

Palm Sunday
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT
April 13, 2025 T 9:00 AM



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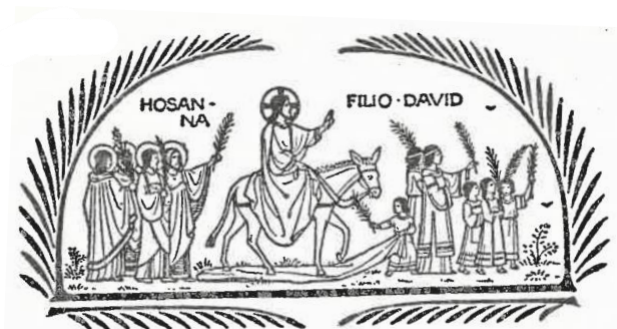
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GUESTS, we pray you are comforted by the Gospel and feel welcome among us. We invite you to introduce yourselves.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME in the Divine Service. Restrooms and a cry room/nursery are located in the narthex.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE with all page numbers for the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, is found in this bulletin, as well as each week's Propers*. The end of the bulletin contains St. John's weekly news and announcements. The large-print bulletins also contain the hymns and liturgy for the convenience of those who may need it.

**The Propers are the Psalm verses (Introit and Gradual) and Readings that are appointed for (or "proper to") the particular Sunday in the Church Year.*



Hymns

442 441
443 637
453 436
452 444

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Prelude

**All are invited to gather outside around the processional crucifix for the opening rite and procession of palms.*

PROCESSION OF PALMS

Invocation

P The grace of our Lord T 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

Matthew 21:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
 ‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
 humble, and mounted on a donkey,
 and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

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.**

During the Processional Hymn, all follow the processional crucifix into the nave and proceed to their pews. Remain standing.

Processional Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor442

Stanzas: 1 & 5-All 2-Women 3-Men 4-All Children & Youth Choir

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

All	1	You are the King of	Is - rael	And	Da - vid's	roy - al	Son,
Women	2	The com - pa - ny of	an - gels	Is	prais - ing	You on	high,
Men	3	The mul - ti - tude of	pil - grims	With	palms	be - fore	You went;
Children	4	To You be - fore Your	pas - sion	They	sang	their	hymns of praise;
All	5	As You re - ceived their	prais - es,	Ac -	cept	the	prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
 And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
 To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day.....page 189

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

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

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Tract (sung by Youth Choir)

Joel 2:13

*Return to the Lord, your God,
 for He is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,*

and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-54

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. . . .

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to

drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Apostles’ Creedpage 192

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 Hymn of the Day: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*..... 441

Sermon

Stand
 Offertory: *Create in Me*..... pages 192–193

Sit
 Offering

Please take this time to fill out the red record of fellowship at the end of the pew.

Rite of Confirmation

Jenny Lange

Kyle Veach

Blake & Megan Pierce (Archer)

Cody & Danielle Simpson (Lena)

Esther Weber

Liam Hocking

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion: Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

Preface through *Agnus Dei*pages 194–198

Sit

Distribution Hymns (as needed)

- Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*..... 443
- Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*..... 637
- Upon the Cross Extended*..... 453
- Go to Dark Gethsemane*..... 436
- O Perfect Life of Love*..... 452

Stand

Nunc Dimittis through Benediction.....pages 199–202

The Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father . . .) is omitted during Passiontide; thus, the Nunc Dimittis ends with "the glory of Thy people Israel."

Closing Hymn: *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*444

Youth Choir sings stanza 2.

The Postlude is omitted during Lent.

Lent Midweek Services

Maundy Thursday, April 17

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm Meal (*Congregational Potluck*)

6:30 pm Divine Service



Good Friday, April 18

12:00 pm Tenebrae Service

6:30 pm Divine Service



Easter Sunday Services Schedule

Sunday, April 20

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Divine Service

7:45 am – 8:45 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 am Easter Day Divine Service



Palm Sunday ~ The King leads His people to victory

Palm Sunday, the gateway to Holy Week, is first of all, the great memorial of our Lord's solemn entrance into Jerusalem when He was about to suffer and die. He did not fall, a victim of Jewish hatred; He went voluntary to His death, with royal freedom. His death had been divinely decreed as the purchase price of man's redemption. This festive entrance was His wedding march as He proceeded to seal with blood His bridegroom's love for man.

Secondly, Palm Sunday is a feast in honor of Christ the King. It marks the first time during His earthly life that He allowed royal homage to be paid Him. In royal fashion He entered the "city of the great King." Throughout the world, the Church this day accords Him kingly homage. Into our hands the Church puts palm branches, symbols of our loyalty to Him, and we publicly profess our faith in the King of kings, as we process into the church.

Thirdly, Palm Sunday brings us face to face with suffering, for it introduces us to Christ's sacred passion, prepares us for His death on Calvary. For why did He go to Jerusalem? Was it to be crowned there as King? Not at all. He went there to suffer and die for our sakes, and to win through all His terrible passion and death the glory of His resurrection. So we follow Him; for we must die with Him if ever we are to rise with Him.

Thus, Palm Sunday may be called the golden gateway leading to the holy mysteries of Easter.

~ *The Church's Year of Grace* by Pius Parsch, alt.

