

## Palm Sunday

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

As with other public buildings in MN, masks are required for churches. We also practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge. Thank you.

**Prelude** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Opening Hymn** 161 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, The Little Children Sang*

**Invocation and Responsive Reading** ... Psalm 24:7-10

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

C **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

C **And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

All glory, laud and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

**Confession and Absolution**

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

C **King of glory, we daily refuse Your lordship in our lives, following our own desires and listening to the temptations of the world around us. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on and forgive us for the sake of Jesus.**

P God has had mercy on us. Through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus our Savior He has delivered us from the darkness of sin and brought us into the kingdom of His Son. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C **The Lord of hosts is the King of glory and our Savior!**

All glory, laud and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

### Prayer of the Day

#### Epistle Reading ... 1 Peter 5:5-11

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

#### Gospel Reading ... John 12:12-19

For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

### The Creed

#### Hymn 725 *No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet*

#### Sermon Zechariah 9:9-10

## The King This World Needs...

### Offertory

#### Hymn 162 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

### Prayers

*Each petition ends with the following response:*

P Jesus, humble King,  
C **Help us to follow in Your footsteps.**

### The Benediction

P Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another,  
C **For “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”**  
P Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so  
that at the proper time He may exalt you,

**C Casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.**

**P** 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.**

**Closing Hymn** 760:4-5 *Oh, Love, How Deep*

**BAPTISM** Danika Jo Ling was born to Coleman Ling and Valerie nee Sanz on Thursday, March 25. She was born again into the kingdom of God on Friday afternoon in the hospital. May the Lord Who has redeemed and called her to faith, preserve her throughout her life.

**COMMUNION** Our monthly Communion service will begin after the close of today's service. Communicants may remain in the pews and the elders will distribute the elements.

If you are not a member of St. John's or of a sister congregation in the CLC, please note that we practice "close-communion," meaning that only members in good standing are communed.

**SCHEDULE** We will hold special services this week on Maundy Thursday (with Communion) and Good Friday (Tenebrae). Both will be at 7 p.m.

**MISSION SOCIETY** The Mission Society met after Church 3/21/21 to plan our Anniversary celebrations. Invitations are out and the photo Directory is progressing nicely with pictures being taken after Sunday Services 3/28 and 4/4. The July 4th schedule so far is Service at 9:30 a.m., Picnic lunch with Mr. Winters roasting a pig and further menu to be determined, Parade at 2 and ice cream social to follow. Other possibilities include a special cake, school reunion program, guest speaker, alumni song, recognition awards, games etc. Our church has been invited to have a float in the 6/26/21 Heron Lake "Blue Heron Days" parade. Bring your thoughts on these and other ideas to the next meeting on 4/11/21 after Service.

**DIRECTORY** If you haven't already had your picture taken for the anniversary directory, there will be opportunities next Sunday, March 28, and Easter Sunday, April 4. Please plan accordingly.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 1) The Ruthenbecks

J. Appel, E. Bass, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke