

March 28, 2021



**“BLESSED
IS HE
WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE
LORD!”**



JOHN 12:13, NIV

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Palm Sunday



Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, yet David's Lord, with the people of Jerusalem we also join in singing to You: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" We praise You, dear Redeemer, for Your painful journey to the cross. We are sorry and ashamed that our sins caused Your great suffering, but we truly rejoice that You have redeemed us by Your blood. Keep us steadfast in our faith, humble in our life, and make us finally partakers of Your glory. In Your name we ask this, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 161 (TLH): *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and Temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.**

**2. From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm-branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.**

**3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.**

The Invocation and the Confession and Absolution of Sins

We call upon the name of God and come before Him admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

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

C Amen!

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.



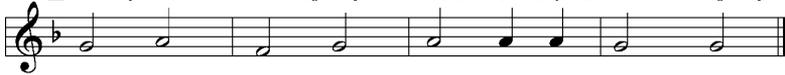
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

P Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

C For He is our Maker.

Response: *(sung to the tune of Hymn 161)*

C ♪ Come, wave your palms and branches In honor of your King!
Bedeck His sacred altars With tributes of the spring,
And sing of His salvation, His glorious victory,
His royal exaltation Through all eternity! ♪

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 24*

P The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

C **The world and those who dwell therein,**

P For he has founded it upon the seas

C **And established it upon the rivers.**

P Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

C **And who shall stand in his holy place?**

P He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

C **Who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

P He will receive blessing from the LORD

C **And righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

P Such is the generation of those who seek him,

C **Who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C **That the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C **That the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**



Response: (*sung to the tune of Hymn 161*)

C ♪ **O Jesus, Lord and Savior, When shall Thy day appear,
The day of our redemption From all our sorrows here?
O guide us to the mansions, The homeland bright and fair,
And crown our weary waiting With endless glory there! ♪**

The 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C Hosanna in the highest!

The Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11* ^{NKJV}

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P Hosanna to the Son of David!

C Hosanna in the highest!

Confession of Faith: *Augsburg Confession, Article III*

We boldly confess what we believe.

C It is also taught among us that God the Son became man, born of the Virgin Mary, and that the two natures, divine and human, are so inseparably united in one person that there is one Christ, true God and true man, who was truly born, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried in order to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for all other sins and to propitiate God's wrath.

The same Christ also descended into hell, truly rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, that He may eternally rule and have dominion over all creatures, that through the Holy Spirit He may sanctify, purify, strengthen, and comfort all who believe in Him, that He may bestow on them life and every grace and blessing, and that He may protect and defend them against the devil and against sin. The same Lord Christ will return openly to judge the living and the dead, as stated in the Apostles' Creed. Amen.

Hymn 162 (TLH): *Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty*

**1. *Ride on, ride on, in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.***

**2. *Ride on, ride on, in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.***

**3. *Ride on, ride on, in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the approaching Sacrifice.***

**4. *Ride on, ride on, in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne Expects His own anointed Son.***

**5. *Ride on, ride on, in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain. Then take, O Christ, Thy power and reign.***

The Sermon: *John 12:12-19*

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Theme: HERE COMES THE KING OF GLORY

I. A Humble Glory

II. A Misunderstood Glory

III. A Saving Glory



The Offertory

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 725 (WS2000): *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

- 1. No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"***
- 2. And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"***
- 3. What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"***
- 4. Now he who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"***

The Offering of Thankful Hearts *In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. Offerings may be deposited in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church or electronically via CashApp to “\$clcmztzion”. While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse (788:1):*

***Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.***

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

The petitions of the congregation are gathered and presented to the Lord.

C **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.**

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen!**

Closing Hymn 73:1 (TLH): *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of Glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here.***

***Life and salvation He doth bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now, Creator, wise art Thou!***



ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE: On Good Friday, April 2 at 7pm we will be holding a special Good Friday Tenebrae service. In the early Christian Church, a Tenebrae Service was held in remembrance of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus. We continue that ancient tradition with an adaptation of such a service on Good Friday. During the second half of the service one candle will be extinguished after each of the seven readings are completed, progressively darkening the church. At the end of the service, one candle – the Christ candle – will remain burning to symbolize the assurance of His resurrection after three days in the tomb. Our Savior was not overcome by death, but rather He overcame sin and hell through death. Please join us for this special service!

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE: This year we will be foregoing the traditional Easter Sunday brunch in exchange for after-service baked good snacks coordinated by LIFT. The Easter Service will be held at 10:00am with snacks to follow. Hope to see you there to celebrate our Savior's Resurrection!

CHURCH CLEANING AND USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Dave Naumann, St. John's, Clarkston, WA/Peace, Orofino, ID has **received** the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel, Mankato, MN has **returned** the call to teach lower grades at Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. <> Debra Mayhew has **received** the call to serve as K-8 teacher at Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN.

THE 2021 MANUP! CLC MEN'S RETREAT will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

ILC DORM SUPERVISORS: Immanuel Lutheran College is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2021-22 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Please apply by April 6.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

March Usher: Carl Ryan <> Church Cleaning: Fobears

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Worship Last Sunday = 15 // In-Person Bible Class Last Sunday = 9
 In-Person 6th Midweek Lent = 12

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$18,461.54
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,075.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$18,363.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1,836.30

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Fri. 4/2	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun. 4/4	10am	Easter Sunday Service
	11am	Easter Brunch To-Go (baked goods provided by LIFT)
Tue. 4/13	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 4/18	1pm	Q2 Voters Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Jackie McGruder was recently the victim of a house fire. No one was hurt, but the damage was extensive. A fund has been set up to help with repair costs. Jackie also continues to remain homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait. The **Wittorps** are expecting a newborn baby boy in May.