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Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Palm Sunday

Prelude  
Tower Bells  
Welcome  
Announcements

*Visitors are welcome and 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.  
Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.*

*Service Notes: This morning we remember our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to the praises of the crowds and waving of palm branches. This welcome by the crowds began His saving work of Holy Week. Today's worship starts a narrative reading and then with an entrance hymn. Before the narrative reading starts the Pastor will greet the congregation with any announcements. The congregation is welcome to praise God with waving palm branches during the singing of all the hymns and choir anthem.*

Palm Sunday Narrative Reading John 12:12-19

<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."

Entrance Hymn

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (congregations stands)*

LSB 443

Divine Service IV - LSB 203

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

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!**

Kyrie

LSB 204

**C: (sing) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem -- *Hosanna Gathering*

Epistle

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALL: These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Holy Gospel

John 12:20-43

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. **<sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”** <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> 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.

<sup>27</sup> “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. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. **<sup>34</sup> 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?”** <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup> 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?”

<sup>39</sup> Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

<sup>40</sup> “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.”

<sup>41</sup> Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup> 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; <sup>43</sup> for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

**LSB 441**

Sermon

Offering Hymn

*Come, My Soul, with Every Care*  
*(Offering brought forward on verse 6.)*

**LSB 779**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church (*Congregation stands*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of Christ, that her faith would remain fixed upon His death for our salvation, and that His Gospel would be proclaimed and lived out until He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the world, that the Lord would uphold it in His order; for the Church, that she would be defended from all enemies; for our homes, that God would bless parents and children in service toward each other and faith until life's end; and for the government, that God would grant all authorities health and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a mind like Christ Jesus to spurn all worldly equality, that we would humble ourselves here and find His greater portion in the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer in this world, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they would not fear but fix their eyes on Jesus as they await the fullness of their salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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 us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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**In Our Prayers** – *Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

The Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*Glory Be to Jesus*

**LSB 433**

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

“I Believe that Jesus Christ is My Lord”

Date	Theme	Time
Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday (with Lord’s Supper)	<i>not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,</i>	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Friday, March 29 Good Friday	Jesus’ 7 Last Words on the Cross	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 31 Resurrection Sunday (with Lord’s Supper)	<i>in order that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.</i>	10:00 am