

+The Divine Service+

Palm Sunday | March 24, 2024 | 8 & 10:15AM



The Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, Anthony Van Dyck, 1599-1641

The Triumphal Entry of the Son of God

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The Liturgy of Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY begins the celebration of the Christian Passover. As God rescued his people from Egyptian slavery through the blood of the Lamb and the crossing of the Red Sea, so he rescues us from sin and death by the shed blood of his only-begotten Son, **“the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”** (John 1:29). Christ’s death and resurrection is our Passover from death to life (Romans 6). Today, our eyes are fixed on Christ, who enters the Holy City for his sacred task. As he moves to his cross and passion, we will follow with glad and willing hearts, as his disciples once greeted his holy entrance with palm branches and loud shouts of Hosannas.

This Sunday begins our most sacred time of the year as we hear, gaze upon, and participate in the events that changed all history to bring us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hence, the Church traditionally calls this mini-season at the culmination of Lent “*Holy Week*” or “*Great Week*.”

The Divine Service on Palm Sunday, or as it is sometimes called, *Sunday of the Passion*, contains these ancient elements:

+ *The Procession of Palms*. The children follow the cross in procession as the congregation sings ‘*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*.’ This has been the traditional hymn for the procession of palms since the ninth century. The procession of palms is no mere reenactment or pious remembrance. By this procession, the members of the Church understand that they are participants of the original saving event of Christ’s Triumphal Entry.

+ *The Reading of the Passion*. Going back to ancient times, the Passion according to St. Matthew (Matthew 26-27) was read on Palm Sunday. We will not hear the reading of the full Passion today, but on Good Friday, the Passion according to St. John will be read.

The Church has entered Passiontide. The *Alleluia*, the *Gloria Patri*, and the *Gospel Procession* are all withheld until the Feast of Easter, when our joy will be unrestrained.



LITURGY NOTE: the children assemble in the narthex ten minutes before the services (both 8 and 10:15) to lead the Procession of Palms.

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

The opening liturgy begins at the entrance to the sanctuary.

The Procession of Palms

Greeting

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

C Amen.

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

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P 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.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the

tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord!

Processional Hymn | 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

The children process in with palms to remind of the crowd of believers who gathered to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. The children lay their palms at the baptismal font, to signify how in Baptism we are joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Hosanna in the highest!

Collect of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit



The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon: v. 26

²⁶ *Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD;**

the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected**

has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made;**

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

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

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

²⁶*Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.*

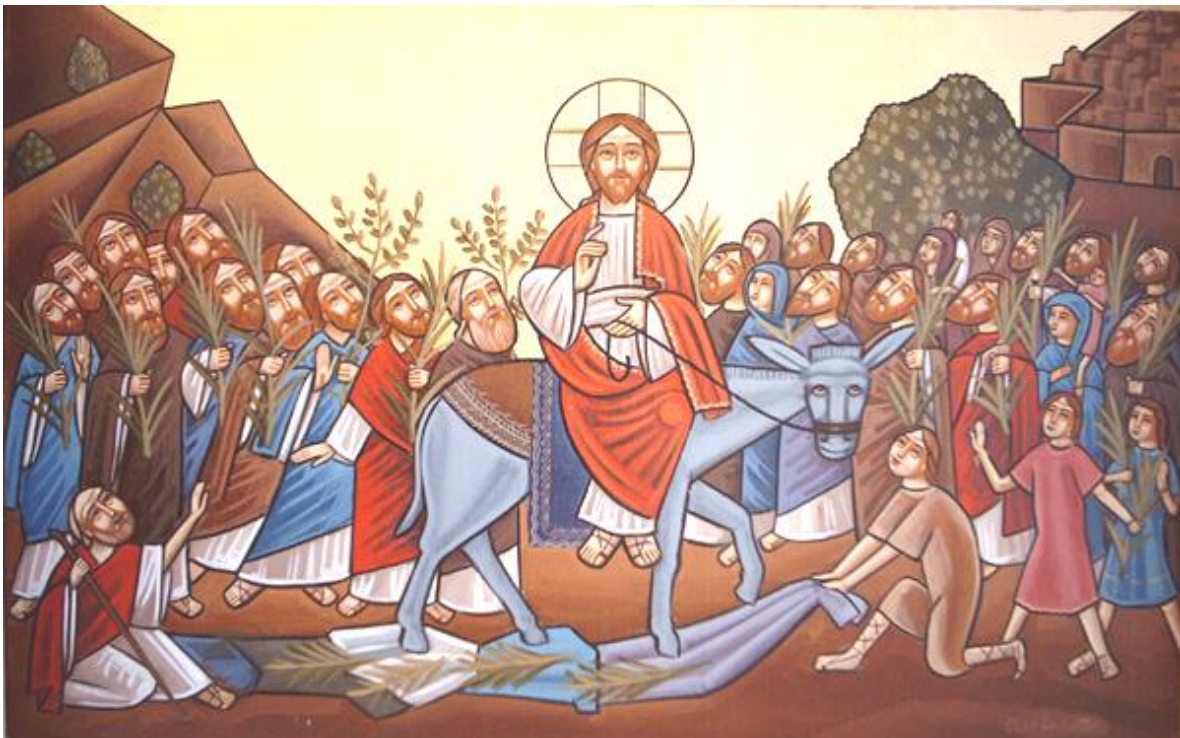
Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

