

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+
Divine Setting One pg. 151 in the hymnal

WELCOME

BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

OPENING RESPONSE

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: And also with you.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

READING OF THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL John 12:12-19 (NIV)

The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. Now the crowd that was with him had continued to spread word that he had called Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead. Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:36-39 (ESV)

The LORD will come to rescue His people after they have hit rock bottom. When false gods have let them down, then it will be clear that there is only one true God who can save.

For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

St Paul K-2nd Grades Sing "Hosanna, Hosanna"

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

Paul instructs us to follow the example set by our Lord Jesus. As he humbled himself and assumed the role of servant to the world, we are called to love and serve our neighbors in need.

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 emptied himself, by 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING**John 12:20-43** (ESV)

After making his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus is sought out by Greek believers. He announces that the time has come to give his life for the salvation of the world.

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.

APOSTLES CREED

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brittany Fulcer

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Ride on, Ride On in Majesty"

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SERMON**OFFERTORY**

"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**LORD'S PRAYER**

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BENEDICTION**CLOSING HYMN**

"Hosanna, Lord Hosanna"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Ben Francisco, Faith Lutheran Church & School, York

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Bonnie Gudgel celebrating her "80th" Birthday Tomorrow

Joan Fiala (Roy Richter's aunt) healing from a broken hip

Dealing with an illness:

Barb Woelfel (friend of Sheri Hahn), Stan Schleuter, Craig Rooker,
Larry Wilkin (brother in law of Linda Luebbe), Carol Wolter (mother of Kara Hawley),
Jeannie Koski, Joan Naber, Dick Rhodes, Pauline Bulgrin, Bil Rodgers,
Kelly Heser (friend of Cristy Richters), Taida Grantski, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks,
Dick Greenwood, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),

Recovering from surgery: Kati Borchers, Ewald Fehlhafer, Caroline Heidorn, Dennis Conell

Declining Health: Wilmer Ritterling, Pastor Gudgel, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

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In Response to God's Love

April 3: Inperson Attendance: 231 Visitors: 42 Online: 79 Sunday School: 26 Communion: 158

VOLUNTEERS:

Today: 04-10-22 Acolyte: Lexi Kraus Lay Reader: Jamie Kovac Organist: Pat Koch

Next Week: 4-17-22

**6:30 AM/9:00 AM Acolyte: Garrett Brandenburgh/ Lay Reader: Gene Schlechte/Jeff Wellman
Organist: Donnetta Schmieding**

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (4-10)	9:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship <i>K- 2nd Grades Sing</i>
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School/Lutheran Basics Class
	6:00 PM	5-8 Youth Ministry
	7:00 PM	Card Social
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry
MONDAY (4-11)	-----	
TUESDAY (4-12)	8:00 AM	Pastor Circuit Meeting here at St Paul
WEDNESDAY (4-13)	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
THURSDAY (4-14)	-----	NO SCHOOL MAUNDY THURSDAY
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
FRIDAY (4-15)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	-----	NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY
	7:00 PM	Good Friday Worship
SATURDAY (4-16)	-----	
SUNDAY (4-17)	6:30 AM	Easter Sunrise Service
	7:00 AM	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship

As of 4-6-22	Amount received 3-23-22 & 3-27-22	Needed each week to cover 2022 Budget	Received YTD 2022	YTD Amount needed to cover 2022 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$6,077.00		\$133,206.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$2,094.00		
School Tuition	\$4,257.00		\$10,772.00		
Total	\$6,077.00 Week over/(under)	\$17,553.00 -\$11,476.00	\$146,072.00	\$207,657.00	-\$61,585.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$115.00	Bldg Fund	\$110,969.00
Teacherage Fund	\$00.00		\$300.00	Teacherage Fund	\$1,275.00
Mekasha Mission (9/21-8/22) 5k goal	\$70.00	\$95.00	\$2,910.00	\$2,885.00	\$25.00

Current Operating Note: \$46,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000)

Thank you to all who helped to make my 25th Teaching Anniversary such a special day. The cards, gifts, and kind words were greatly appreciated. The book of remembrances, posters, and children's song were special additions to the day! May all Glory go to God and may He bless us as we continue with His Ministry here at St. Paul! Mrs. Luce

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, posters made by the students and cards during Terry's hospital stay and when he returned home. Thank you to Pastor Jon Dunbar for all of his visits.
God's Blessing to all! Terry and Monica Colburn

Brass players for Easter Services needed. Please contact Donneta Schmieding.

Life is precious! We thank God for the lives of Pastor Richard and Bonnie Gudgel. Bonnie celebrates her 80th birthday on April 11. If you would like to contact them, their address is:

Rev. Richard & Bonnie Gudgel, 1332 J St., Geneva, NE 68361.

Easter Lily Memorial In celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, all are welcome to provide an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Lilies should be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall on Good Friday. If you would like your Easter lily to be given in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office with the name of the person(s) you would like to have remembered in a special Easter bulletin insert. All donated lilies may be taken home following the Easter Festival service. Thanks, Pastor

Help Needed

-Someone to help OJ Utter in editing the worship service videos so they can be posted online in a more consistent manner.

-3 to 6 volunteers for the media booth. Can be anyone from 7th grade up to 100 years of young age.



Our Ladies Aid greeting card tables will have a few Easter cards this year and also graduation cards. But there will be no confirmation cards. There are several stores where you may purchase them other than Hallmark. Dollar General and others have nice cards. Just want to warn you to shop for them early.

The LCMS Youth Gathering participants are pleased to invite you to join us for Easter Breakfast in the School Gym from 7am to 9am Easter morning, April 17th! We will be serving breakfast burritos, cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk, juice and coffee for a free will donation to help fund our trip to Houston this summer. There will be gluten and meat free options available.

Over the next three Sundays (April 10, 17, & 24) a special door offering will be taken to support Nebraska District ministry. Major and much needed renovations to both the District office in Seward and University Lutheran Chapel in Lincoln have provided a great benefit to many, including members of our congregation! With our help, the District hopes to pay off its remaining loan balance of \$325K. We hope you will prayerfully consider a gift to this important project.

*THANK YOU for your prayers and support during the passing of our mother Pam Fielder.
Especially Pastor Jon Dunbar for all of his kindness. Melissa Grantski and Family*

*St. Paul's is pleased to welcome Pastor Earl Pierce who will carry out visitation ministry while Pastor Groth continues physical therapy. Pastor Pierce is a member of St. John's, Seward who recently moved into the area from his previous call in Arizona.
We appreciate his help in caring for our shut-ins!*