

Palms Sunday / Confirmation

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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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 are looking for a church home, and would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, the pastor will be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Organ Prelude Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 162 *Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty*

Examination

Sunday School/CDS Students 785 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-9 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." ⁴All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: ⁵"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.'" ⁶So the

disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. ⁸And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹Then 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!"

Congregation 725 *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

Sermon 1 Samuel 3:8-10 A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."

The Perfect Confirmation Prayer...

Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed.
Death's dread power in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever.

Oh, what blessing to be near Thee And to hearken to Thy voice!
May I ever love and fear Thee That Thy Word may be my choice!
Oft were hardened sinners, Lord, Struck with terror by Thy Word;
But to him who for sin grieveth Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.

Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee, May Thy words take root in me;
May this gift from heaven enrich me So that I bear fruit for Thee!
Take them never from my heart Till I see Thee as Thou art,
When in heavenly bliss and glory I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Choir *Triumphal Entry* (Hymn 161)

The Rite of Confirmation

Luke Timothy Strike (baptized on Nov. 15, 2004)

Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Choir *A Joyful Psalm*

Benediction

Congregation 800 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

CALL Teacher Matthew Thurow has returned our call. The call meeting will be resumed after today’s service.

VOTERS MEETING The following items were adopted: Dates for VBS and calling of teachers was tabled until special meeting on May 12; A workday was scheduled for April 13; Volunteers are needed for the June 8 delegate conference (held here); The Cemetery Board is looking for help in maintaining the property this summer (even if you don’t have your own equipment); Next Quarterly meeting: July 21; The offer on teacherage 2 was accepted; Budget information is available on entryway table.

DINNER INVITATION The Strike family invites all of you to join them for the noon meal after today’s service. Serving will begin once they are done with pictures.

HOLY WEEK Special services will be held on Maundy Thursday (with Communion) and Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

DAILY REST If you are interested in subscribing to this publication, the deadline is April 15. There is a signup sheet in the entryway.

EASTER FLOWERS If you are interested in sharing your Easter flowers for the service on Easter Sunday, please bring them with you that morning.

USHERS Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B., Jonathen L., Jonah A.
Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Ryan D.

CLEANING (Wk 1) D. Iverson, D. Ling, S. Sumeay
J. Albrecht, C. Ling

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A Joyful Psalm

Lift a joyful song to the Lord! Lift a joyful song to the Lord!
Lift a joyful song to the Lord! Sing Gloria, sing alleluia.
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Honor and glory to God. Come to the Lord with joyful songs.

God Himself is with us. Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; all within keep silence,
And before Him bow with rev'ence.

Praise God above the heavens. Rejoice in the house of God.
Praise ye the Lord. Praise God! Rejoice in the temple.
Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. All people praise the Lord.
All people praise the Lord. Let worship fill His courts forevermore.
Praise God forever and ever.
Come sing alleluia, come sing unto the Lord.
Praise Him for His mercy endureth forever.
His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Alleluia! Alleluia!

God Himself is present; hear the angels singing.
See them bow, their praise now bringing.
"Holy, holy, holy!" sing the hosts of heaven.
Praise to God be ever given.
O give ear to us, hear: Hear, O Christ, the praises
That your church now raises.

Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord! Praise the Lord!

PROPERTY NOTICE A general meeting, after Sunday services on May 12, 2019, will be held for the voters to approve the sale by St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, of Okabena, Minnesota, of real estate described as the Original Town of Okabena, South Half of Lot 5 and 50 feet of Lot 6 in Block 4, Jackson County, Minnesota, to Paul and Gloria Andrzejewski for the sum of \$60,000.00 and, further, authorizing the church officers to execute a deed to convey the property to the purchaser. The resolution to be voted upon is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

BRIDAL SHOWER A shower will be held at church at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday, April 20, for Shelby Ling, bride-to-be of Chase Rovere. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Bring a favorite recipe on a 4X6 card.

Arise and Shine Retreat registration is now open! Our theme for this year is "Confidence!" In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather calls us to be confident in His Word and the salvation which He has won. If you are in your 20's or 30's and are looking for a relaxing getaway weekend of fun and fellowship, consider signing up for this retreat. The cost is \$140 per adult and \$100 per child. The retreat will be held June 13-16 in Pillager, MN. For more information, visit our website: <http://ariseandshineretreat.com>.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP Due to the power outage in Worthington, posters for the May 3 roundup were not available in time for today's service. They will be here on Thursday.

TO OUR CONFIRMAND Confirmation is not like being discharged from the armed forces. It's more like enlisting to be sent to the front lines. The Lord now looks to you to do His work, to help bring the Gospel to others, to gain new recruits for His army, to strengthen your fellow believers in their fight of faith. Though your regular instruction classes have come to an end, you cannot afford to absent yourself from further training sessions. You need to attend church, to read your Bible, to review your Catechism, to pray, and to help at church when you can. May the Lord bless you in this work!