

Palm Sunday

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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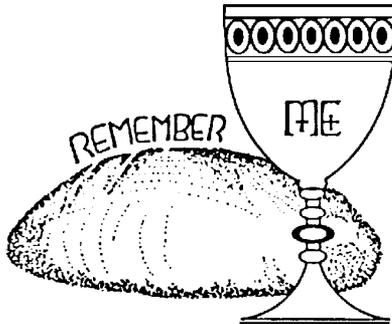
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you would like to know more about our church or school, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit you at your convenience.

Organist Mr. Ryan Mueller

Hymn 161 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Order of Service Page 15ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal

Redeemed, restored, forgiven, Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven, Oh, praise our pardoning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sevenfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.

Dear Master, Thine the glory Of each recovered soul.
Ah! who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours, the merit; Be thine alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit To serve Thee all our days.

Epistle Lesson Philippians 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Lesson John 12:20-26 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.

Hymn 725 *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

Sermon Matthew 21:1-9 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. And if

anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

The Palm Sunday Miracle...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Choir *Prepare the Royal Highway*

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word.

God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!

Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised King!
Your King, yet every nation Its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before Him; Their voices join your singing:

His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:

Distribution Hymns 755, 160, 162, 738, 142

The Benediction

Closing Hymn 32:4 *Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven*

HOLY COMMUNION The Bible exhorts us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" Holy Communion is therefore both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

HOLY WEEK Our annual Maundy Thursday service, with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, will be held on Thursday at 7. A Tenebrae service will be held on Good Friday evening at 7. There is no luncheon following either of these services.

Easter schedule: 8-9 a.m. breakfast; 9:30 a.m. worship.

CALL At last Sunday's special call meeting the voters submitted a Call for a graduate from ILC's Education Department. There will be one graduate from that program in May. Pastoral and Teacher calls are assigned when the Coordinating Council meets after Easter. If more than one school has submitted a call, the Assignment Committee will make the decision.

BREAKFAST If you haven't done so already and would like to sign up to bring items for the breakfast next Sunday, please see the sheet in the entryway. The breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00.

CEMETERY MOWING The Cemetery Board is still looking for people who are willing to help with the mowing and trimming this summer. The goal is to have enough volunteers so that it doesn't always fall to the same people to get it done. Please speak to a member of the Board.

ARTS CAMP Immanuel, Mankato is offering Arts Camp again this year for students in grades 5-8. Camp runs April 13-15. You may register online at immanuelmankato.org More information is available in the entryway. Deadline to register is April 4th.

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