

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 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C 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!”

P This 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.

Children are invited to join the procession at the entrance during the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

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.

Palm Sunday *Palmarum*

25 March 2018 2017 Anno Domini

The service of Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to the His crucifixion. Palm fronds are given to the children who benefit from this visual symbol of Christ's welcome into Jerusalem.

The historic Latin name "Palmarum" comes from the palms that were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry "Crucify him!" This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion.

There are two Gospel Readings: the first tells of Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem, and the second tells of His passion (suffering & death) to come. The reading from the passion narrative sets before the faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week - the most important week of the entire Church Year.

Paraments remain purple - a somber color in keeping with the seriousness of the Lenten Season, but also the color of royalty, reminding us that He who struggled so hard to win our salvation is none other than our heavenly King. The Catechumens wear the symbol of early Christians in red, symbolizing the work of the Holy Spirit upon them in their Baptism and confession of faith. It is also symbolizes the sobering and serious reality that the devil, the world and our sinful nature will persecute us unto death. The symbol is in the shape of a fish, or "ichthus", which means "Jesus Christ is God" or "Jesus Christ God's Son our Savior". It is fitting that they thus begin their life as adults in the Church on the day our Lord began His Passion for our salvation in Jerusalem. Receiving His gifts, we gather together, in joy and sorrow, confident in Christ our Savior . . . He who conquered for us!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 73:23b-24, 1*)

You hold my | right hand.*

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to | glory.
Truly God is good to | Israel,*
to those who are | pure in heart.

SO, TODAY, AFTER
THE PROCESSION,
WE'RE GOING TO
HEAR THE STORY OF
THE SUFFERING
OF JESUS.



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RIGHT.

AND THEN, ON
FRIDAY, WE'RE GOING TO
HEAR IT ALL OVER AGAIN?



RIGHT.



BECAUSE YOU CAN'T
HAVE TOO MUCH
OF A GOOD
THING!



RIGHT!

MATTHEW 23:1-31

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OLD TESTAMENT

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice 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. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he

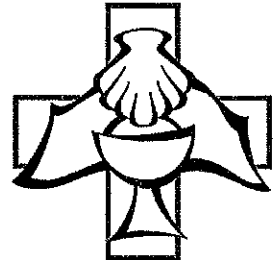
was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-54

(There was inadequate space to list this important reading of our Lord's Passion here in the insert. Please follow along in your own Bible or those located in the Pews.)

The Rite of Confirmation & First Communion



25 March 2018 Anno Domini

James Benjamin Ellis Baptized: June 22nd 2003

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

Hunter Caleb Fowler Baptized: October 19th, 2003

And the people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey."

Joshua 24:24

Allie Denae Janssen Baptized: February 14th 2004

And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

Isaiah 58:11

Seth Nathaniel Latta Baptized: March 23rd, 2003

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28

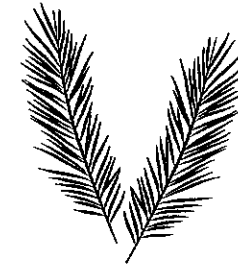
Annalicia Brooke Potter Baptized: November 23rd, 2003

Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Psalm 86:11

What is Confirmation & First Communion?

- In the LCMS, for much of the 20th Century and now into the 21st Century, the rite of passage known as "Confirmation" has also included "First Communion." Historically, these rites were separate! First Communion was not limited to a specific age but rather the faith & maturity of the believer.
- Confirmation is a man-made rite. It is really the process of a youth becoming an **adult member** in the church – ready to assume more responsibility for themselves and help support the church. In Confirmation a catechumen declares publicly before God and the church that he or she is a Christian who has been baptized, confesses the faith, and is in communion with Christ and His Church. It is also a **life-long vow of fidelity – a promise to attend regularly, support and assist the congregation where they are members**. Confirmation is a custom of the Church and NOT a sacrament (In Roman Catholicism it is). It began to be done at the 8th Grade level because that was an age many people began to work fulltime, go away to school, or assume adult responsibilities. Times have obviously changed a little!
- First Communion is simply about **faith** and the ability of a person to **examine** themselves (1 Cor.11:28), or as Luther says in the Small Catechism *"that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."* First Communion links the catechumens to their Baptism, celebrates the reception of the Lord's Word among them and welcomes them to the Lord's Table. Luther strongly urges that to be admitted to the Lord's Supper one should learn, at the very least, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Baptized Christians are admitted to the Sacrament when they have been examined and absolved by their pastor in accordance with the Lutheran custom outlined in the Augsburg Confession (Article XXV).
- **Both of these Rites, Confirmation & First Communion, are important.** As times have changed, we offer First Communion to a youth when he/she, the parents and pastor(s) determine he/she is ready (a matter of faith and maturity, not age). ***We would certainly not want to limit or withhold the body and blood of Christ to those who desire and meet the requirements that our Lord sets forth in Scripture just because they are not a certain age!*** Some of the 8th Graders today have already had First Communion, whereas others are being admitted today for the first time along with their Confirmation!



THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT
PALMARUM

Palm Sunday

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Weslie Odom

Collect of the Day:

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. Amen.

Introit:

Psalm 22:1, 7-8, 11 (antiphon: Psalm 22:19, 21) — *Be not far from me, for trouble is near*

Psalm:

Psalm 118:19-29 (antiphon: v. 26) — *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

Old Testament Reading:

Zechariah 9:9-12 — *Behold, your King comes!*

Gradual:

Psalm 73:23-24, 1 — *Truly God is good to Israel*

Epistle:

Philippians 2:5-11 — *Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, our Savior*

Tract:

Psalm 22:1, 4-5 — *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*



Matthew 21:1-9 ESV

Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the apostle and evangelist, receives these words from the Holy Spirit around AD 50. The text relates Christ Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on the last week of His life prior to His crucifixion.

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

- "Bethphage," whose name means "House of Figs" or "House of Young/Unripe Figs," is between Bethany and Jerusalem. From this position, Jesus and the crowds could be seen from Jerusalem.

² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

- Jesus, as He does, for example, in speaking to Nathanael in John 1:48, chooses here to use His divine power in revealing the presence and location of the donkey and colt. The words to the owners of the animals may indicate that Jesus also knows something about them — that they're His disciples and will happily obey His Word.

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

- God uses Matthew to speak in a particular way about the events as he did the "prophet" mentioned in verse four. The one who confesses God as the sole author of Holy Scripture isn't surprised to find a combination of prophetic utterances referred at as being spoken by "the prophet." The introductory phrase, "Say to the daughter of Zion," from Isaiah 62:11 is combined here by God through Matthew with the explicit prophecy from Zechariah 9:9 to reveal the full meaning of what Jesus is doing in entering Jerusalem in the way He is. One should not think that Jesus makes the decision that it's time to fulfill a prophecy. Rather, one should understand that, centuries before, the prophets were given the words to write concerning this day Jesus of Nazareth entered His own Holy Zion.
- The point often made concerning Jesus' entrance is well taken that in His meek entrance all thoughts of a militaristic overthrow ought be put out of the mind. Jesus is the king, yet He is the king of His own, spiritual kingdom, which is not of this world. His horse and chariot are lowly beasts of burden. His crown is made of twisted thorns. His wooden throne is covered in His holy, precious blood. His royal bedchamber is His soon-to-be-emptied tomb. This is how the Christ is to conquer, and He does.

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

- The disciples seem to know that Jesus will ride into Jerusalem, but not which animal He will ride on. Cloaks are placed on both animals.
- The casting of cloaks and branches under Jesus' feet recalls the recognition of Jehu's divine anointing as king of Israel (2 Kings 9:13). The act is one of submission and honor on the part of the people.

⁹ 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!"

- In this verse one sees the wisdom in selecting the passage from Psalm 118 as the Psalm for this day. This Psalm, which Martin Luther called, "my own beloved psalm," (*Luther's Works*, 14:45), was most likely used in the liturgical worship of the Temple. As the prophecy above, the particular words of Psalm 118:25-26 find their fulfillment in the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem the week of His crucifixion.
- The cry "hosanna in the highest" is a plea to God for mercy and rescue. Christians are reminded of the great words of the Sanctus in the Divine Service. There too it is a cry to God for rescue, but its place in the service immediately following the Words of Institution teach the Christian that in the true Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament, the answer from God to this plea has already been provided.

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

FFAMILY NIGHT will take a break during Holy Week and resume on April 4th, concluding on April 25th. Come join us for an end of the year PICNIC at 6pm on May 2nd!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 3/25 LaVerda Spielman, Bertha Alvidrez 3/28 Taylor Strong 3/29 Brad Bosle 3/30 Lisa Nissen

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 3/25 Norma Jean Bosle 3/26 Coley Lacy 3/29 Kelvin Wolzen, Jenna Ellis, Jeffery Ellis, Ron J. Davis, Beverly Davis 3/30 Serenity Johnson, Rick Latta 3/31 Mary Galliard

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex Feb. 14-Mar. 31, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS Peace Food Pantry & Hastings Food Pantry, ends Saturday, March 31st.

