

## 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.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

**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 Lesson** Philippians 2:5–11

All glory, laud and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
To You, before Your Passion They sang their hymns of praise,  
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 21:1-9

**The Apostle's Creed**

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

**Sermon** Zechariah 9:9-12

## The Who and What of Palm Sunday

All glory, laud and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels Is praising You on high,  
And we, with all creation In chorus make reply.

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

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

**Closing Hymn** 161 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**HOLY WEEK** We will hold our annual Maundy Thursday Communion Service on Thursday evening at 7. The Tenebrae Good Friday Service will also begin at 7. There is no potluck luncheon for either. The Easter schedule includes a fellowship breakfast starting at 8 a.m. This will be followed by our Easter Festival Service at 9:30. Since it falls on the last Sunday of the month, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

**BREAKFAST** A sign-up sheet for Easter Breakfast is now available in the entryway.

**HOSPITALIZED** Iona Gehrls was released from the hospital to her assisted living residence on Friday. She had fallen on Monday and broke two bones in her pelvis. Please remember her in your prayers.

**HANDICRAFT ITEMS** Due to vision loss, Alice DeWall is offering her tools and supplies (crocheting, embroidery, etc.) to members of the congregation. Please stop by at her house if you are interested.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Sleepy Eye is considering the call to Mankato. Teacher Ross Kok, Phoenix, has the call to Inver Grove Heights. Teacher Josh Ohlmann, W. Columbia, SC has the call to Saginaw, MI. Messiah Eau Claire has called Mr. Caleb Noeldner to teacher grades 5-6. Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Lynnwood, WA is retiring at the end of the school year.

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**USHERS** 03/24 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.  
03/31 Kendall B., Larry B.  
04/07 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

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