

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 an Elder.

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. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

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 Steven R. Sale + Family of Alan J. Fredricks + Family of Kenneth Bohlen + Family of Patt Lentfer **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Jean Thom + Hudson Quandt (Infant) + Rodney Rose + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Diana Dieken + Lisa Novak + Esther Dush + Peggy Saddler + Lindsay Brettman + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Coghagan + Kathy Sneed + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplain, U.S. Navy Retired
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Altar Guild: Apr. Tonda W., Jackie R. May Dianne B., Kathy H.
 Elders: 4/14 Kevin H. 402-984-2182 4/21 6:30am Ernesto A. 9:00am Kevin
 Bus Drivers: 4/14 Harold H. 402-984-9666 4/21 9:00am Wes C. 402-984-4650

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	126
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 4,492.81
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 1/31/2019</i> \$ 110,817.67

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Bookkeeper, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

Sunday, April 14th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	11:30am	Reserved: Fellowship Hall Dush
Monday, April 15th	7:00pm	L.W.M.L. Quarterly Meeting Right to Life Board
Tuesday, April 16th	9:30am	Bible Study 6:00pm Board-Finance
	6:30pm	Ladies Night
	8:00pm	Church Council
Thursday, April 18th	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday, April 19th	12:00pm	Tre Ore Service
	7:00pm	Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 21st	6:30am	Easter Sunrise Divine Service
	7:30am	Breakfast-Youth 8:00am Easter Egg Hunt
	9:00am	Easter 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. Secretary Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranastings@gmail.com

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9-12; Mt. 21:1-9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name *"Barabbas," "son of the Father"* (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, *"Truly this was the Son of God!"* (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).



During Lent, all responses are spoken

Prelude & Ringing of Bells
Choir: "Blessed is He"
 Processional Gospel Mt. 21:1-9
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 Processional Hymn #443

Service of the Word

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 Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

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 Benediction
 Hymn #441
 Postlude

News and Notes of Interest

Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

Divine Service: Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M. followed by coffee and dessert time at 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Bible Study will follow beginning at 10:30 A.M. Elders

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MIDWEEK FAMILY NIGHT

May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, That we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 4/15 Jen Christensen 4/17 Joyce Carroll, Stan Johnson 4/20 Khloe Morgan

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 4/14 Hunter Dalland 4/17 Amy Russell, Jim Jacobs, Janie Hinrichs 4/19 Sapphire Hammond

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 4/17 Jerry & Janie Hinrichs 4/19 Randy & Sally Savage

UPCOMING VOTERS' MEETING: 10:30AM QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 28

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS OF PRAYER

available in the Narthex April 21 - June 8, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE AT WORK:

We ask for your continued support to the Benevolence fund so we can continue to bless our church family and community when there is a need. Sandy Nissen, Human Care Committee Chair. Disaster Relief - Nebraska Flooding- <https://bit.ly/2U13Blz> click the option for Disaster Relief. "Disaster Relief - NE Flooding" mail to: Nebraska District LCMS PO Box 407 Seward, NE 68434

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH: Silent Auction Fundraiser - small table(purple) runs until April 21, Long table runs until Wednesday, April 24, Sign-up Sheets available SEE Youth or Brenda!

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT: will hold its closing BBQ on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. No classes will be held. The congregation is invited, please bring a salad or dessert to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bus will run as usual for Wednesday Midweek Schedule.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: Thursday, May 2nd, Guides available on the table in Narthex. Thanks Joan Primrose

CUSTODIAN: To clean Peace Lutheran Church. Please call Secretary 402-462-9023 or ask any Trustee for Job Description. Submit bid for monthly costs in sealed envelope by mail or in person to Secretary to be opened on May 2, 2019.

LIFEQUOTE "This Sunday, the church [invites] the world to remember the One who comes into the midst of a very fickle humanity—duplicity, defeat, violence, injustice, pain, and all. He comes near to good and bad intentions, near the ashes of what was meant to be honor, the ruins of attempts on our own. And despite our oscillating thoughts, despite the sin we cannot leave, He invites us into a disruptively different sort of story of defeat. The Son has made His triumphal entry. And yet He comes to bring us the cross, to the one sacrifice that speaks to the world's pain." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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 teachings include: The Church's Observance of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, The Holy Week Hymn "The Royal Banners Forward Go," Apparent Contradictions in the Bible on the Crucifixion and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:3 - "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

Palm Sunday
Palmarum

April 14th
9:00am



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Palm Sunday *Palmarum*

14 April 2019 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.

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 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 to 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-empty 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.