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Palm Sunday

Paraments up front remain purple, reminding us of Christ's royalty and humility.

Welcome to all! This week's Focus:

How to Follow Jesus through Palm Sunday:

Humble... Yet triumphant!!!

Today's Hymns:

725 ♦ Children's Hymn ♦ 161 ♦ 795

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #725 [Tan Worship Supplement]

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PASTOR: We begin our worship service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Hail! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red hymnal #162:1]*

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
Oh Savior meek, pursue Your road,
With palms and scattered garments on.**

OUR CONFESSION & GOD'S ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we sin daily and need His forgiveness.

PASTOR: Fellow redeemed in Christ! Palm Sunday is a day of triumph in the life of Christ. In the midst of the shouts of Hosanna, the waving of palm branches, and the paving the road with garments, we see the Son of Man had come not to be served but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for all! Among the chants and songs of praises of little children we know You are the One who came to make us Children of God! Come then, King of love and grace, rule in our hearts oh Lord of mercy, as you once again show mercy on us! Our help is in the name of the LORD...



CONGREGATION: Hosanna to the Son of David, Jesus Christ!

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red hymnal #162:4]*

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne,
Expects His own anointed Son.**

PASTOR: And so we confess and pray:

CONGREGATION: Almighty God, if I examine myself according to Your Holy Word, I find that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I indeed deserve only Your wrath and punishment. Therefore, be merciful to me Lord God, and deliver me from my sin and this eternal death. Make me confident in Your truth and grace, and forgive all my sins for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death, of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as Lord and King of all with You and the Holy Spirit both now and forever. Amen.

P: To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,

C: And Your faithfulness every night,

P: On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound.

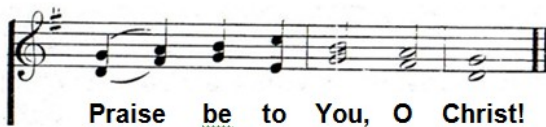
C: For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands.

P: A senseless man does not know, Nor does a fool understand this. When the wicked spring up like grass, And when all the workers of iniquity flourish, *It is that they may be destroyed forever.*

C: But You, LORD, are on high forevermore. Amen.

2nd LESSON – Philippians 2:1-11

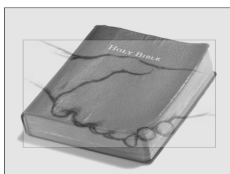
CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red Hymnal, p.21]



In the **New Testament Lesson** it speaks of the Savior's states of humiliation and exaltation, and encourages us to follow His example of humble service.

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Affirmation of Faith of:

Ron and Barb Langacker

(We welcome them into our midst!)

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Apostles Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Children's Hymn: "Little Grey Donkey" Natalie Sleeth

Little grey donkey, Little grey donkey, Little grey donkey, Ho

Do you know just who it is you carry on your back?

'Tis no ordinary load, no mean or common pack.

You are blessed of all beasts to carry into town

Christ the Lord of Galilee; He wears no earthly crown.

Little grey donkey, Little grey donkey, Little grey donkey, Ho

Once you were a simple beast of poor and lowly state.

Christ Himself hath chosen you and honored is your fate.

Though your path with palms is spread, make haste along the way

You were destined here to ride on this triumphal day.

Little grey donkey, Little grey donkey, Little grey donkey, Ho

Yonder grassy hill: it's known as Calvary.

Up against a cloudless sky a barren cross you see.

Little grey donkey, Little grey mare, don't hide your head in shame.

For you bear the Lamb of God, and Jesus is His name.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" ~Matthew 19:14

SERMON

Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

“To Praise or Rebuke Jesus... that is the question!”

SERMON Luke 19:37-40 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:

38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!"

40 "I tell you," He replied,
"If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

1. ***I praise Him for the authority that He Himself possesses!***

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2. ***I praise Him for the humility that He Himself expresses!***

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THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION SINGS [Red hymnal, pg. 22]:

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn: #161 [Red Hymnal]

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD: [Red hymnal #441:1,2]

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus, As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

CLC NEWS: Due to timing issues, the collection box for the ILC Professor 2010 Christmas Gifts was not out for donations very long this year. We're facing a \$200 deficit. If you are able to help defray the cost, the box will be at the back of the church for the next two weeks.

CALL NEWS Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. David Fuerstenau, Ketchikan AK. <> Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL, has called the Rev. Caleb Schaller, Lynnwood WA. <> Anita Meyer has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

LM SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ~ APRIL 29th "The Story of the Cross"
If you'd like to watch the kids performance or simply show them your support, they will be at the following nursing homes during the day:
GranCare 10:15am, The Lutheran Home 1:30pm, Manor Care 2:15pm

DONATE CANS to LM School! In March the school earned about \$25!

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 4 = Wayne Wischnefski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme **Organist: Mrs. Fillmore**

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 1 = Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg **Organist: Mrs. Eserhut**

Witnessing idea for the week:

Lord, grant to Your servants that with all boldness we may speak Your word. (Acts 4:29)

"Holy, Holy, Holy Week"

In Revelation, the four living beasts praised the Triune God by saying day and night "Holy, Holy, Holy..." Three days this week we follow Jesus' road of humiliation to exaltation with services on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday.

Try this: Do you know anyone who could benefit from hearing these things? Invite them this week to our services. Sunday's an easy one to invite people to, we're having a breakfast meal at 8:30am! "Come to eat, stay to hear!"

If you have a witnessing idea for the week, please share it with pastor!