Giving Numbers: Budgeted: \$357,692 Received: \$366,897

Missions: \$4,425 collected of \$10,400 pledged

Last Sunday Attendance: 200

Evening Prayer: 113

Sunday School: Adults: 48 Children: 18

4/13 (Palm Sunday) 4/17 (Maundy Thursday) 4/18 (Tenebrae)

Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Organist	Cantor Eckardt	Cantor Eckardt	Cantor Eckardt
Head Elder	Scott Harris	Kevin Lange	Scott Harris
Asst. Elder	Alex Hagen	Kurt Rankin	Alex Hagen
Altar Guild	Cynthia Phipps & Connie Elder	Cynthia Phipps & Connie Elder	Cynthia Phipps & Connie Elder
Acolytes	Grant Jackson & Harrison Wetzell	Bryce Montgomery & William Smith	Abby Herzberg & Ellie Herzberg
Ushers	Tab Snyder & Jack Bowen	Tab Snyder & Jack Bowen	Tab Snyder & Jack Bowen
Special Music	Youth Choir	Adult Choir	

4/18 (Good Friday) 4/20 (Easter Sunrise) 4/20 (Easter Day)

Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Organist	Cantor Eckardt	Cantor Eckardt	Cantor Eckardt
Head Elder	Kevin McReynolds	Kerwyn Stoll	Kurt Rankin
Asst. Elder	Tom Roth	Tom Roth	Alex Hagen
Altar Guild	Cynthia Phipps & Connie Elder	Cynthia Phipps & Connie Elder	Cynthia Phipps & Connie Elder
Acolytes	Liz Herzberg & Ethan Pierce	Jordyn Cole & Ellie Herzberg	Harli Warfel & Olivia Rieck
Crucifer		Liz Herzberg	Maddie Hagen
Ushers	Tab Snyder & Jack Bowen	Tab Snyder & Jack Bowen	Tab Snyder & Jack Bowen
Special Music	Adult Choir	Scott Harris, <i>trumpet</i> Corbin Richey, <i>trumpet</i>	Adult Choir Scott Harris, <i>trumpet</i> Corbin Richey, <i>trumpet</i>

Altar flowers given by the Ferree family in honor of family members birthdays in April but especially Mom's 95th on April 14th.

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery

Our Members: Marge Anderson, Kay Pointon, Shirley & Bill Donnell, Bob Koelling, Helen Smock, Laura Zuhone, & Doreen Nelms

Those Shut In: Norma Schussler, Art Zuhone, Rich & Clara Woelber, Bob Zschau, Shirley Kolbus, Lorene Reinhart, Alvin & Judy Schagemann, Dorothy Roling, Marlene Zuhone, Sara Doehring, Doris Dallas, Martha Spencer, & Karen Johnson

Friends of Our Congregation: Douglas Blume, Jeff Ferree, Charles Stodden, Bianca Stodden, Susan Sochowski, Derick Shy, Linda Scheer, Addison Orris, Karen Phillips, Bill Crane, Mike Sullivan, Renee Dosien, Tammy Weber, Jerry Rardin, Rick Ivester, Alan Phelps, Neil Miller, Jerry Buesking, Jim Russell, Margo Haas, and Barb Hinkle

School of Bach

The first two sessions of this year's School of Bach were well-attended and much enjoyed by those who came! There is one session left, where we will continue our hearing, viewing, and studying of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*! Bring an appetizer dish to share!

Join us tonight, Sunday April 13 @ 5:30 PM!

5:30-7:00 PM Study and Fellowship (*Fellowship Hall*)

7:00-7:15 PM Compline (*Sanctuary*)

Church Announcements

Easter Breakfast needs are on the board outside the Fellowship Hall. Please help the FIRE Youth Group out and grab a slip or two.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 19th. We are looking for candy and small prize donations to fill the eggs. Please bring all donations to the church office. Registration will begin at 9:30 am and the Hunt will begin at 10:00 am!

Vacation Bible School- June 9th-13th Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be June 9th-13th! Children 4 years old through 5th grade are encouraged to join us for an "Epic Australian Adventure"! Middle school to adult volunteers are greatly needed! Please contact Kallie Harris if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

CGB Meeting has been moved from April 22nd to April 29th.

Ladies Aid will meet on April 24th this month! All ladies are welcome to join!

Ladies Tea: Don't forget to RSVP to the Ladies Tea by April 24th. To RSVP, please contact Connie Smith, 217-259-8294, Christi Diepholz, 217-254-5437, or Karen Stoll, 217-246-6133.

Schedule for April 13 – April 20

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| Sun | 9:00 am Divine Service (Palm Sunday)
10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School
5:00 pm FIRE
5:30 pm School of Bach
6:00 – 8:00 pm Gass – Church Gym
7:00 pm Compline |
| Mon | <i>Easter Break – No School (Office Open 8am – 2pm)</i>
8:00 am Laborers of Love
5:30 pm New Member Class – Family Room |
| Tue | <i>Easter Break – No School (Offices Open 8am – 2pm)</i>
6:30 am Men's Bible Study – Honey Bee Café |
| Wed | <i>Easter Break – No School (Offices Open 8am – 2pm)</i>
6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
<i>Gyms Closed for Restoration</i> |
| Thurs | <i>Easter Break – No School (Offices Open 8am – 2pm)</i>
5:30 – 6:15 pm Meal (Congregational Potluck)
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Divine Service
<i>Gyms Closed for Restoration</i> |
| Fri | <i>Easter Break – No School (Offices Closed)</i>
12:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service
6:30 pm Good Friday Divine Service
<i>Gyms Closed for Restoration</i> |
| Sat | <i>Gyms Closed for Restoration</i> |
| Sun | 6:30 am Divine Service (Easter Sunrise)
7:45 – 8:45 am Easter Breakfast
9:00 Divine Service (Easter Day)
<i>Gyms Closed for Restoration</i> |