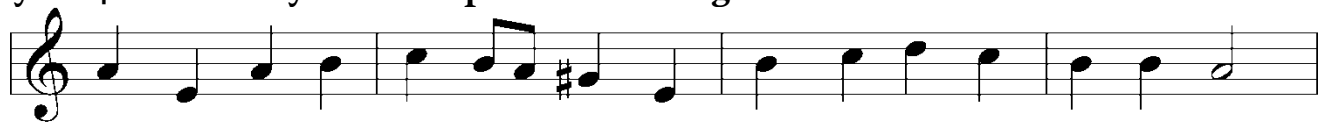


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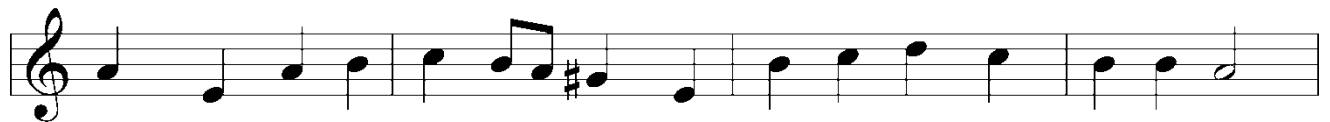
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The Holy Gospel is read from the Lectern.

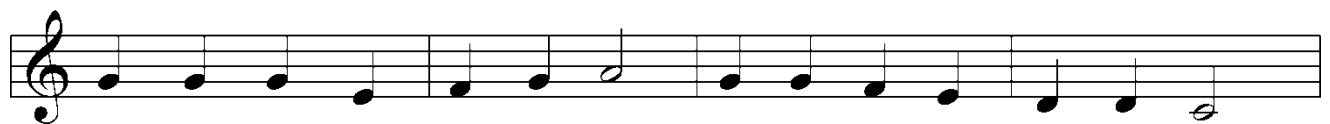
The Hymn | 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

John 12:20-43

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, 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. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If 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.

²⁷“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. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So 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?”³⁵ 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.³⁶ 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.³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,³⁸ 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?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“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.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.⁴² 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;⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

back cover of the hymnal

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Sermon

The Rite of Confirmation

10:15 only. At early service, the service continues with the Prayer of the Church

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever

denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe 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.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, the following collect is prayed.

Stand

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace † be with you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

The Offering

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and 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 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

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

Lord's Prayer

C 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

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

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

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei | 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

Distribution Hymn | 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Distribution Hymn | 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Stand

The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace. **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn | 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

The Service is ended. Depart in peace!



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, March 24, 8 and 10:15AM

Divine Services with the Procession of Palms.

Please have your children to the services early for the
Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7PM

The Divine Service

Good Friday, March 29, 12-3PM

The Tre Ore is observed by the LCMS Churches of the Decatur Circuit
at St. John Bingen.

Good Friday, March 29, 7PM

The Chief Service of Good Friday (St. Paul)

The Great Vigil of Easter, March 30, 8PM

The Great Vigil is observed by the LCMS Churches of the Decatur Circuit
at St. John Bingen.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 6AM & 9AM

Divine Services for Easter Sunrise and Easter Day

Breakfast served in between services

By the youth/confirmands of St. Paul

Martin Luther on Palm Sunday

We should get really well acquainted with this Christ-King, and place all our hope boldly in the life which is to come, where we will be forever happy, free of all sin and infirmity. It's for that reason that Christ came, and was crucified, died, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven to occupy his kingdom. That's how he overcame sin, death, and the devil for us, and by his blood and Holy Spirit swept us clean of all filth, so that all who believe in him are righteous and blessed, and will someday pass through temporal death into his eternal, heavenly kingdom.

