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## **PALM SUNDAY/CONFIRMATION**

**April 14, 2019**

**Divine Setting One ~ LSB 151**

**As We Gather** ~ The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

“Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey” (Zech. 9:9–12; Mt. 21:1–9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5–11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin’s curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name “Barabbas,” “son of the Father” (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, “Truly this was the Son of God!” (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

## Worship Notes

*The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms that were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,” clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry “Crucify!” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The reading from the passion narrative sets before the faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week – the most important week of the entire Church Year.*

*Confirmation is a custom of the Church and not a sacrament. It links the catechumens to their Baptism, celebrates the reception of the Lord’s Word among them, and, in cases where the candidates have not yet communed, welcomes them to the Lord’s Table. Luther strongly urges in both catechisms that those who are unwilling to learn, at the very least, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer should not be admitted to the Lord’s Supper. Baptized Christians are admitted to the Sacrament when they have been examined and absolved by their pastor in accordance with the Lutheran custom outlined in the Augsburg Confession (Article XXV).*

*Confirmation declares of a catechumen that he or she is a Christian who has been baptized, confesses the faith, and is in communion with Christ and His Church. The reception of catechumens to the Lord’s Table assumes that ongoing catechesis is the way of life for the faithful Christian. This rite emphasizes God’s work in Baptism, the gift of faith, and the benefits of the Lord’s Supper for all who believe in Christ and the words of His testament.*

*Stand*

## **+ PROCESSION OF PALMS +**

*All stand and face the processional cross.*

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.**

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

***Verses 1-2 – Sunday School***

***Verses 3-5 – Congregation***

*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' triumphal entry and His passion.*

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.

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

Rejoice 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.

I 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.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant  
with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return 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.**

### **Gradual**

*Ps. 73:23b–24, 1*

You hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will  
receive me to glory.

**Truly God is good to Israel,  
to those who are pure in heart.**

### **Epistle**

*Philippians 2:5–11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in  
Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did  
not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made  
himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in  
the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 12:20–43*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.



And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

“He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them.”

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

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

*Sit*

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

LSB 443

**Sermon**

**Rite of Confirmation**

LSB 272

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

LSB 159

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**Preface**

LSB 160

**Proper Preface**

LSB 161

**Sanctus**

LSB 161

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

**Lord’s Prayer**

LSB 162

**The Words of Our Lord**

LSB 162

**Pax Domini** LSB 163

**Agnus Dei** LSB 163

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns**

“Shepherd of Tender Youth” LSB 864

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” LSB 627

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 165

**Post-Communion Collect** LSB 166

**Benediction** LSB 166

**“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”** LSB 441

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# The Immanuel Spirit

**Welcome to Immanuel!** Welcome to this Palm Sunday service. Let us unite our minds and hearts in praising Christ the King. Let us exhibit the same joyful spirit as those who first shouted: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” Please join us for fellowship after the service.

**Guests:** Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving.

**Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Easter Sunrise Service:** Isaiah 25:6–9, 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 and John 20:1–18. **Easter Day Service:** Job 19:23–27, 1 Corinthians 5:6–8 and Mark 16:1–8.

**Stewardship:** Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

**Communion Statement:** As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God’s Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

**Building Healthy Families for April 14th:** Are you or is someone you know experiencing a season of difficulty? Remember that although our circumstances may change, God's love never does. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8 If you would like assistance walking through a difficult journey, Lutheran Family Service has compassionate counselors available to help. **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.**

**Life Quote for April 14th:** "This Sunday, the church [invites] the world to remember the One who comes into the midst of a very fickle humanity—duplicity, defeat, violence, injustice, pain, and all. He comes near to good and bad intentions, near the ashes of what was meant to be honor, the ruins of attempts on our own. And despite our oscillating thoughts, despite the sin we cannot leave, He invites us into a disruptively different sort of story of defeat. The Son has made his triumphal entry. And yet He comes to bring us the cross, to the one sacrifice that speaks to the world's pain." Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries ~ **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for April 21st:** Hear "Cross in the Garden" based on John 19:30-20:18 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God is the true Gardener. He brought the soil of His garden into His being to make a new creation. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

**Life Thought in the Church Year for April 14th – Palm Sunday:** Our Almighty Maker reserves the right and responsibility for decisions about life and death (Deuteronomy 32:39). Jesus has earned this authority by swallowing up death in His crucifixion. And He has proven Himself trustworthy in life-and-death matters by bringing forth joy even from sorrow in His resurrection. What a great relief! The times and terms of human lives and deaths rest securely in His loving and saving hand.

