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Vaunda Noerenberg, Traditional Worship

PALM SUNDAY

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9:30 AM



The world has nothing but high disdain for this King and his kingdom with its eternal blessings; it is concerned only with temporal goods: power, honor, and riches on earth. We Christians, however, are to labor here and use the world's goods for our bodily needs, all the while not forgetting the other life. After all, we must in the end depart and leave behind the goods of this earthly life; that should help us remember where we really want to be, namely with Christ, our eternal King. For if we accept him here, that is, believe in him and heed his gospel, he will also receive us over there, saying to us, Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

"This, then, is what our dear Lord Jesus Christ meant to show by his entrance into Jerusalem, so that we might truly understand him and his kingdom. May God grant us his grace so that we may joyously welcome and accept this King and remain with him forever. Amen!"

-- Martin Luther

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

Dennis and Karen Cerny are thanking God for the blessings of our grandchildren Julie and Henry

IN HONOR OF JOAN OLSON FROM SHERRI BOOKER & HOPE COMFORT DOG

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Elder on Duty	4/6/2025	4/13/2025	4/20/2025	4/27/2025
9:30 am Worship	Ward Irvin Glenn Jones	Bill Smith Steve Buchtrup	Greg Schaag Tim Lambert	Russ Couch Glenn Jones
Readers	4/6/2025	4/13/2025	4/20/2025	4/27/2025
9:30 am	Ward Irvin Glenn Jones	Russ Couch	Brennan Lambert	Karen Cerny

WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD... ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies' Crafts
Wednesday, 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Chapels: School and ECE
Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Communion
Good Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	4/6/25	4/13/25	4/20/25 Easter	4/27/25
9:30 am	8:15am 62/59 11:00am 44/44			
Sunday School	22			
Monthly Budget	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$61,000
Weekly Giving	\$17,619	\$	\$	\$
On-Line Giving	\$3,747	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$21,366	\$	\$	\$

AS WE GATHER

Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day God's people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King's ransom—His own blood.

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

John 12:12–19

Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and honor

LSB 442

Refrain: **All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

♪ **1. You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming, Our King and Blessèd One.** [Refrain]

**2. The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.** [Refrain]

**3. The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went:
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before You we present.** [Refrain]

**4. To you before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.** [Refrain]

**5. As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. [Refrain]**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hosanna! **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

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

Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISMS: OLIVIA GRACE EVASCO AND BROOKLYN ROSE EVASCO

(Born April 1, 2022)

(Born January 25, 2019)

PARENTS: DEREK AND ALLIE EVASCO

Dear friends, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you..."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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 Pontius 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.

THE PRAYER AND PRESENTATION OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED!

People: Amen! We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

The Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. Then he will say, “Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! “See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:19–29

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless You from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

You are my God; I will extol You.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

for His steadfast love endures forever!

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19: 28-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

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 earth and heaven 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!

SERMON

"3 YEARS, 1 WEEK, 6 HOURS"

...though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

(A time of silence for personal prayer.)

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHOIR

The King of Glory-Joseph Martin

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.

We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.

Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.

So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God." **Yes, with the help of God.**

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

The Royal Banners Forward Go

LSB 455 (tune: 883 Tallis' Cannon)

- ♪ 1. The royal banners forward go; The cross shows forth redemption's flow,
Where He, by whom our flesh was made, Our ransom in His flesh has paid:
2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed, Life's torrent rushing from His side,
To wash us in the precious flood Where flowed the water and the blood.
3. Fulfilled is all that David told In sure prophetic song of old.
That God the nations' king should be And reign in triumph from the tree.
4. On whose hard arms, so widely flung, The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay And spoil the spoiler of his prey.
5. O Tree of beauty, tree most fair, Ordained those holy limbs to bear:
Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough Proclaims the King of Glory now.
6. To Thee, eternal Three in One, Let homage meet by all be done;
As by the cross Thou dost restore, So guide and keep us evermore. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL AND POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

- ♪ 1. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r, and reign

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**