

PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

American Lutheran Church - Filley, Nebraska
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P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We praise you and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” #108

(Please stand and wave or hold your palm up from your pew during the hymn.)

Chorus: **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 Blessed One. Chorus.

2. The company of angels are praising you on high. Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. Chorus.

3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went. Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. Chorus.

4. To You before Your passion they sang their hymns of praise. To You now high exalted our melody we raise. Chorus.

5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring. Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. Chorus.

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P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING OF GOD'S WORD:

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

READING OF THE PASSION STORY ACCORDING TO MARK

(As we read the passion story this morning, the congregation will read the parts in bold of the Accusers, Crowd, and Soldiers.)

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Name of the Lord"

1. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High! Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High!

CHORUS: The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run in to it, and they are saved. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run in to it, and they are saved.

2. Glory to the name of the Lord. Glory to the name of the Lord; Glory to the name of the Lord Most High! Glory to the name of the Lord. Glory to the name of the Lord; Glory to the name of the Lord Most High! CHORUS

3. Holy is the name of the Lord. Holy is the name of the Lord. Holy is the name of the Lord Most High! Holy is the name of the Lord. Holy is the name of the Lord; Holy is the name of the Lord Most High! CHORUS

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THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer; grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

All: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Majesty"

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise. Majesty, Kingdom authority, flow from His throne, unto His own who His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus, who died, now glorified. King of all kings.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book and feel welcome to come again. You are invited to come downstairs for coffee and fellowship following worship.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Tanner Schmidt, our shut-ins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Joey Burd, Cari Howell (Mar 29), Garold Blaker, Stephanie Hill (April 2), Waylon Schultz (April 3).

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Eliot & Emily Bohling (4-2-16).

OUR PALMS were purchased through Lutheran World Relief's fair trade "eco-palms" program. Here's why: This year, over \$4.5 million will be spent on palms. Most of them will be harvested in Latin America and very little of this money reaches the actual farmers. This program gives \$.05/palm back to the community and pays farmers fairly, eliminating the large corporations that pocket the profits and underpay workers. Creating a steady market in communities means they will care for and keep up their palms, rather than devastating the forest.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE:

Maundy Thursday – April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise – Sunday, April 4, 7:00 a.m. at the cross

Easter Worship – Sunday, April 4, 9:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will be at the Trout cross east of Filley at 7:00 a.m. on April 4. Following the service a brunch breakfast will be served at the Parish Hall from 7:30 to 8:30.

THANK YOU to Ross and Lodene Kaufman and Norm and Sandy Flesner for cleaning a portion of Hwy 136 last Sunday afternoon. We appreciate their willingness to help keep the roadside clean.

MINISTRY DOLLARS THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE DESIGNATION: The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2020 is 3/31/2021. If you are an eligible Thrivent member please consider directing some or all of your Thrivent Choice Dollars to American Lutheran Church. You can do it online or by calling 1-800-847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. If you have any questions you may contact Thrivent or a council member.

WITH WINTER ALMOST DONE -- start thinking if you or your kids have outgrown that coat or winter shoes. We are looking for gently used shoes, adults or kids. We will be collecting these items in July, but will start taking them now, so you can keep your closet clean. Just drop off at church.

HELP NEEDED: We have quilt blocks downstairs on the table in the Fellowship for people who are willing to sew them together. Also, blankets for hemming. Thank you for your ministry!

THANK YOU SO MUCH to everyone who brought items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. We will let you know how many full kits we have items for in the next week or two. Your generosity and participation in this ministry are very much appreciated.

SUNMART RECEIPTS: Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our first goal of \$150,000 and received the first check for \$1000, so now we are starting over again! You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out – first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

PLEASE DONATE TO OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY: American Lutheran Church gathers food donations for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice on an ongoing basis. The Food Pantry serves all of Gage County. If you would like to give to this ministry, please leave your donated items in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall at any time. Special items needed at this time are Peanut butter, Jelly, Pasta, Rice, Canned -- soup, fruit, vegetables, fish, and beans. NO glass jars, please. **THANK YOU for your continued support to this ministry!**

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