We should therefore, mark all the difference between Christ's kingdom and worldly powers, as he himself clearly showed by his extraordinary entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, without a saddle, the animal a borrowed one at that! He sat on it without pretense, just as he was, barefoot, without boots and spurs. From the human point of view the whole incident looked ridiculous, and yet this beggar-King, riding on a donkey, was Israel's King, promised by God and foretold by the prophets. That was evident also from the way his followers greeted him, "**Hosanna!**" Blessings upon this King and upon his new kingdom! "**Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!**" All of which made it crystal clear that he was in no way like worldly rulers who have amassed a lot of treasure and property for the purpose of displaying worldly pomp and circumstance for their public appearances. Christ was no such earthly king; on the contrary, he is an eternal King, with an everlasting kingdom where one needs neither gold or silver, and yet will never suffer any want or need in all eternity.

The world has nothing but high disdain for this King and his kingdom with its eternal blessings; it is concerned only with temporal goods: power, honor, and riches on earth. We Christians, however, are to labor here and use the world's goods for our bodily needs, all the while not forgetting the other life. After all, we must in the end depart and leave behind the goods of this earthly life; that should help us remember where we really want to be, namely with Christ, our eternal King. For if we accept him here, that is, believe in him and heed his Gospel, he will also receive us over there, saying to us, "**Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**"

This, then, is what our dear Lord Jesus Christ meant to show by his entrance into Jerusalem, so that we might truly understand him and his kingdom. On the left hand, as it were, we still live here in the kingdom of this world, but always on the right hand we reach forward and upward to his kingdom everlasting in the world to come. It was for that future life that we were baptized. May God grant us his grace so that we may joyously welcome and accept this King and remain with him forever. Amen. *-From Luther's House Postil, from a sermon on Jn. 12:12-19*





The Donkey

BY G. K. CHESTERTON

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

Announcements

St. Paul

The **Confirmation** of Travis Elwer, Chloe Johnson, Katie Keuneke, and Evan Selking takes place in the 10:15am service today. We give thanks to God that these adult catechumens have received the Word of God, grown in faith and in the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and desire to join our fellowship here at St. Paul. We rejoice with Karmen, Joey, Bobby, Taylor, and their children. May Christ keep these his disciples in their baptismal grace unto life everlasting!

Holy Week begins today (Palm Sunday). The procession of the cross in Palm Sunday will be followed by the **children carrying palms** in both services at the beginning of worship, so please have your children in the narthex ten minutes early. Also, the **Sunday School** of St. Paul will be singing at the beginning of the late service today, **March 24th**, Palm Sunday. Thank you for having them in the choir loft to sing before the procession of palms.

Holy Week. In addition to the services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at St. Paul, there are two circuit-wide services offered at St. John Bingen during Holy Week: **the Tre Ore** (three hour) service from 12-3PM on Good Friday and the **Easter Vigil** at 8PM Saturday. Each of these services has its own remarkable characteristics and has something unique to offer those who attend them. Pr.'s Brege, Yeager, and Sem. Jeff Windoloski will be at these services (the Tre Ore and the Vigil). We would very much be delighted to see you in the congregation. These services will be sure to add richly to your Lenten devotion. As Holy Week is the highest point on the Christian calendar, all saints will want to organize their lives so as to maximize their reception of the treasures the Lord Jesus has for us in his Word. Please do join us!

Easter breakfast. Parents, please also plan to have your children present in the fellowship hall at about **7:30AM Easter Day** to help serve and clean up at the **Easter breakfast**. Breakfast funds go to support St. Paul's youth. **Sign up sheet** is in the narthex for those who would like to bring breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, coffee cake, or whatever is your breakfast specialty.

Easter Flowers. Thanks to all that ordered flowers for Easter. After the late service on Easter morning you may take your flowers home. Each flower is marked with a stick in the dirt of the pot with the purchasers name on it. Again, thank you, He is Risen, indeed!

Swing Set Project. We will be building a swing set at the parsonage. If anyone is interested in helping with this project please contact Brady Huff or Tim Ehlerding.

Youth

March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday); 5-8:30 p.m. – *The Passion of the Christ*. (High School only) Chris and Tina Caston will again host a movie night at their home (1988 E. 900 N.; Decatur, IN 46733). The pastors will be in attendance to answer any questions and lead discussion following the film. **Please note the start time of 5 p.m.**

Wyneken

Food donations sought. The Wyneken PTL Food & Beverage Committee is seeking donations for snacks for the teacher lounge! Here are just a few ideas.

