

Palm Sunday

Sunday of the Passion

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8:00am & 10:45am



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Today's service begins with the procession of palms. "Palm Sunday" is named after the palms which 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.

Procession with Palms

The congregation stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, 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.

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter. (John 12:12-19)

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P ¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So 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!" ¹⁴ And 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!" ¹⁶ His 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. ¹⁷ The 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.

Children’s Procession “*Hosanna to the Son of David*”

Sunday School Children

Processional Hymn 442 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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

C Hosanna in the Highest.

Children’s Message

Confession and Absolution

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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.**

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have 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 emptied himself, by 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter. (20-43)

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, 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. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If 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. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So 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?”

³⁹ Therefore 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.”

⁴¹ Isaiah 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.

Hymn 438 *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

Sermon “*Palm Sunday Discourse*” John 12:20-43

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(10:45) Baptism p. 268

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Gathering of Tithes and Offering

(8:00) “*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*”

(10:45) **593** *See This Wonder in the Making*

Bach

Introduction by Alleluia Ringers

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Communion Hymns: **630** *Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling*

440 *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

436 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Post Communion Hymn 422 *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

Post-Communion Collect & Benediction p.183

Recessional Hymn 441 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN! We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine.

ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER: Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

SERVING TODAY – Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Kurt, Dan, Jeremy, Nick; 10:45 – Chris, Phil, Steve, Harold. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Lucas & Everett; 10:45 – Peter & Noah. **Instrumentalists:** Eli, Josh, Everett, Terry, Sara, Randy

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today by Ron and family to the glory of God, and in memory of wife Susan’s birthday on March 19th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Patty and family at the death of mother Lola Klitzing, Susan and family at the death of husband Kevin; *following surgery:* Mark; *for healing and recovery:* Bob-father of Amanda, Patty, Jim, Kaylianna, Robin, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Noah, Olivia; for those in the military: Nick, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; for our homebound: Alice, Gilbert.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

Baptism – Kristofer Kyle will be baptized during the 10:45 service this morning. Kristofer was born on March 2nd, 2024 to Kyle & Kelsey. His sponsors are Kelsey Rose and Charles Richard. We welcome Kristofer into the Lord’s Family!

Holy Week Service Schedule – *Maundy Thursday:* 3:00pm & 7:15pm Holy Communion; *Good Friday:* 3:00pm Chief Service, 7:15pm Tenebrae Vespers; *Easter Sunday:* 6:00am Sunrise Service, Easter Coffee Cake Brunch following Sunrise Service, 8:00am & 10:45am Divine Service with Choirs & Instrumentalists.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School – Kindergarten through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	4 th -5 th	Room 3C
K-1 st	Room 5B	6 th -8 th	Conference Room
2 nd -3 rd	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

Music Notes –	Today - 3/24/24	7:45am	Sunday School warmup in Fellowship Hall
		10:00am	Handbell Rehearsal
		10:30am	Sunday School warmup in Fellowship Hall
		12:00pm	Instrumentalists Rehearsal
	Wed. - 3/27/24	6:00pm	Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
	Maundy Thursday	6:00pm	Singing Choirs Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
	Good Friday	6:00pm	Singing Choirs Rehearsal
	Sat. 3/30/24	T.B.D	Easter Instrumentalists Rehearsal

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>Palm Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:00 Instrumentalists Rehearsal; 1:00 New Member Class
Tuesday	6:00 Parish Ed
Wednesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek; 6:00 Handbells
Thursday	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> ; 8:10 Chapel; 3:00 Holy Communion; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Friday	<i>Good Friday; School Closed; Church Office Closes at Noon</i> ; 3:00 Chief Service; 6:00 Mixed & Men's Choirs; 7:15 Tenebrae Vespers
Sunday	<i>Easter Sunday</i> ; 6:00 Sunrise Service; 7:00 Easter Breakfast; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

April E.A.T. Night – Save the date for Culver's on Monday, April 8th from 5-8pm. Flyers will be available soon.

LWML is now collecting donations for Pregnancy Resources, which aids moms in need, via the LWML Illinois District Convention. A collection box will be available in the coat room for your donations from now until 4pm on Monday, April 22nd, 2024. Items needed are: diapers (newborn to size 5-6), diaper wipes, new baby bottles, new pacifiers, baby shampoo and lotion (no powders or oils), baby bath towels and washcloths, newborn clothing (boy and girl), larger toddler clothing (2T and 3T, boy and girl), burp cloths, receiving blankets, small baby toys (teethers, etc.). Thank you in advance for joining LWML in participating in this worthy endeavor. Please contact Donna Eiskamp at (217) 419-6547 or Jan Bundy at (217) 840-0988 for any additional information needed.

SJL Trivia Night – Save the Date for a Night of Travel Themed Trivia – Saturday, April 13th – Doors Open at 5pm and trivia starts at 6pm. Look for more information on the narthex table/bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall or contact through email - ptf - at - stjohlns.com.

LEARN BY HEART
THE FAMILY ALTAR

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Table of Duties

Of Civil Government – Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. (Romans 13:1–4)

Bible Passage: ...And without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Hebrews 9:22b

Hymn 428 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (sts. 6-7)

Psalm 92

Bible Readings for the Week:

Israel Crosses over the Jordan River – Joshua 3:1–17

Israel Celebrates the Passover in the Promised Land – Joshua 5:10–15

The Destruction of Jericho – Joshua 6:1–27