Palm Sunday

"Christ Suffered All the Penalties of Human Sin"



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"Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Kord."

Matthew 21:9

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 239 Frank Street Council Bluffs

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask visitors who are not members of the LCMS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherrill

Pianists: Rev. Timothy Frank, Ethan Wurdeman, James Villarreal

Choir: Cantate Domino Choir (8:00am and 10:45am)

The Word In Music

Prelude: Bells: "All Glory, Laud and Honor – Arr. By Lloyd Larson

Offering: Bells - "What Wondrous Love Is This" – Arr. By Lloyd Larson (8:00am);

"O Bride of Christ, Rejoice" - Setting by Elizabeth Grimpo 10:45am

Postlude: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - Setting by Robert Lind

Kantor Notes:

Today's cover image is taken from the soon-to-be published David's Harp *Hymns of the Season Vol 5* and corresponds with the hymn "Prepare the Royal Highway." In the image, the children are welcoming Jesus while waving palm branches, spreading out garments, and shouting "Hosanna." In today's Palm Sunday processional, young and old likewise wave palm branches and praise Him who comes to us as our Savior and King. Jesus entered into Jerusalem as the One who would suffer and die for the sins of the world. Therefore, we gladly praise Him for His saving work, joining together in declaration and song.

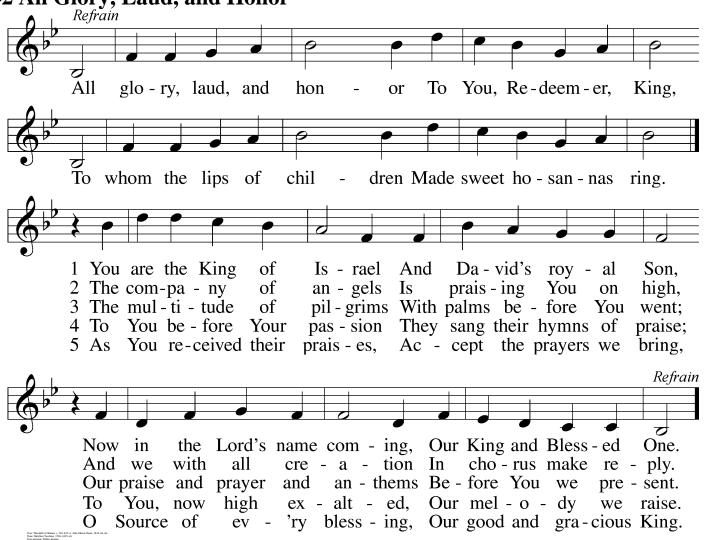
This is the final Sunday before we resume the use of the pipe organ on Easter. We will have a brief dedication of the por tions of the organ that are completed and will look forward to the full dedication once the remainder of the organ is completed in several months. Thank you for your robust singing throughout this past year. We will continue to build on this strong congregational singing through the resumed leadership by the organ and continued use of piano and other instruments as appropriate!

Hymn of the Season: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB 422

Divine Service Setting 3

Prelude:

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!" Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Kyrie LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P 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.
- C Amen.

Sit

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.
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Choir): "Behold the Lamb" John A. Behnke

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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract *Psalm 22:1, 4–5*

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

In you our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and you de- livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued;*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1–9

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This 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, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And 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!"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 191

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

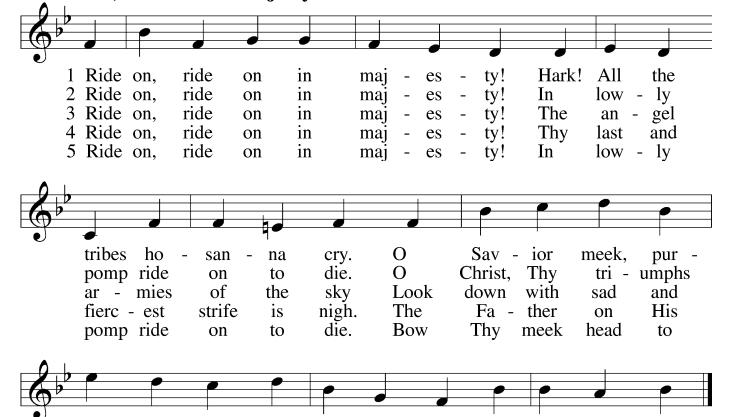
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.





Sermon

"What is He Doing?"

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Offertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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Service of the Sacrament

We welcome communicant members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **C** It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei LSB 198

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



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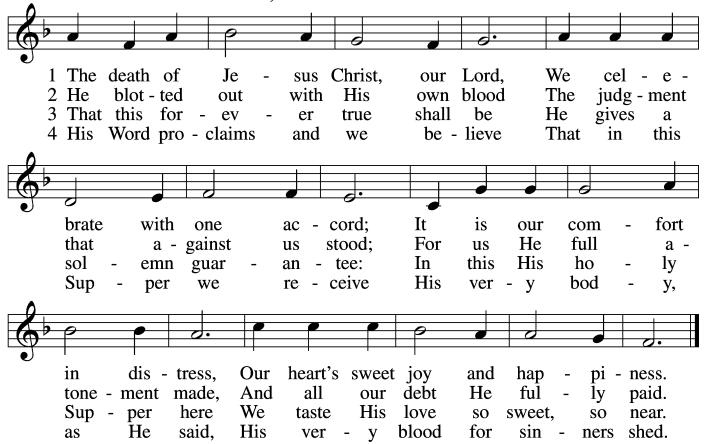
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634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



