

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Today's processional Gospel looks at the first day of Holy Week, and the Passion carries us on to Jesus' tomb. Throughout the entire week, and since His transfiguration, our Lord has moved toward the cross step by step. Despite opposition from crowds and His circle of friends, He has been determined to love us to death so that He might open heaven to us by the grace of God. Zechariah had written about the procession centuries earlier, and Paul proclaims that God the Father has exalted Jesus for His steadfast commitment to our salvation. But this is no mere history! We also are called to follow, to live through each day, step by step, faithful under various circumstances yet confident of mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

We begin today's service in the narthex.

GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

PRAYER

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

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

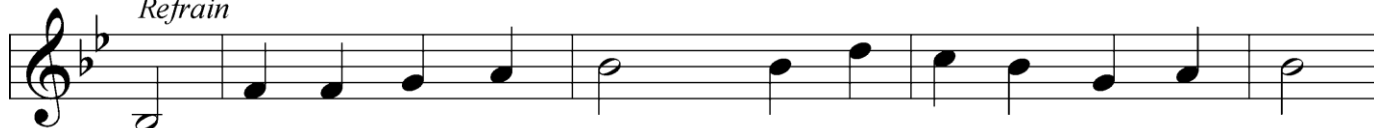
The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, 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.

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: Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During it we recall how our Savior gave His life so that all our sin may be forgiven, and heaven opened to us. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another. (*You may kneel or remain standing.*)

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.

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

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

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

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

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

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

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

People: Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zechariah 9:9–12* (The King comes humbly on a donkey.) 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” sts. 1, 5 *LSB* 901

1 Open now thy gates of beauty;

Zion, let me enter there,

Where my soul in joyful duty

Waits for Him who answers prayer.

Oh, how blessèd is this place,

Filled with solace, light, and grace!

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;

Let Thy will be done indeed.

May I undisturbed draw near Thee

While Thou dost Thy people feed.

Here of life the fountain flows;

Here is balm for all our woes.

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Our Psalm for today is reflected in the hymn, and it is inspired by it.

Psalm 118:19-26

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5–11* (Because of His humble death, Christ has been exalted by the Father.) 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,

People: even death on a cross.

GOSPEL READING *John 12:20–43*

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 OF THE DAY “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed” *LSB* 560

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.

3 Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.

4 And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

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SERMON *Colossians 4:7-18*

Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

“Christ-centered Reconciliation”

- I. The End of the Story? Miss Havisham
- II. The Framework: (John) Mark, Paul, and Barnabas’ Missionary Journey (Acts 13 and 15)
 - Who is (John) Mark? Who is his cousin?
 - What happened between the three?
- III. The Forgiveness: Reconciliation (Col 4:10)
 - How long has it been since the incident?
 - What moved Paul to reconcile?

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

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 enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.

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Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts of praise.
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God.
Hosanna in the highest!

Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of kings!
Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of kings!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts of praise.
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God.
Glory to the King of kings!

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 offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ, our Lord; who by His glorious death has drawn us to Himself and given salvation to all who believe; and so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise Your name and sing:

SANCTUS HYMN “Sing Holy, Holy, Holy”

Sing holy, holy, holy To God the Three in One.

With saints and angels praising—Our vict’ry He has won.

The earth and all creation Sound forth His awesome praise.

With them we lift our voices And hymns of joy we raise.

Sing holy, holy, holy To God the Three in One.

With saints and angels praising—Our vict’ry He has won.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 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.”

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 HYMN “To Thee, O Christ, Our Savior”

To Thee, O Christ, our Savior, O Lamb of God, our King,
We bend the knee in homage; To Thee our praises bring.

In mercy You pressed onward, All sin fully to pay,
And on the cross You opened A new and living way.

To Thee, O Christ, our Savior, O Lamb of God, our King,
We bend the knee in homage; To Thee our praises bring.

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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.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” *LSB* 624

1 The infant Priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He,
Anointed from eternity.

2 This great High Priest in human flesh
Was icon of God’s righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
His hand removed impurity.

3 The holy Lamb undaunted came
To God’s own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes,
This Priest became a sacrifice.

4 But death would not the victor be
Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place
Within the veil, before God’s face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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"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 COLLECT

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.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

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 "Lift High the Cross" *LSB 837*

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain
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POSTLUDE “The Nazarene” -Michael Card

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

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, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.

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 it in the collection plate or hand to an usher. **Donations must be turned in by Monday, March 25 for names to be included in the Memorial Garden list.** Those who wish to pick up their Easter lilies may do so after the 9:30 a.m. Easter service. Thank you!

MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY, March 28-29, services will be held at Emmaus at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK: Join us for an Easter breakfast potluck on Sunday, March 31 after the worship service. Please sign up on the poster in the narthex to bring food or help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: We will be holding a class for offering counters on Sunday, May 5 after church. Current counters and anyone interested in becoming a counter should plan to attend. Please see Nancy W with questions.

EMMAUS T-SHIRT: We have one Emmaus T-shirt left, size XL. Contact Marilyn P if you’re interested in it.

EMMAUS GARAGE SALE: A garage sale has been planned for Friday, May 17 through Saturday, May 18 at Emmaus. Items can be brought over for the sale starting after Easter. More info to come. Watch for a sign up poster to see ways you can help with the event.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER: Visitors, if you would like to receive the *Emmaus Footprints* (our monthly newsletter), please leave a note with your email address for Maria in the office. Members, please make sure we have your current email address.

CRAFT MORNING AT ST. STEPHANUS: Join the women of St. Stephanus on Saturday, April 13 from 8:30-12:00 for a morning of fellowship and creativity. You are invited to bring your own handiwork or participate in a learning session (Zentangle, fusible applique, or knitting). For more information and how to register, pick up one of the bright pink papers in the narthex.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Eucatastrophe” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. (Mark 16:6-7)

SUMMER CAMPS AT CONCORDIA ACADEMY: This summer, Concordia Academy offers dozens of camps, including old favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Dance, Playmakers (with two full-day theater camps options), and Youth Worship Team. But there are also exciting new camps, including Adventures in Prose (a creative writing camp), Beacon Archery, and Young Scientists (for Grades 2-4). Get details and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.

SAVE THE DATE: King of Kings Women’s Ministry 2024 Spring Recycle Sale, Saturday, June 1 ~ 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendar for the Women’s Ministry Recycle Sale. Like the 2023 event, we will be conducting the sale during the Roseville Citywide Garage Sale, and taking free will offerings. Please note we will not be accepting adult clothing, only infant and children’s to age 12. For questions contact Peggy or Glenn M. King of Kings Women’s Ministry has supported mission projects such as: Quilts for Lutheran World Service/Ukraine, Sandwich Project, Christmas Shoebox project, Concordia Academy and King of Kings school scholarships, Hmong ministry, Concordia University, and provided King of Kings college students going into church work a small gift of financial assistance. Women’s Ministry also coordinates funeral lunches.

THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Afternoon wedding – building in use

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

Thurs: Maundy Thursday

11:30 a.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. Worship

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Good Friday

11:30 a.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. Worship

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: Easter

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast Potluck

SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Christine S

MUSIC LEADER: Paul H

SOUND TECH: Eric R

VIDEO TECH: Matt G

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Randy W

USHERS: Todd and Nicole

COUNTERS: Peggy K, Nancy W

LECTOR: Chris G

GREETER: Linda K

ACOLYTES: Elizabeth G, Micah G