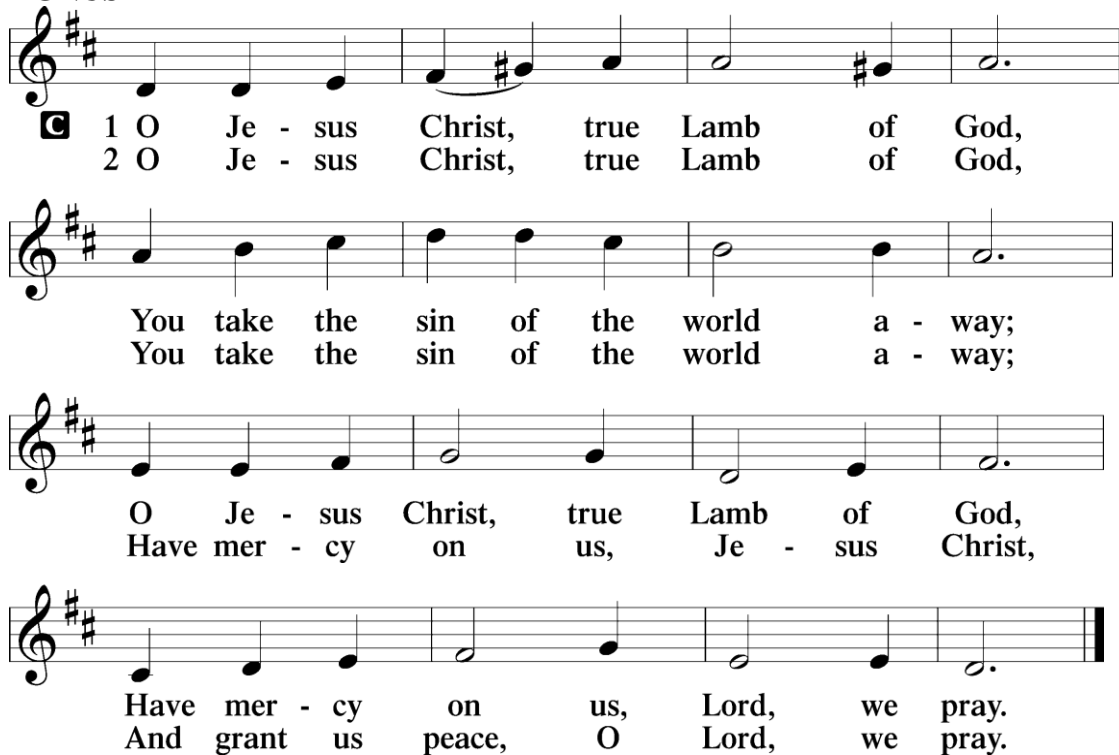
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Living Sacrifice" -Paul and Betsy

Refrain: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice
Holy and pleasing to God
Do not conform to the ways of this world
But be transformed by the Spirit living in you

Jesus went to pray in Gethsemane
He was to be the final sacrifice
The path to the cross was made, the Father's will was done
Now salvation is ours for all eternity

And as we follow in Christ's footsteps
God's grace is ours to share
But in losing our life to Jesus...
The kingdom's ours to share! So - (*Refrain*)

Looking to Jesus, willingly, our sacrifice

"At the Name of Jesus" *LSB* 512

1 At the name of Jesus
 Ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess Him
 King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure
 We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning
 Was the mighty Word.

2 At His voice creation
 Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
 All the hosts of light,
Thrones and bright dominions,
 Stars upon their way,
All the heav'nly orders
 In their great array.

3 Humbled for a season,
 To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
 Unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it
 Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
 When from death He passed;

4 Bore it up triumphant
 With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures
 To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
 To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory
 Of that perfect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone Him;
 There let Him subdue
All that is not holy,
 All that is not true:
Crown Him as your captain
 In temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you
 In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 Shall return again
In His Father's glory,
 With His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him
 King of glory now.

△ 7 Glory then to Jesus,
 Who, the Prince of light,
To a world in darkness
 Brought the gift of sight;
Praise to God the Father;
 In the Spirit's love
Praise we all together
 Him who reigns above.
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BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” *LSB 436*

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
 All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see,
 Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall,
 View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
 Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

3 Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb;
 There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
 God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
 Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
 Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Luke 22:11* – “Tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ” Did Jesus really need this man’s Upper Room? If the man had refused to let Jesus use it, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this room! It is the same with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor it is for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Maundy Thursday (April 14) and Good Friday (April 15) services will be held at Emmaus at 11:30 a.m. Evening services will be held at 7:00 at Bethel Lutheran Church (670 Wheelock Pkwy W, St. Paul).

EASTER DECORATING: It's time to plan for our 2022 Easter decorating. The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to participate, please sign-up on the Easter Decorating Sign-Up Sheet on the table in the Narthex. It should not take more than two hours. If you can spare the time, we would appreciate your help. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you, Chris and Mark G.

LAST DAY! THE EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN donation slip in the narthex provides an opportunity to remember departed loved ones and contribute toward the cost of Easter decorations. Today is the last day to turn in memorial garden donation slips. 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.

BREAKFAST HELPERS NEEDED: We need about three helpers to set up, serve, and clean up at the Easter Breakfast. If you can help, please contact Pam Nelson.

EASTER BREAKFAST: And help with the Federwitz family's moving fund! Easter Breakfast will be available on Easter Sunday. Yummy Easter treats will be part of a bag/box to take with you or eat in the Social Hall on Easter Sunday after our worship service. A free will offering will be taken that will go towards the Federwitz family's moving fund. A Thrivent Action grant is funding the meals. Please contact Maria in the Emmaus office with an RSVP if you would like a bag. Extra bags will be available, but an RSVP will help determine how many bags should be made.

REJOICE IN HOPE! 29th Biennial LWML MN South District Convention: Thursday, June 16 – Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Willmar Conference Center (240 23rd St SE, Willmar, MN). For more information visit www.mnslwml.org.

JEENA'S BUSINESS is now open! You can visit Namaste Brows & Boutique at 1718B Lexington Ave N in Roseville. Brochures are available in the office. www.namastebrowsandboutique.com

FEDERWITZ FAMILY: The Federwitz family is moving back to the USA this June. With that comes the expense of shipping their belongings. In June Jonathan will take a new assignment at the Jaars mission aviation headquarters in Waxhaw, NC. Wycliffe Bible Translators has established a special launch expense account that can be used to help meet the financial needs associated with shipping things from PNG to the USA, purchasing a vehicle, and setting up a home. The budget set for this account is \$25,000. If you would like to give to the special launch expense account, please send your gift to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862 and include a separate note stating "Preference for the Launch Expense Account of Jonathan & Carrie Federwitz # 359951 - LE." (Note: Gifts for the launch expense account should go to Wycliffe, not to LBT.) You can also give to the launch expense account online: www.wycliffe.org/partner/jcfederwitz. On the page that opens, find the drop-down box that says "Wycliffe Ministry Budget" and change it to "Launch Expense Account." Then enter an amount and click "Give." The launch expense account will be open through June. Please contact Jonathan if you would like more details. Jonathan_Federwitz@wycliffe.org

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Can I Get a Witness?" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How did Christianity become the dominant faith of Western civilization? It's partly arithmetic, but mostly, it isn't. (Luke 24:48)

KING OF KINGS BASKETBALL CAMP & PROGRAM: King of Kings is hosting both a camp and a summer program. Basketball camp will focus on boys and girls who are going into 4th-6th grade this fall. The basketball program will focus on boys who are going into 6th-8th grade this fall. For more information, check out the posters on the bulletin board by the office.