**TALK RADIO FOR HOLY WEEK...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Church's Observance of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, The Holy Week Hymn "The Royal Banners Forward Go," Apparent Contradictions in the Bible on the Crucifixion and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/14—4/20 is **Honold**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/21—4/27 is **Johnson**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

**The Loudens' would like to invite the congregation  
for a meal from 11-1 at church  
April 14th after confirmation.**

## **VOTERS' ASSEMBLY**

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 28th**

### **AFTER THE SERVICE**

\*\*\*We encourage those who are not voting members to become voters and participate in the governing process of our church. If you are currently not a voting member and desire to become one, according to our Church Constitution and Bylaws:

4.3.1 Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voter's Assembly.

4.3.2 They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution.

Serve  
one another  
Humbly

In **Love**  
*Galatians 5:13*

### **TODAY**

Organist.....Esther Huedepohl  
Elder.....Steve Haase  
Greeter.....Heishman  
Ushers.....Marvin Honold & Ken Harms  
Servers.....Stephanie Eichenberger & Julie Roberts  
Acolyte/Crucifier.....Sophia Louden & Ellie Mintle

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Organist.....Esther Huedepohl  
Elder.....Darlo Kelting  
Greeter.....Honold  
Ushers.....Caden & Chris Christinson  
Servers.....Jan Mergen & Denise Cadwell  
Acolyte/Crucifier.....Joey Koepp & Lauren Louden

### **Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)**

**April 3, 2019**

Attendance	30
General	\$81.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Easter Lilies	\$15.00

### **Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)**

**April 7, 2019**

Attendance	58
Holy Communion	--
General Fund	\$1835.00
Missions	\$110.00
Thrivent Choice Deposit	\$56.00

# Week Ahead

## TODAY

Council Meeting.....8:00 a.m.  
Palm Sunday/Confirmation.....9:00 a.m.  
Confirmation Reception.....10:30 a.m.  
No Christian Education or Confirmation

## MONDAY

Daily Prayer.....Noon

## TUESDAY

Greek Study.....8:30 a.m.  
Daily Prayer.....Noon

## WEDNESDAY

Daily Prayer.....Noon

## THURSDAY

Holy Thursday Service.....6:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Good Friday Service.....6:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Service.....6:30 p.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY

Easter Sunrise Service.....6:30 a.m.  
Breakfast.....7:30 a.m.  
Easter Day Service.....9:00 a.m.  
No Christian Education or Confirmation

## BIRTHDAYS

Tuesday...Caden Christinson  
Wednesday...Elizabeth Koepp  
Thursday...Alex Eichenberger





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### **Organist**

Esther Huedepohl/Pam Haase

### **Church Secretary**

Amber Carnine

### **Sunday School Opening**

Pastor Koepp

# **The Divine Service Introduction**

## **Our Lutheran Heritage of Worship**

***Pastor David Miller***

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

### **The Sanctuary (Part IV)**

The attention-grabber in the sanctuary is always the altar, the figure of Christ. It is front and center, after all. It is where our Lord meets us with His true fleshly presence and mercy in the Sacrament of the Altar. However, the Lord is truly present and delivers His grace through Holy Baptism and His Word as well. This is why the other attention-grabbers of the sanctuary are the font and pulpit.

The font is the entry point for the Christian life. It is not only where our new life in Christ begins, but is always a present reminder that, having been cleansed of sin, we may now enter blameless into God's presence (*Hebrews 10:22; Acts 22:16; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5; Revelation 7:14*). Since the font always has renewed significance for the Christian, it is clearly visible at all times. It should never be off in some far corner of the sanctuary, forgotten about until the next baptism takes place. Rather, it is a constant reminder of how God has cleaned up the mess of our sin and continues to keep us spotless through the water and Word.

The pulpit is a big and bulky station for preaching. There is a reason why pastors use it to preach their sermons: it hides them. Sure, they could walk up and down the aisle, flailing wildly and putting on a show while they preach, but that would put the attention on the man and not on God's Word. Preaching is God delivering His Word to His people through the humble means of a man's voice box. The point is not on how inspiring or entertaining he is, but the attention is on the most important, relevant, and timeless message that we always need to hear: Law and Gospel, repentance and forgiveness, our problem and Jesus' solution. Because of this, the preacher hides. It's not about him, but it's about the message that God delivers through him. The pulpit's heavy, massive presence also communicates that all preaching is anchored in God's Word, which is an anchor for the soul, firm and secure (*Hebrews 6:19*). The Gospel promise of God's Word is always sure and certain; therefore the pulpit is fixed in one spot.

Because we receive His gifts of Word and Sacrament from the altar, font, and pulpit, "Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song!" (*Psalms 95:2*).