MENS' STEAK NIGHT- Monday, April 9th 6:00pm Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

LIFEQUOTE "Moreover, when Christ, the Son of God, was to be conceived in His mother's womb and become incarnate, He certainly had to be already present in essence and in person in the Virgin's womb, and had to assume humanity there." *Martin Luther (LW 37:62) - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
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TALK RADIO FOR HOLY WEEK...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," Apparent Contradictions on the Crucifixion & Death of Jesus, The Upper Room, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Trials of Jesus and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP Palm Sunday

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 and to make us His own people.

Palm Sunday
Palmarum

March 25th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Barbara Thurin + Family of Paul Ohlsen **Expecting** + Erin Erb **Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Phyllis Heath + Ron Davis + Janice Callan + Tonda Wolfe + Carol Metzger + Mark Dicken + Bill Novak + Mary Black + Alan Fredricks + Jan Utecht + Carey Sramek + LeRoy Thom **Health Issues** + Carol Smith + June Rose + Jeannette Barker + Randy Russell + Olivia + Jace Moore + Thomas Gatz + Carol Krause + Jesse Beran + Jo Metzger **Cancer** + Andy Jacques + Taylor Cochrane + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Acolytes: 3/25 8:00am Violet Nunnenkamp 10:30am Allie Janssen

Crucifers: James Ellis Hunter Fowler

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Altar Guild: Mar. Jeanne Buck, Julie Klatt Apr. Dianne Botsch, Tonda Wolfe

Ushers: 8am Wes C., Josh & Merrick R. 10:30am Walt I., Ernesto A.

Elders: 3/25 Don N. 402-460-6430 4/01 7:30a Roger B. 10:30a Dale G.

Bus Drivers: 3/25 Mike N. 402-469-4838 4/01 Harold H. 402-984-9666

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	208	<u>Weekly Year to Date Attendance</u>	170
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 4,418.92	<u>Jan-Feb Income</u>	\$ 54,309.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,534.12	<u>Jan-Feb Expense</u>	\$ 42,839.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-Feb Income</u>	\$ 18,254.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 216,336.11

The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 25th	8:00am	Palm Sunday Divine Service
	9:15am	Reception-Confirmands
	10:30am	Palm Sunday Divine Service
		<i>First Communion & Confirmation</i>
	12:00pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved-Ellis Family
Tuesday, March 27th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, March 28th	2:00pm	Calling & Caring
Thursday, March 29th	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday, March 30th	12:00pm	Good Friday Tre Ore Service
	7:00pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Saturday, March 31st	7:00pm	Holy Saturday Vigil Divine Service
Sunday, April 1st	7:30am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Divine Service
	9:00am	Easter Breakfast 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30am	Easter Sunday Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush,

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Coming This Thursday . . .

Maundy Thursday evening we partake of a meal that the LORD God has prepared with His own hands. It is a holy feast which nourishes our faith and restores our souls. It is a rich feast purchased with the most costly coin, the Son of God. Today we eat and drink; we remember, and we give humble thanks. Other holy meals have brought us to this feast, all meals provided by the hands of the Holy One. This day we remember the Passover meal and the blood of lambs on the doorposts that protected the Israelites from the angel of death. We remember the Day of Passover and the Passover lamb because it points to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. It points us to this holy feast of this Lamb's body and blood. But there is one greater feast yet to come: the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. A feast provided by the hands of the LORD God. A feast enjoyed in the presence of the Lamb in the courts of His heaven. A greater feast indeed!



DIVINE SERVICE
Setting One

During Lent, all responses are spoken

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Procession of Palms *insert*
Processional Hymn #443

Service of the Word

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Old Testament Reading

PLC Choir
"On That Day, When He Rode into Jerusalem"

Epistle Reading
Lent Verse p.157

Gospel Reading
Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day #442

Sermon Zechariah 9:11
"I Will Free You Prisoners"

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Sanctus & Prayer
Lord's Prayer

The Words of our Lord
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns
#602 #616 #531

Nunc Dimittis & Collect
Benediction

Hymn #441

Postlude