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# PALM SUNDAY

## MARCH 27 & 28, 2021

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### THE PLOT THICKENS

#### AS WE GATHER

Sunday, “the eighth day of the week,” is celebrated by Christians as the first day of the eternal life into which they were baptized. Today, the beginning of the great and Holy Week of Lent, we begin with the note of great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem. This will be the last time He comes to the holy city. For we then follow Him to the judgment hall, the cross of suffering, and the fearful tomb of death. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.

#### PREPARATION

#### 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 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### HOLY GOSPEL

*John 12:12–19*

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

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

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>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!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>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**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
- 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
 And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
 To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** Hosanna in the highest.

**WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*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 made himself nothing, 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

*Philippians 2:8b*

**C** He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 15*

**P** The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to the Holy Evangelist St. Mark.

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

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them,

“Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN**

*Lamb of God*

*LSB 550*



1 Your on - ly Son,            no sin to hide,            But You have  
2 Your Gift of love        they cru - ci - fied,        They laughed and  
3 I was so lost,            I should have died,        But You have



sent Him from Your side        To walk up - on        this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died:        The hum - ble King        they named a  
brought me to Your side        To be led by        Your staff and



sod,            And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud,        And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod,            And to be called a lamb of God.



*Refrain*  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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**SERMON**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness with which You bless Your whole creation. Above all, however, we give You thanks that You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our true King, Your Suffering Servant whose death delivers us and all believers from sin, death, and hell. Give us Your grace that we be faithful in our walk and in our hope, love, and worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Inspire Your whole Church throughout the world to rightly hear and follow Jesus, our eternal King and Lord, in humble faith with thanksgiving. Give wisdom and grace to all pastors that they give themselves to a living and lively proclamation of Your Law and Gospel through which You work true, saving repentance and faith in many. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Give Your grace, forgiveness, wisdom, blessing, and guidance to all who bear the offices of government in our nation and throughout the world. Lead them to the faithful exercise of their authority for peace and justice, and for the defense and liberty of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Give peace and patience, comfort and healing to all who suffer illness or adversity or who are in sorrow or need, [*especially...*]. Deliver all who endure persecution for faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Individual petitions may be added here.*

**P** We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. [*Silence for remembrance.*] Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth  
 as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom  
 and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## HYMN

### *Lift High the Cross*

*LSB 837 sts. ref-6*

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 *Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain*
- 6 *So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Special Prayers

Lois Schnepel, Pastor Al Janneke

## Continuing Prayer Concerns

Elijah Rabacchi	Debra Guebert	Ann Vallett	Ali Gerlach
Alice Knop	Sam Huffman	Victor Brelje	Don Ritter
Vicki (Biermann) Hodge	Denise Young	Jamie Fletcher	Ruth Koch
Patricia Ford (Larry Grab sister)		Genna Biermann (Connie Kirkland's sister-in-law)	
Arnold Mueller (father of Alice Wydeck)		Andy Schorr (Carol Mayer's brother)	

## Care Center Residents

Delores Doss	Mary Lou Goetting	Norma Wolters	Eileen Clements
Wayne Mueller	Leonard & Darlene Dierks	Delbert & Carolyn Koen	Jean Schroeder

## Military Personnel & Their Families

*Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.*

Justin Asbury	Casey Vallett	Matt Kraus	Tim Eichenseer
Bill Ingles	Justin Parker	Andrew Grab	Cory Jeffers
Richard Thompson	Denny Ernsting	Kevin Kahre	John Magelitz
Zach Mogavero	Rodney Anderson	Chasten Lindenberg	Braden Eichenseer
Karley Kothe	Dylan McCoy	Drew Gerlach	Jaron Berner

## Mission Prayer

*Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray: with thanksgiving for the gift of faith received at Baptism. Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen that faith — and the budding faith of our children — until we depart this life and are united with the Lord.*

## Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Palm Sunday, 3/28 .....	Exodus 8:1-32; Hebrews 1:1-14
Monday, 3/29 .....	Exodus 9:1-28; Hebrews 2:1-18
Tuesday, 3/30 .....	Exodus 9:29–10:20; Hebrews 3:1-19
Wednesday, 3/31 .....	Exodus 10:21–11:10; Hebrews 4:1-16
Thursday, 4/1 .....	Exodus 12:1-28; Hebrews 5:1-14
Friday, 4/2 .....	Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16; Hebrews 6:1-20
Saturday, 4/3 .....	Exodus 13:17–14:9; Hebrews 7:1-22

## Hymnals & Communion Cards

We have many copies of the old hymnals (Lutheran Worship [blue] & The Lutheran Hymnal [red]) available to anyone that would like to take one home. They are located in the fellowship hall on the bookshelf located there. Please note that we are not giving away the new hymnals (Lutheran Service Book [maroon]).

We also have the old Communion Cards that we have not used to record communion attendance since the late 1990's. If you would like to look them and find your family's cards, they are also located in the fellowship hall.

## **Worship Service Schedule**

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Handicapped Accessible Service—April 1 @ 10:00 a.m.

\*\*A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and the website. \*\*

**Maundy Thursday (April 1)** — 10:00 a.m. (Handicap Accessible) & 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday (April 2)** — 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Services (April 3 & 4)**

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 6:30 a.m. (In city park), 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Grief Share—April 28, 7:00 p.m.**

## **2020 Giving Statements are available in the Narthex.**

**Wish List**—Items on this list are above and beyond what the budget allows for.

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **New Flooring for 2 Classrooms at School**—The Board of Trustees is trying to make updates at the school each year that will keep the school in top shape. This summer they are looking to replace the carpet in the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade rooms. If you would like to help fund these projects, place your donations marked for “New Flooring” in the offering basket.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

### **It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®**

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2021, to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support St. Mark’s Lutheran Church or School. Go to <http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

### **Chicken Dinner**

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway with our Chicken Dinner. Without your help we could not have been such a success and served the 410 diners that enjoyed our meal. Also, thank you to all who came out to support our church and school. We are thankful for all our friends and supporters in our community. With your help we will have approximately \$3,300 in profit from this dinner.

## **Confirmation Class of 2021**

*Trenton Ingles*

*Tyler Ingles*

*Addyson McClaine*

*Hannah Middendorf*

*Isabella Middendorf*

*Kathrine Pierce*

*Canon Ruby*

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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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St. Mark's faculty, staff, and students would like to wish God's Blessings to the Confirmands this weekend as they acknowledge their Christian faith and renew their baptismal vows. We welcome you as members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church on this important day in your life!

There will be no school Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 through Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for Easter break. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

## St. Mark's Sports

Wed., April 7 – Boys OVC track meet at Red Bud 10:00 am (be there by 9:30 am)  
Spectators will be excluded from the fenced in area of the track.

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## CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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**Spring Online Auction:** Bidding for our online auction will start April 30. You can start “window shopping” the auction now at [coslhs.betterworld.org](http://coslhs.betterworld.org). If you are interested in helping or donating an item, please contact the office. Item donations should be brought to school before April 15. We will not be actively soliciting donations from small businesses this year.

**Band Instructor Wanted:** Position available for part-time band instructor at *COS* starting in August 2021. Contact us for more details.

**Registration for 2021-2022 is now open!** If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2021-2022 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org). Early registration ends March 31. The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service.

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