- Individual snacks- individual trail mix/ nuts- individual candy - k cups- granola bars- water - soda. Let's show our appreciation to the Wyneken teachers & staff and help them finish the year strong!! Please place in the narthex in the box labeled "Wyneken PTL."

Grandparents Day. We are excited to welcome grandparents and special guests to Wyneken on Wednesday, April 3 from 7:45-10:45am! Invite your loved ones to check out the schedule and pre-register for our special day using the link below. Registration and check-in will start at 7:45am. Classroom visits for kindergarten - 8th grades will take place from 7:45-10am, with a chapel service to follow in the main gym. Dismissal of our special guests will follow the chapel service. Further information for this event can be found by navigating to the following site: <https://tinyurl.com/wyngpday> (A link can also be found on our website, www.wyneken.org). All attendees are encouraged to pre-register for the event. We hope you are able to join us! If you are unable to register online, you may call the school office (260-639-6177) with the names of your guests.

A new SCRIP Coordinator is needed. Please prayerfully consider serving in this volunteer capacity. If interested, contact Mr. Gavrun at principal@wyneken.org or 260-639-6177.

Openings for Infants. The Wyneken Childcare Program would like to thank members of St. Paul, St. John, and Zion Friedheim for their continued prayers and support. We now have openings in our infant room as well as limited availability in the one year old classroom as well as in the two year old/three year old classroom. If you are in need of care, please contact us to see if we can help! Contact Jen Conrad or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064. Thank you

LWML

The LWML Decatur Spring Gathering will be Saturday, **April 27 at St John Flatrock**, 12912 Franke Road, Monroeville. **Registration: 8:45 Speaker: 9:00 AM** - Pastor Donald Sauls and Sandy Sauls from Compassionate Ministries Network Inc. (a not-for-profit charity dedicated to poverty relief and aid in Southern Adams County). In-gathering: Food Items for Compassionate Ministries food pantry. Registration is now open for the LWML Indiana District Convention in Danville, IN June 21-23, 2024. Registration forms can be found at lwmlindiana.org or in The Good News. Questions, contact Marilyn Bulmahn at 260-919-5007. Each congregation in the Decatur Circuit can send two voting delegates. At the LWML Indiana District Convention there is going to be a "Silent Auction" of gift baskets donated by each zone in the Indiana District. We would like each LWML group in the Decatur Circuit to think of something that could be placed in OUR circuit's basket from your group. All money collected from the Silent Auction will be used for Mites! Example: Preble Noodles, Steiner Goat Lotion, honey....etc.

Community

Pancake & Sausage Brunch, Poe Vol. Fire Department, Sunday, **March 24, from 9-1PM** at the Poe Fire Station. Adults \$8, children 6-12 \$4, children under 6 free. Carry out available.

Prayer of the Church

- +**Our Catechumens** in Adult Catechism and Youth Confirmation.
- +**The sick and recovering:** Marilyn Werling.
- +**Wyneken:** our teachers, Courtney Butcher, students, staff, and childcare.
- +**The Homebound:** Marge Merriman; Laurna Bulmahn; Don Haines, Ron Selking.
- +**Birthdays:** Beth Merriman, Marcy Gilbert, Connie Jeffrey, Braelle Brune, Jamie Tharp, Amanda Borne, Megan Berry, Emily Sovine, Alan Hamilton, Jim Brune.

Acolytes 3/24

8AM Corbin Huff

10:15AM Derick Vogel

Attendance

Wed 3/13 80

8AM 3/17 102

10:15AM 3/17 107

Stewardship

Offering: \$4,802.00

Online: \$1,125.02

Total: \$5,927.02

vs. weekly goal: -\$1,560.98

vs. YTD: -\$5,344.36

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 24

8AM Palm Sunday—Divine Service

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM Palm Sunday—Divine Service

11:30AM Confirmation of Adult Catechumens

5PM Youth—Screening of the Passion of the Christ—
Caston Home

Wednesday, March 27

No Wednesday Night Service—Holy Week

Thursday, March 28

7PM Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29

12-3PM Good Friday—Tre Ore, St. John Bingen

7PM Good Friday—Chief Service (at Preble)

Saturday, March 30

8PM The Great Vigil of Easter—St. John Bingen

Sunday, March 31

6AM Easter Sunrise

7:30AM Easter Breakfast

9AM Easter Day