

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

"To know... To teach... To share Christ"

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**Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday
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Our Worship Today

Welcome! We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

Prayer Before Worship We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Service of the Word, pages 38-44

Our Songs CW 133 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"
CW 131 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
SP 716 "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"
CW 239 "Glory Be to God the Father"

Psalm CW 73 Psalm 24

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 62	Holy Communion: 47	Sunday Offering \$2,357
Sunday Bible Class 28	Midweek Bible Class 10	Bake Sale \$681
Lenten Service 25		Lenten Offering \$247

Serving In Worship Today

Minister	Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Organist	Jonette Jordan
Choir Director, Cellist	Linda Martin
Accompanist	Jan Nelson
Videographer	Larry Martin

Prelude

“Largo“

George Frideric Handel

Invitation To Worship

“He Has Come!“

Opening Hymn

CW 133 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty“

Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of Word

The First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9,10

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle-bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 24, CW Page 73

Congregation sings refrain and the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NIV1984)

Choir

“On The Road To Jerusalem”

The Gospel

Please Stand

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!” When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.” (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 131 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Sermon

“Who Is This?”

Matthew 21:1-11

Apostles' Creed

CW Page 41

Offering

Our Offerings to the Lord are freewill. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God's Grace to you.

Cello Solo “No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet”

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 43

Hymn

SP 716 “No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet”

Choir Sings Verses 1, 2

Congregation Sings Verses 3,4

Prayer and Benediction

CW Page 43

Closing Hymn

CW #239 "Glory Be to God the Father"

Announcements

Postlude

"Ave Verum"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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Today, April 9: Thank you to Mark Becker
Tuesday, April 11: No Bible Class
Barefoot Bookies' Bookclub, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, April 12: Choir, 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 PM
Friday, April 14: Good Friday Service, 6:00 PM
Sunday, April 16: Sunrise Worship Service, 7:00 AM
Easter Breakfast, 8:00 AM
Easter Worship Service, 10:30
Tuesday, April 18: Bible Class
Wednesday, April 19: Choir/Church Council Party, 5:00 PM
Thursday, April 20: Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM
Church Council Meeting, 9:00 AM
Friday, April 21: The Story of Moses, 7:30

Pastor in the Office: Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please bring "Goodies" for Sunday Fellowship.

Please continue to bring food items for our food pantry, especially protein items.

Don't forget to check the sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Serving our congregation: President-Larry Martin, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan,

April Birthdays: Carolyn Gumm-20th, Sharon Martin-25th

Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Ruth Ellis, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, John & Joan Smith

GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Hail the King who humbly comes to save us! For 1700 years the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival that opens Holy Week. The time for Christ's glory had come (Verse of the Day). He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Rather, he would humble himself in great acts of love for us, and then the Father would exalt him to the highest place, because he had fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9, 10

Zechariah tells Jerusalem to rejoice when the messianic King comes to her, because he will have with him the righteousness she needs and the salvation she craves. This King would surpass the glory and power of all Israel's kings before him. King David's rule extended to the River Euphrates at its farthest—but this King's rule would extend from the Euphrates to the very ends of the earth, from sea to sea. His worldwide kingdom would mean the end of war and the advent of peace. All this he would do not with an army, but with his person—not with violence, but with gentleness. Rejoice, daughter of Zion! Your King comes to you. Hail him!

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus is our King, but he came humbly to save us. Though true God, he became man. Though all powerful, he became a servant. Though immortal and eternal, he died. He not only laid aside his glory, but he took our shame upon him. He not only humbled himself, but he died as one who was cursed. Yet in this great humility, he won the peace of forgiveness for us. The King came humbly because he wasn't on the way to a throne in Jerusalem, but to a hill called Golgotha where he would fulfill God's mission and save his people. Therefore, God would give him glory greater than his humiliation—every creature will bow the knee and hail him: Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

The great King comes to his city and to his temple! He could have come with all the power and glory of the Son of God. He could have ridden a thunderstorm as his chariot with legions of angels striding beside him and creation itself singing forth the praise of its Maker. But look how he comes: Not on the storm, but on a donkey; not accompanied by heavenly warriors, but by fishermen with a spotty record of faith; not to the sound of creation singing, but to the shouts of fickle pilgrims who cheered him on Sunday but would desert him by Friday. Why did he come so humbly? Because he came not to rule us, but to save us. He came, not to command us, but to invite us. He came not to demand anything from us, but to give everything for us. He comes in the name of the Lord to save us. Hail him!