

Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



Procession of the Palms- Passion Sunday March 20, 2016 Divine Service III

Matthew 21:3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise with us – the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew.

Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

+SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Pr. Roemke

Elder: Todd Walther **Ushers:** Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

Greeter: Marge Harmon **Organist:** Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog

Today's cake is provided by the Nehls Family in honor of Austin's departure to Navy boot camp this week. God's blessings to you,
Austin!

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P 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.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12—19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

- P** Let us go forth in peace,
C **in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

*The Procession is led by the children with their palms, singing.
 All arrive at their places.*

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

LSB 428

Kyrie-II

LSB 944 sts. 1-3

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Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.
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Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

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.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sing Hosanna

MLC Children

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

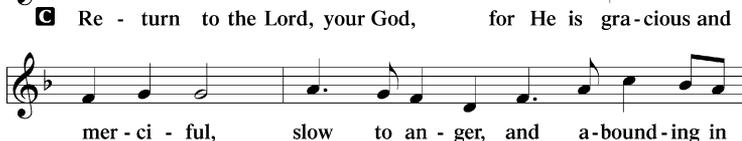
⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lenten Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:1—27:66

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh chapters.



G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples....

So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Sit

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

Sermon

Offertory

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Sit

Offering

See the Savior Ride on to Jerusalem

MLC Choir

Stand

Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Preface

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Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

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Sit

Distribution

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Bell Choir

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

All Glory, Laud and Honor

LSB 442

Stand

Nunc Dimittis (*the Gloria Patri is omitted*)

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Thanksgiving

Salutation and Benedicamus

Benediction

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Evan Smith, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, & Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Ruthie, Amy, Ron Hulke, Loretta Hulke, Kyle Darling (friend of the Zuehls), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Maurissa Murakami (Bev Murakami's daughter-in-law), Rose Murakami (Bev's granddaughter), Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Leslie Brothers, Carol Vescova, Chuck Brothers, John Hernandez, and Amy Young (Pastor's sister).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2016+

- ✘ **WONMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will not meet this week, March 23rd.
- ✘ **EASTER BRUNCH POTLUCK:** We will continue our tradition of holding an Easter brunch potluck after the service on Easter Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.
- ✘ **TABLES:** We are looking to borrow tables from members for our Easter brunch. If you have any kind of portable table (card tables, etc.) that you can spare for the day, please let Lesa Roemke know. They would need to be here on Saturday afternoon and they can go home with you Sunday after the meal.
- ✘ **THANK YOU!** On behalf of the Altar Guild, I would like to thank everyone who came to church last Saturday and helped with cleaning the altar area, candelabras, communion ware, pews, etc. This time of year it feels good to do some spring cleaning and socializing. Giving of your time to assist the Altar Guild is appreciated! Thank you for your time and talents. Bonnie Griepentrog, Altar Guild President
- ✘ **ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE:** The Altar Guild will be holding a bake sale on the day of the Primary Election, April 5th. If you would like to donate some baked items, please sign up in the fellowship hall. We would like items to be dropped off Monday, April 4th from 6:00-

7:30 pm, or early Tuesday morning if they don't need to be individually wrapped. Funds raised will go towards purchasing additional altar linens and banners. Please see Bonnie Griepentrog or Kate Tobalsky with questions.

- ✘ **DONATIONS NEEDED:** The following items are being collected for Bethesda Lutheran Communities: soft toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, shampoo, bar soap, hand and body lotion, religious DVDs, and religious musical CDs. Donations can be brought to Messiah before Wednesday, April 6th and placed in the container under the mailboxes. Thank you.
- ✘ **EASTER CARDS** are now available in the binders! New birthday, anniversary, thinking of you, and thank you added weekly. Card and envelope \$2.00 All proceeds go towards the kitchen for fellowship items and refreshing kitchen items. Any questions, please see Joan Chianelli, Jennifer Bertz, or Mary Rusch.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,584
Lord's Work Received 3/13-3/19:	\$4,054
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$470
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$4,936

ATTENDANCE 3/13: 146

Communed: 127

+HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE+

Monday	March 21	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Tuesday	March 22	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Wednesday	March 23	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Thursday	March 24	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday DS
Friday	March 25	12:00 pm	Good Friday Divine Svc.
		7:00 pm	<i>Tenebrae @ Good Shepherd</i>
Saturday	March 26	7:11 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	March 27	9:00 am	Easter Divine Service
		11:00 am	Easter Brunch Potluck

BIRTHDAYS

3/22	Hailee Nicolazzi
	Allison Stephans
3/23	Todd Giese
3/26	Olivia DelFrate

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/20	Chuck Brothers
3/21	Victoria Weber