

# PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

April 2, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. Far from being a detached dispatch from a distant deity, this Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming “obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). As we gather again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, “This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

*We begin today’s service 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.**

## HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:1-11* (The triumphal entry)

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

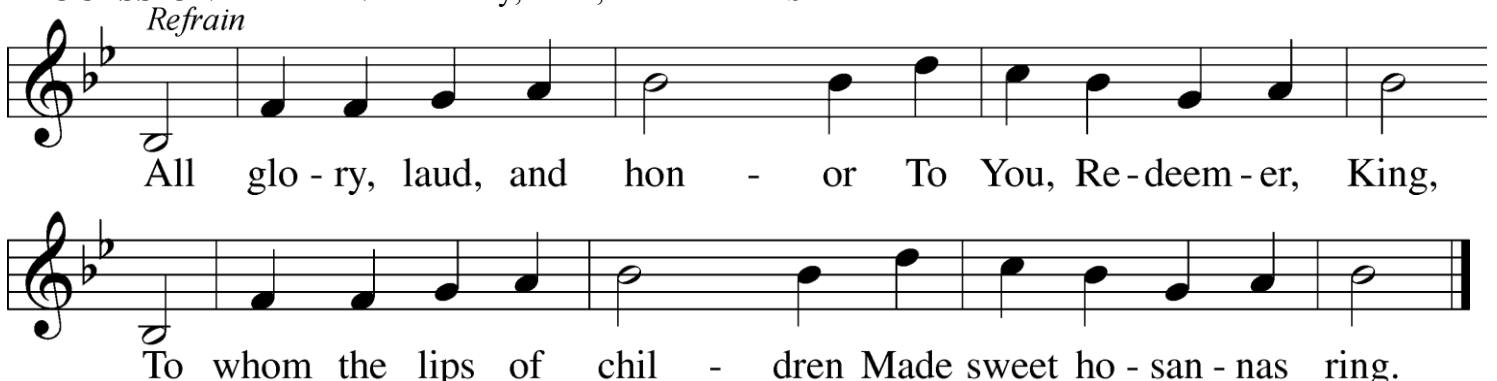
**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

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

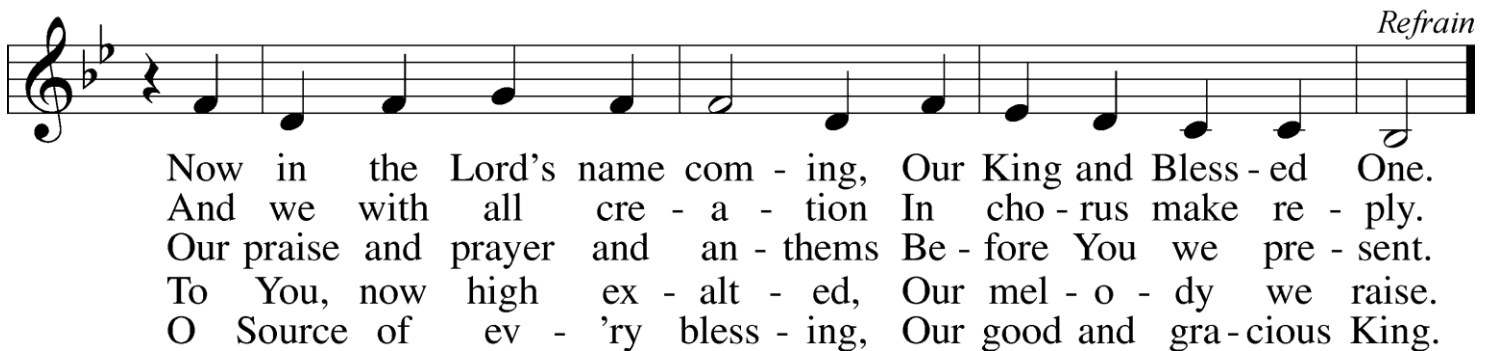
PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" LSB 442

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;  
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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*When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:*

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

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,**

**renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

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

Pastor: Blessed 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!

**People: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

**People: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**People: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

**People: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**KYRIE** *LSB p. 152*

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**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 to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Rejoicing in Your mercy to us this day, enable us to follow our Savior, walking with Him to His cross and sharing with Him in His resurrection. We pray this in the name of our humble King, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 50:4–9a* (“The LORD God helps me.”)

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. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalms 118:19–29* (We bless the LORD who opens the gates of righteousness.)

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!**

Pastor: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**People: The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.**

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

**People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**EPISTLE** *Philippians 2:5–11* (Jesus humbled Himself to the point of death.)

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.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 12:20–43* (The Son of Man must be lifted up.)

