



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

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*“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.*

**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** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!” 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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this

sign. So 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.**

**Hymn 443** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waiving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
- 3 “Hosanna in the highest?” That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

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

**C Hosanna in the Highest.**

**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: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear

to hear as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.  
<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup> But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.  
<sup>9a</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and 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.**

**Holy Gospel Reading: John 12:20-43**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>“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. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>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?” <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup>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?” <sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, <sup>40</sup>“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.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup>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; <sup>43</sup>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 442** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel And David’s royal Son,  
Now in the Lord’s Name coming, Our King and Blessed One. Refrain

2 The company of angels Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. Refrain

3 The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. Refrain

4 To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Refrain

5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of every blessing, Our good and gracious King. Refrain

**Sermon** “*The Coming of the King*” John 12:12-19

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

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O’er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes To see the-approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take O God, Thy pow’r and reign.

**SERVING TODAY – Preaching:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams.  
**Videographer:** Lou Ann

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery*: Cookie, Dave, Opal, Chris, Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett -cousin of the Kindts', Merv, Jessica -granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan -mother of Bill, Judy -mother of Rochelle, Rebecca -daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy -father of Anne, Dan -brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for peace, hope, and comfort*: Betty, Deb -sister of Pam, Philip -son of Starley; *for successful treatments*: Earl, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Margaret, Billy, Kyle; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Esther, Leona, Walt, Gaylord.

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

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

**COVID-19** – Due to the ever changing information and data for COVID-19, the Governor of Illinois has issued a current mandate stating no more than 10 people should gather at a time. Along with this mandate, it is recommended everyone practice social distancing and self-quarantine if possible. To follow guidelines and to keep the safety of everyone as a top priority, St. John will move to online worship for the time being. Services will be posted on Facebook, on our website ([www.stjohn-lcms.org](http://www.stjohn-lcms.org)), as well as having physical copies of the bulletin and recorded service available to pick up on the narthex table during office hours.

**Holy Communion** – Please watch for upcoming announcements for opportunities to receive the Lord's Sacrament this week on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

**Online Bible Study Options** – Please continue to check our website for any updates about online Bible Study opportunities. Audio files from previous Bible Classes are available under the Bible Study tab at the top of the page for your convenience.

**Hear God's Word for you through Worship Anew** – Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a weekly 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. Each Sunday WCIX television channel 49 carries the broadcast at 7:30am and Direct TV channel 377 carries it Sundays at 10:30am. On the internet the service is available at any time by visiting [WorshipAnew.org](http://WorshipAnew.org).

**Offerings** – As you have supported St. John with your tithes and offerings before, it is important to continue doing so, even now, as you are able. Your offerings can still be brought directly to the church from 10-2 each day. An offering plate and box are located on the counter in front of you as you enter. You can also mail your offerings to the church, though our treasurer reminds us not to send cash. We are also now able to receive contributions to St. John electronically. PayPal, Venmo, Google Pay, and Amazon Payments are all available. You do need to have an account with the service you choose. When asked, you can send your electronic contributions to this email address: contributions <place "at" sign here> stjohn-lcms. And of course you can still have your bank transfer funds directly to St. John for your offering purposes.

**Email Addresses** – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members’ email addresses, and has sent a few communications out. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list.

**Easter Lilies** – It is not too late to order lilies for Easter. Please email or call the church office with your information: email : <http://www.stjohn-lcms.org/contact> choose office or call 359-1123. Payment can be mailed or dropped off in the church office or the narthex area. Cost is \$8.00 each.

**Cancellations** – Due to the current gathering restrictions the following have been cancelled: Tuesday/Wednesday Adult Bible Class, Lighthouse, and all Choir/Handbell rehearsals. The garage sale has been cancelled for April. If an alternative date can be selected we will let you know.

**New Church Photo Directory Dates:** We have rescheduled the church photo directory for the following dates: August 4 and 5, 18, 19, and 20 and 31; September 1. More information will be shared in future bulletins and newsletters.

**OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>Palm Sunday Service (Recorded)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Maundy Thursday Service (Recorded)</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Good Friday Service (Recorded)</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Easter Service (Recorded)</i>

**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 Citizens

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Matt. 22:21

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Rom. 13:5-7

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. 1 Tim. 2:1-3

Hymn 428 *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

Psalm 22:1-11

Bible Readings for the Week:

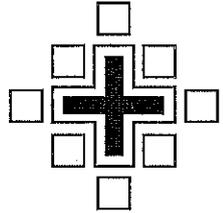
Jacob Blesses His Sons Before He Dies – Genesis 49:1, (2-27), 28-50:14

Joseph Continues to Show Mercy to His Brothers – Genesis 50:15-26

The Birth of Moses – Exodus 1:1-2:10

# Palm Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion

April 5, 2020



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 24:7–10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

## 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**      *Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,\*  
thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to his | people;\*

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

## DAILY READINGS

**April 5:** Ex. 8:1–32; Heb. 1:1–14; **6:** Ex. 9:1–28; Heb. 2:1–18; **7:** Ex. 9:29–10:20; Heb. 3:1–19; **8:** Ex. 10:21–11:10; Heb. 4:1–16; **9:** Ex. 12:1–28; Heb. 5:1–14; **10:** Ex. 12:29–32; 13:1–16; Heb. 6:1–20; **11:** Ex. 13:17–14:9; Heb. 7:1–22.

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