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Procession of the Palms -
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Divine Service III

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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: Jim Vescova

Ushers: Sam Braya & Mike Snodgrass

Greeter: Joan Chianelli

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog & Doris Colombe

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by Sandra Babel, Donna Boyd, and Linda Polcin.

All rise and gather around the processional cross.

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.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

LSB 442

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' triumphant 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.

Sit

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

LSB 428

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.

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 and face the Gospel procession.

Lenten Verse



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:1–27:66

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



C 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.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Sit

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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Sermon

Offertory

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Offering

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Bell Choir

Stand

Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Preface

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Distribution

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

Stand

Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

LSB 777

MLC Youth sings first, MLC Choir sings a second time, ALL sing the third time.

Grant peace, we pray, in mer - cy, Lord; Peace
in our time, O send us! For there is
none on earth but You, None oth - er
to de - fend us. You on - ly,
Lord, can fight for us. A - men.

Thanksgiving
Salutation and Benedicamus
Benediction

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No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Michael Shafer, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Kevin Boyd, Rianon Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, Wally & Gloria Pipkorn, George Metallo, and Bob Hagen.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Lorraine Swift, Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), Arlo Kristopeit (Linda Polcin's grandnephew), Linda McDonough (Terry Sommer's sister), Kathy Shafer, Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Doris Cornelius (Lesa Roemke's grandmother), Katy Billings, Peg Holtz, Kris Grenyo, Katie Mueller (studying abroad), and Cash Kulbacki.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2018+

- ✘ **PIPE ORGAN:** The congregation voted last Sunday in favor of accepting the pipe organ from Holy Nativity. The congregation also voted in favor of doing the optional digital upgrade at this time. Information will be forthcoming about how members can help with the installation.
- ✘ **EASTER BRUNCH:** Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway to decide what to bring to next week's Easter brunch. The elders are providing ham and rolls.
- ✘ **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Thank you to all of you who have directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Messiah. In 2017, we received nearly \$1,500 through this program. Any Choice Dollars you have now will expire on March 31st, so if you haven't chosen a beneficiary, you must do so before then. Please contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.
- ✘ **FIRST COMMUNION** will be offered on Sunday, April 15th. Anyone first grade or older who is interested should speak to Pastor Roemke to schedule a time to be examined.
- ✘ **AMAZON SMILE:** Triple your impact! From March 12-31, Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first Amazon Smile purchase. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6056988 and Amazon donates 1.5% to Messiah Lutheran Church. See Lesa with any questions about this program.
- ✘ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will not meet this Wednesday.

+HOLY WEEK AT MESSIAH+

Monday	March 26	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
		7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	March 27	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	March 28	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Thursday	March 29	6:30 pm	Maundy Thurs. Divine Svc.
Friday	March 30	12:00 pm	Good Friday Chief Service
		6:30 pm	Tenebrae @ Good Shepherd
Saturday	March 31	7:16 pm	Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday	April 1	9:00 am	Easter Divine Service
		11:00 am ish	Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 3/18-3/24:	\$4,492
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+390
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+1,711

ATTENDANCE 3/18: 147

Communed: 132

BIRTHDAYS

3/26 Olivia DelFrate
3/27 Toni Marshman
3/30 Mark Mielke
3/31 Christa Hegland
Gail Kulbacki

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/28 Scott Tobalsky
3/29 Bob Hagerman
3/30 Terry Sommer
Tatum Nehls
Lena Roemke