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.**

#### **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.**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** "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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### **SERMON** “Who Is Jesus?” Matthew 21:1-11

- I. James Bonham
  - Who is Jesus?
  
- II. Our Humble K\_\_\_\_\_ Who \_\_\_\_\_
  - Law of Royal Levy – how does Jesus employ this?
  - Why does Matthew leave out the words *righteous* (17x in Matthew) and *salvation* (15x)?
  - What were you ransomed with?
  
- III. Our Mighty W\_\_\_\_\_
  - Hosanna means....
  - Palm Branches are symbols of....
  
- IV. Our Radical P\_\_\_\_\_
  - How many earthquakes are there in Matthew? Where do they occur?

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **OFFERING** “Hosanna” -Paul and Betsy Hanson

*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**

Holy holy holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have shown us Your mercy once again this day and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, the humble King who journeys to the cross for our salvation and who calls us to lives that walk with Him by faith. Send Your Holy Spirit to us now that our hearts may be prepared to receive Your good gifts and joyfully remember our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood.

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

## **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.**

## **THE 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."

## **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God you take away  
All the sin of the world  
Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us  
And grant to us your peace

*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**

“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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“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” *LSB* 563

1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.

4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.  
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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. O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's saving work that we may rejoice this day and every day because of the faithful love You have shown to us; 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; Psalm 118:23*

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** "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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## **POSTLUDE** "The Nazarene" -Michael Card

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A Quarter 2.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Matthew 21:3 – “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.

**LAST DAY! 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.

**EASTER DECORATING:** It’s time to plan for our 2023 Easter decorating. The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, April 8, 2023, 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

**SPRING FUNDRAISER:** We are doing a spring fundraiser through Gertens garden center to raise money for replacing the carpet in the main entrance. Any additional funds will be allocated to other church maintenance needs. This is all done online, where you can place your orders and pay through the website Gertens has set up for us. The ordering period will be from 3/13-4/6. April 6th is a firm date, so please get all your orders submitted by then. This is a great way to buy plants for Mother’s Day. Chris G is coordinating this, and will receive a list of all items purchased on the website for distribution. Your orders will be ready for pickup the Sunday before Mother’s Day, or 5/7 after church. Our profit is 30% on the plants and 15% on Plant Cards, less the delivery fee. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Chris G. Thank you!

**Go to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)**

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**EASTER FAMILY FUN!** Join us after the service on April 16 (the Sunday after Easter) starting around 10:45 for some Easter family fun. We will have a variety of activities going on, with prizes!

**EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK:** We hope you and your family/friends can come to the Easter Breakfast potluck which will take place after the Easter service in the Social Hall downstairs. Bring an egg dish, sweet rolls, donuts, fruit, or fruit juice to share. Sign up on the poster in the narthex for what you want to bring and if you can help set up, serve, or clean up. See you there!

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “He Is Risen, Indeed” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Christ’s resurrection affects everyone—even those who don’t believe it happened. (Matthew 28)

**LWML SPRING RALLY:** St. Paul Metro Zone invites you to the Spring Rally on April 15 at Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Ave, St. Paul. Registration (fee: \$5) and refreshments are at 9 a.m. with the program from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. “A Broom Is a Gift of God” Stories and insights from the mission field with speaker Dr. Richard Carter, missionary to Hong Kong. Gifts from the Heart: Used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries, and items for Phil’s Friends cancer patients (puzzle books, journals, playing cards, fuzzy socks, hats, Walmart gift cards). If you are planning to attend please notify Beth S. by April 10: leave a message at 651-631-8956 or email [stpaulmetrozp@mnslwml.org](mailto:stpaulmetrozp@mnslwml.org).

**CA 50s-THEMED AUCTION ON APRIL 22:** Concordia Academy invites you to their “Happy Days” Dinner Auction on April 22. Get your letter jackets, white t-shirts, and poodle skirts ready and flash back to the 1950s! Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/auction](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/auction) to purchase tickets or get more information.

**CHRISTUS CHORUS & BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERTS:** Concordia University, St. Paul invites you to attend these two amazing concerts featuring the God-given talents of our students and conductors: 1) The Christus Chorus Home Concert, Friday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Graebner Memorial Chapel; 2) The Concert Band & String Ensemble Spring Concert, Sunday, April 30, 7:00 p.m., Buetow Music Auditorium. Both are free and open to the public.

**Holy Week at Emmaus**

**Maundy Thursday, April 6**

**Good Friday, April 7**

**Worship at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**Emmaus  
Photo Directory**

Emmaus is having a new photo directory made for our 75th anniversary! To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to <https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php>

Enter **mn332** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Note: church code and password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.

**The online scheduling option is not available on the weekends because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church. If you would like to sign up today, please visit the sign-up table in the narthex.**

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.