- We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- They who this word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest; For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your Supper and in You find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

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420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

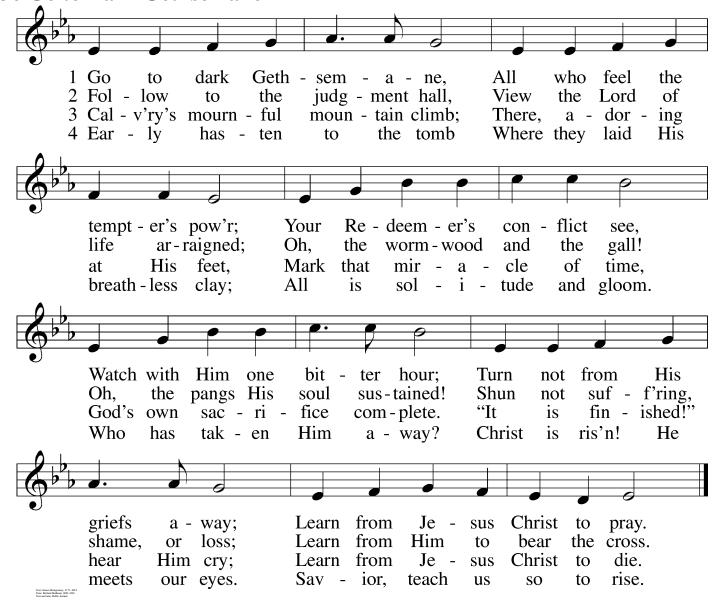


Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented
 That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

436 Go to Dark Gethsemane



Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Thanksgiving LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation LSB 201

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

- A Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

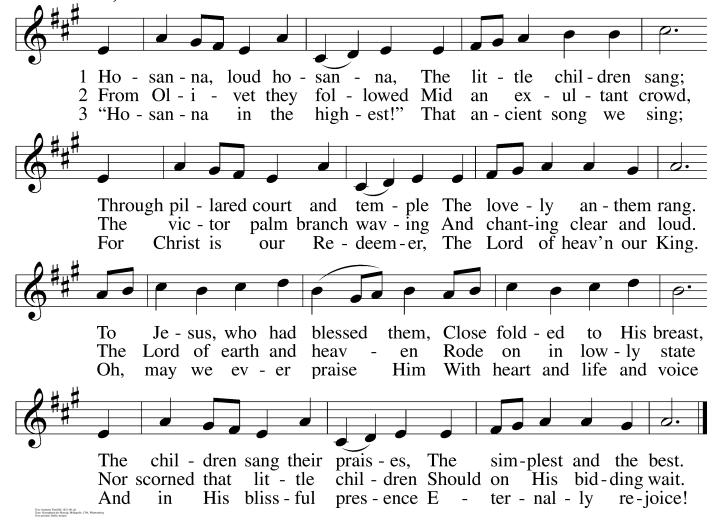
Benediction LSB 202

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



Postlude:

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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
•	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Service – Bethany Lutheran
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Divine Service
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Easter - Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:45 a.m.	Easter - Divine Service
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Service – Bethany Lutheran

The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Dottie Jacox, Chris Circo, Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Marge Miller, Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Randy Falknor (cousin of Kent Seetin), Sarah and Raymond McCubbin and Jill (family members of Jeff Thomas), Randy Falknor, Gene Leutz (friend of Kent Seetin)

Art Bandomer, and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

News and Notes

Holy Baptism – We rejoice today with Peter and Barbara Klinge at the baptism of their infant son Patrick in the second service.

Bethany Lutheran Home – St. Paul's will be hosting the Sunday afternoon worship services at Bethany during the month of **April**. Service time is 4:00pm. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, bring the residents down for worship, and assist with the service. Volunteers should arrive about 20 – 30 minutes prior to 4:00pm.

Bethany Bake Sale – There will be a bake sale at Bethany Home and Bethany Heights on Monday April 14th, at 2:00pm. Each congregation is asked to donate items such as: 2 dozen cookies in packages of 2 or 4; cupcakes, brownies or muffins packaged individually; small loaves of breads (i.e. banana, etc); snack mix (puppy chow, Chex mix, etc.) packaged in quart size bags; large loaf of bread; a pie, a cake or coffee cake. Cash donations are also welcome. Please have the items to Bethany home by 1:00pm on Monday, April 14th or bring them to church on Sunday the 13th. Cash donations are also welcome. Talk to Kathleen Kruse if you have questions.

Easter Breakfast: Please join your St. Paul's Family for Easter Breakfast, on Easter Sunday from 9:30am to 10:45am. **Please bring your favorite breakfast casserole or baked goods to share**, sign-up is on the kitchen window. The Hospitality Team will provide coffee, juice, and fresh fruit. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Burns at 712-309-1070.

NO Sing-Along – Due to Holy Week and scheduling conflicts, we will NOT have the Sing-Along with Dr. Christensen in April. Mark your calendars for **May 15**th.

40 Days For Life - is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil in front of abortion businesses. If you are willing to join with others and spend one hour praying to stop abortion, please call Jo Raymond at 402-350-3221.

Catechism

Apostle's Creed

Third Article: 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.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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