

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 20, 2016

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

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 waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels 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.**

***INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **♩ Amen.**

L: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

L: Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is He;

C: **Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt the foal of a donkey.**

L: And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him shouted:

C: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest!**

L: And when He entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

C: **And the crowds said, "This is the prophet, Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."**

L: Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses;

C: **For they have been ever of old.**

L: O keep my soul, and receive my confession, gracious Lord:

C: **Merciful heavenly Father, for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amending of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **♩ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **♩ 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.**

***THE KYRIE**

C: **♩ Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for Palm Sunday is from Zechariah 9:9-10, page 797:

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

8:00 Chancel Choir

One Thousand Hosannas

THE EPISTLE is from Philippians 2:5-16, page 980-981:

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. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter, verses 1-10, page 847:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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 Pontious 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.

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sung as the children come forward) (8:00)

1. **My best Friend is Jesus, Love Him! Love Him!**
My best Friend is Jesus, Love Him!
2. **My best Friend is Jesus, Thank Him! Thank Him!**
My best Friend is Jesus, Thank Him!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00)

Marilyn Wiesehan

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Take My Hand

LSB 722

1. **Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;**
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
2. **Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;**
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
3. **Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,**
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take, my hand and lead me Unto the end.

THE SERMON

“Grow in Grace”

(Philippians 2:12-16)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found in back cover of hymnal)

RITE OF CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION (10:30)

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **✠ Amen, amen, amen.**

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

Jesus, Still Lead On

LSB 718

1. **Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won;**
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless
Guide us by Your hand To our fatherland.
2. **When we seek relief From a long-felt grief;**
When temptations come alluring; Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

3. **Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won.
Heavenly Leader, still direct us, Still support, control, protect us.
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson (5:00, 8:00, 10:30)
Organist: 5 & 8:00: Burnell Hackman; 9:20 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler
Choir Dir.: Burnell Hackman, DMM
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

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TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): I John

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman 7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK consumption should be kept inside the Gym.

NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY (Palm Sunday) or NEXT WEEKEND.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from the Confirmation Class of 2016; and from Ladies Guild. LIVE BROADCAST over KFUO radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Allen and Linda Wentzel in memory of Lucinda Erger.

EASTER BREAKFAST next Sunday, March 27th, 7:30-10:00 a.m. Delicious eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and danishes. Free-will offering. This breakfast is hosted by our Jr. & Sr. High Youth as a fundraiser.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Adult Inquiry series on Sundays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., starts April 10 with completion for membership reception Sunday, May 8. Sign up is posted on the bulletin board in the Commons. Auditors welcome.

ALTAR PRAYER A copy of the altar prayer is posted each week on the Commons' bulletin board.

2016 CONFIRMANDS: Abigail Sandra **Andrews**, Andrew Levi **Chitwood**, Angela Rose **Dowd**, Grayson Drake **Eggers**, Jennifer Ruth **Frisella**, Jessica Ann **Gabel**, Lauren Kristine **Halamicek**, Joshua Christopher **Hammon**, Alyssa Marie **Kreitler**, Mackenzie Jordan **Montandon**, Marissa Lyne **Montandon**, Jacqueline Marie **Rakers**, Audrey Lin Mae **Snodgrass**, Dylan Thomas **Summerfield**, and Blake Lawrence **Werner**.

CONSIDER 7:00 (Sunrise) EASTER attendance next Sunday to allow guests and visitors preference at later services. Thank you. YOUR PARKING next Sunday on Easter, in a distant location, helps extend a cordial welcome to guests and visitors, as does wearing your name tag.

LIVING EASTER CROSS in the Commons. All are invited to bring fresh flowers this Holy Saturday and on Easter, next Sunday. As you insert flowers, eventually (by the 10:30 service) the cross will be entirely filled as a Springtime reminder of new life in Christ through the resurrection of Him as our Lord and Savior.

LENTEN SELF-DENIAL folders to be turned in Easter Sunday.

EASTER PLANTS Please pick up your Easter plants Easter Sunday after late service or during the coming week. (The office will be closed Mon., March 28).

YOUTH NEWS: URGENT NEED FOR Jr. & Sr. Youth to please sign up to make food donations and to work a shift at the Easter Breakfast. The sign-up sheets are on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Commons.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY RESUMES Wednesday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Commons with Pastor Furgeson. Welcome!

LUTHERAN DAY at BUSCH STADIUM, Sunday, April 17, 2016, with the Cardinals playing the Cincinnati Reds starting at 1:15 p.m. Contact lhsastl.org or call (314)833-2901 for \$30 tickets (\$58 face value). Lutheran High School North and South Varsity baseball teams play at Busch, Sunday, April 24, 2:00 p.m. Admission free.

LWML SPRING RALLY Saturday, April 2, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2846 S. Grand Ave., 63118. To carpool, contact Evelyn.

CRAFT PREPARATION FOR ALASKA MISSIONS—Help is needed to sort and prepare crafts for the children at VBS in Hooper Bay, AK. Join us on Tuesday, March 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. No special skills needed.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER This Thursday, March 24th, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday is the beginning of Jesus' sacred three-day journey to assure our salvation. Join us, and bring your family and friends for this unique drama to learn more about our Savior and His disciples. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A staffed Nursery will be available.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday	March 24	7:00 p.m.	“Living Last Supper”
Good Friday	March 25	12 Noon	Tenebrae Service
		7:00 p.m.	Tenebrae Service
Easter	March 26 (Sat.)	5:00 p.m.	Festive Service
	March 27 (Sun.)	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service
		8:00 a.m.	Festive Service, 9:20 a.m. Festive Service, 10:30 a.m. Festive Service (Holy Communion at all Easter Service)
			NO Sunday School; NO Adult or Sr. High Youth Bible Classes
			Easter Breakfast 7:30 - 10 a.m. Gymnasium

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2016:

Today: **Palm Sunday**
8:30 Breakfast for Confirmands
10:30 Jr. Confirmation
7:00 Peter Careciples - Goldsmiths
Mon: 6:30 Cub Scout Pack Meeting
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:00 Men's Club
6:30 Men's Volleyball
Wed: 7:00 Alleluia Ringers
7:00 Chancel Choir
Thu: **Maundy Thursday**
7:00 Living Last Supper
Fri: **Good Friday**
Early Childhood Closed
12:00 Worship Service
7:00 Tenebrae Service
8:00 Brass Choir

Sat: 9:30 Set Up for Easter Breakfast
5:00 Worship Service w/Comm

Sun: **Easter**
7:00 Worship Service w/Comm
7:30 Easter Breakfast
8:00 Worship Service w/Comm
9:15 Sunday School
9:20 Worship Service w/Comm
10:30 Worship Service w/Comm