

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.

¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ 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.

Children’s Procession

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.

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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: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

³⁶For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷Then he will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! ³⁹“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

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 “*And So It Begins*” John 12:12-19

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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*

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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:** Keith Williams.

Elders: 8:00 – Todd Black, Andy Mihm, Bob Kellogg, Dan Wheatman; 10:45 – Chris Matthews,

Jim Waller, Matt Kaufman, Mike Craft. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Henry & Bill; 10:45 – Kai & Colin.
Instrumentalists: Trumpets – Kyle & Kelsey.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today by Jan in celebration and God’s blessing for the two year anniversary of her successful kidney transplant. Thanks be to God. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing, peace, and comfort:* Karl-brother of Judy; *for healing and recovery:* Mark, Byron, Judy, Lindsey, Lindermann, Roger-father of Stephanie, Jim, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Maelynn, Karla, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Selam, John, Brian; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick Finke, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Gilbert, Lola.

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

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

Music Notes – Instrumentalists will meet today at noon. Mixed Choir will meet to rehearse Thursday, April 14th at 6:30pm to sing at the 7:15pm service. Mixed Choir will also meet to warm up Sunday, April 17th at 7:30am to sing at the 8:00am service. Men’s Choir will meet today at 9:45am. Men’s Choir will also meet to rehearse Friday, April 15th at 6:00pm to sing at the 7:15pm service. They will also meet to warm up Sunday, April 17th at 10:15am to sing at the 10:45am service. Alleluia Ringers will meet to warm up Thursday, April 14th at 6:45pm to ring at the 7:15pm service. They will also meet to warm up Sunday, April 17th at 7:45am to ring at the 8:00am service.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Voter’s Meeting – There will be a Voter’s Meeting Sunday, April 24th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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 1C
K-1 st	Room 4A	6 th -8 th	Conference Room
2 nd -3 rd	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

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

Easter Morning Breakfast – The Fellowship Board will be hosting Easter Breakfast immediately following the 6:00am Sunrise Service until the 8:00am Divine Service. Breakfast will also be available after the 8:00am service until Bible Class at 9:30am. We welcome you to come and enjoy egg casserole, coffee cake and fresh fruit with juice & coffee.

Easter Lilies – Tomorrow, April 11th is the last day to turn in your Easter Lily forms. Please consider purchasing one in memory or honor of someone. Each lily is \$10. Thank you.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>Palm Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
Monday	5:00 E.A.T. Night @ Culver's; 5:30 Finance Board
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Wednesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek
Thursday	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> ; 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's; 8:10 Chapel; 7:15 Holy Communion
Friday	<i>Good Friday</i> ; <i>School Closed</i> ; <i>Church Office Closes at Noon</i> ; 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 is at Culver's on Monday, April 11th from 5-8pm. Culver's (2302 S. Neil St. Champaign) is donating a portion of sales back to the St. John Lutheran School PTF. Dine-In, carry out, and drive thru are all included. Unlike past E.A.T. Nights at Culvers, flyers are needed this month. Please present the flyer at time of purchase or time of pick up, if online order. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website. Thank you for your continued support of these events.

Show Me Dough Order Pickup – Orders will be delivered on Tuesday, April 12th and can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall between 5:30-6:00pm.

VBS News – We are in need of group leaders for VBS this summer. In this position, they lead the children from one site to the next. If you are interested, please contact Sara. There will be a VBS Planning Meeting Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00am.

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

To Husbands –

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

(1 Peter 3:7)

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. (Col. 3:19)

Bible Passage: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Hymn 451 *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 23

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Death of Joshua – Joshua 24:13-31

The Conquest of Canaan Continues – Judges 1:1-9, 27-33, 2:1-6

Israel's Unfaithfulness and the Judges – Judges 2:7-23