



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Sunday, March 28th, 2021
Palm Sunday

Prelude
Tower Bells and Welcome
Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.

Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. The congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.

Invocation (*Pastor will lead Invocation from the back of the sanctuary. Congregation stands.*)
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Palm Sunday Reading John 12:12-19 (*congregation reads bold print*)

12 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."

Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

(Children will process with Pastor during the hymn.)

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. *(Refrain)*

1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. *(Refrain)*

4 To you before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. *(Refrain)*

5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. *(Refrain)*

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 118:19-29

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

20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

25 Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 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!**

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to
you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

All: 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. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9:9-12 (*Congregation sits*)

9 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.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1-17 (*Congregation Stands*)

1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says

anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 13 He said to them, "It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, 16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise?'"

17 And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

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 earth and heaven
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 heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

Sermon “Jesus Serves Even Babies. Even Babies Praise Jesus.” Philippians 2 & Matthew 21

Apostles’ Creed (*Stand*)

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 Zion Lutheran Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show to us the answer to Your people’s prayers of “Hosanna,” “save now,” in the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life’s end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be used for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, we thank you for Your daily gifts of family, friends and neighbors who assist and aid us in all circumstances. We ask you to watch over all who serve us: we remember firefighters, law-enforcement, emergency workers, military personnel, chaplains, medical persons, counselors, teachers, food producers, transportation and retail workers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring before You the sick, distressed and needy [*especially* _____]. Give Your abiding comfort in every circumstance, that in Christ we shall not die but live, and declare His works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. **Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest.**

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. **Graciously receive our prayers,**

deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433

1 Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!

4 Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

2 Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

3 Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes. “Jesus Serves Even Babies. Even Babies Praise Jesus.” Philippians 2 & Matthew 21

I. Jesus _____ Himself.

He took the _____ of a servant.

Even _____ on a cross.

II. The chief priests did not like children _____ Jesus.

But even _____ praise Jesus. (Psalm _____ .)

God establishes _____ from the mouths of babies.

III. Human _____ does not stop God’s work.

Jesus is under and _____ up the weak.