

# Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 2017



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know  
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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### **PROCESSIONAL**

#### **GREETING**

*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.**

#### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

*P: The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,*

**C: piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

*P: Let us now come before the Lord and examine our lives in light of God's commandments as we have learned them.*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

*P: We confess together.*

**C: Heavenly Father, from Your First Commandment telling us that we are to give You first place in our lives, to the Tenth Commandment telling us to be content with what we have, we have sinned against all of them. With not only our deeds, but also in the thoughts of our minds, the lusts of our eyes, and the desires of our hearts we have broken Your Law. We know from Your Holy Word that You are a God of mercy and forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for our sin by His precious blood.**

*P: God has told us in His Word, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## **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.**

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

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

**HYMN** "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" ..... LSB 903 vs. 1,3,4,5

## **PSALM**

*Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon: v. 26*

*P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.*

**C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

*P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.*

**C: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.**

*P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*P: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**C: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

*P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.*

**C: The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

*P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.*

**C: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: We pray. Lord God, on this day Your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to fulfill Your will by His death on the cross. Help us to follow Him through this week and all our days that we may be drawn closer to You by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 50:4–9a*

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens My ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup> But the Lord GOD helps Me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates Me is near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; who will declare Me guilty?

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and 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.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 12:12–19*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

<sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> 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!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> 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.**

***HYMN*** "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" ..... *LSB 444*

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.*

*P: Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

## **PREFACE**

*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.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.*

*By His triumphant entry into Jerusalem He reached His goal of His triumphant death that, by the offering of His own body and blood on the cross, all who believe in Him may share His triumph over sin and death.*

*We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully*

eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” ..... **LSB 434**



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o’er us:  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o’er us:  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o’er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the gift of forgiveness won by Your Son’s offering on the cross and for the strengthening of our souls and bodies by His body and blood. Go with us now and keep us steadfast in Your Word through the blessed days of this great and Holy Week and, beyond that, to our eternal life with Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*P: Go with the Suffering Servant who died to make us righteous and gives us new life to rise with Him to eternal life. The blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and go with you forever.*

**C: Amen.**

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**THIS WEEK— (April 9 - 16, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am; Men’s Choir, following Bible class

**Thursday:** Maundy Thursday Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Men’s Choir practice, following worship

**Friday:** Worship 1:00pm; Worship 6:30pm

**Easter Sunday:** Worship/HC, 6:30am; Easter Breakfast, 7:30-8:30; Worship/HC, 9:00am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 4/2/17)**

General & Building Funds: \$8951.50; Blessings: \$49.27;  
Lent: \$1153.00; Memorial: \$125.00; Sunday school: \$2.77  
Attendance: Thursday: 57; Sunday: 124



## CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service.

Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm; Good Friday, 1:00pm & 6:30pm; Easter Sunday, 6:30am & 9:00am

**NO WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY OR CONFIRMATION CLASSES THIS WEEK.**

**SAVE THE DATE** – The Hope Life Center banquet will be held on Monday, April 24. If you have plans to attend please speak with Sandi Michaelis so that the proper number of tables can be reserved.

On behalf of the board of directors of **GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES**, I would like to thank all the members of our congregation for their continued support of the organization. As many of you know, GWCS maintains ministries at the Marathon County Jail, the Juvenile Detention Center and several nursing homes. What you may not know is that the organization's director, Ray Slatton, serves as a chaplain for our local law enforcement. Through your support of the organization, Ray was able to minister to officers following the terrible events of March 22. If you have questions about GWCS or would like to support the group as a volunteer or through a donation, please contact Brian Otten.

**LWML HUMAN CARE INGATHERING** for April is for Little Lambs Daycare. Items needed are: bibs, burp cloths, wash cloths, dish cloths

**CLC BLOOD DRIVE:** Have you ever thought of donating blood as being a good steward of your time and talent? For those of you that are physically able, I urge you to thank the Lord for your good health by donating blood on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** may be found on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall.

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“If you’ve ever done anything wrong or missed doing something perfectly, then you are not truly perfect, and you are going to die. It would be without God, but Jesus takes that weight and sentence off your record, onto His own shoulders. Anyone who wants forgiveness from God, peace with Him, Paradise opened—just look at Jesus. ‘Everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life’ (John 6:40).” *Rev. Chris Cordes, St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota – ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))*