

Palm Sunday

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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 for the sins of the world.

Thanks for coming today. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with the pastor and he will be glad to visit you at your convenience.

Prelude Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 162 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

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.

Hymn 725 *No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet*

The Sermon Matthew 21:1-9

Take Comfort in the Palm Sunday Details...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Choir *Hosanna! Hosanna!*

Hymn *Lamb of God*

Prayers + The Lord's Prayer

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 up-
on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 799 *This is the Feast of Victory for Our God*

HOLY WEEK The Maundy Thursday service, with Communion, begins at 7. Good Friday will be a Tenebrae service, also at 7. Easter Sunday follow our regular schedule with SS/BC before the 10:30 service.

LADIES DAY Ladies Day has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 30th following the church service, downstairs. More information and a new sign-up sheet is in the entryway.

QUARTERLY The April Meeting will be held Sunday, April 16, after the noon potluck meal. All voting members of St. John's are encouraged to attend. Besides regular Board reports, the Agenda will include: setting dates for VBS and the SS picnic, School Board calling of VBS teachers, Summer Worship Schedule, Budget Committee Meeting date, Delegates for Spring MN Delegate Conference (Saturday, June 10, 10AM, Berea IGH), July Quarterly Meeting date. Any other agenda items should be given to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

SHOWER A Baby Shower for Michaela Winters will be held on Saturday at Grace Boutique from 2-4 pm. Please rsvp to Stephanie Appel at 507-360-6319. The parents-to-be are registered at Target and Amazon.

CLC NEWS Pastor Chad Seybt has the call to Lynnwood and Tacoma, WA. Pastor Luke Bernthal is still considering the Eau Claire call.

DETROIT All CLC members are invited to a special worship service observing the 50th Anniversary of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church of Madison Heights (Detroit), MI, on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at 4:00pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Tom Naumann at 920-266-5387 or tomnaumann.pastor@gmail.com.

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USHERS 04/02 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
04/09 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
04/16 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

CLEANING (Wk. 4) The Ruthenbecks
J. Appel, E. Bass, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke