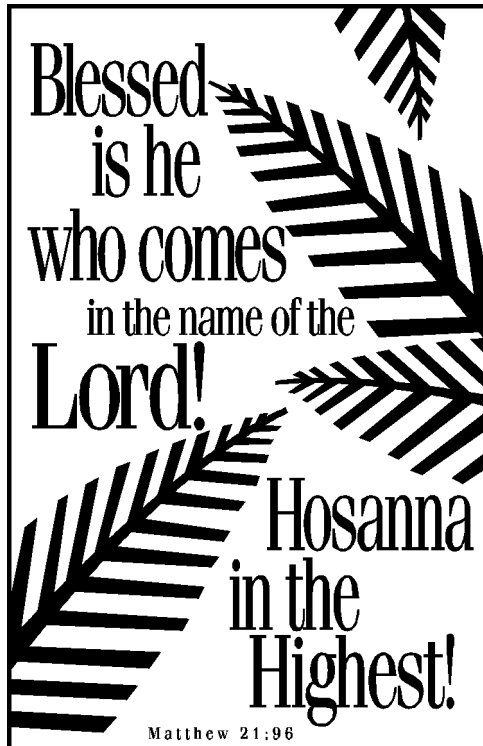


# Palm Sunday



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**Palm Sunday** is the day we commemorate Jesus' triumphant "parade" into Jerusalem. Of the Gospel accounts about Jesus' arrival, only the Evangelist John mentions the palm tree. Waving their tree branches along the route of a king or dignitary was a very popular custom among the people of Jesus' day, and it was because of this particular tree—the Palm—from which came their colorful branches that the Church calls today Palm Sunday. With these worshipers, we are also encouraged to adore and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who came to us with the healing of forgiveness and the balm of salvation. Thus, with Palm Sunday begins the week that changed the world—for good!

We use some of the palms to make the ashes for our Ash Wednesday service.

## ***The Order of Worship***

### **The Bells Announce the King's Arrival**

**Anthem:** Lower Sunday School (10:30 AM)

#130 "*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*"

**Opening Hymn:** #131 "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*"

*(please rise for v. 5)*

### **Invocation:**

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

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

## ***The Triumphant Entry***

P: As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them

and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

**C: "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"**

P: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

**C: The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."**

**Hymn of Praise: #716 v. 1-2 solo, v. 3-4 congregation**  
*"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"*

### **Confession and Absolution**

P: God of all patience, this week of Jesus' life will reveal a lot about your love, but also a lot about our sin. The Jews will plot to kill Jesus; the disciples will not understand him; Peter will deny him; those closest to him will sleep through his agony; Judas will betray him; his government will torture and crucify him. They are part of us, and part of them is still in us, staining us with sin, as we continue to fail Jesus. We make confession of our sins, asking that you would forgive us, so that one day we may be with you in Paradise.

**C: O holy and most merciful God, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and I am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet, because you graciously invite me, I come to you, and for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord—I plead: God have mercy on me, a sinner!**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Prayer**—spoken by Pastor

**Congregation: Amen** (sung)

**Anthem:** Upper Sunday School (8:00 AM)  
#130 “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*”

## ***The Scripture Lesson***

**First Lesson:**

*Zechariah 9:9,10*

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**Psalm 24** on page 73

**Second Lesson:**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself

nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 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.

### **The Apostles Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.  
From there 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

**Hymn of the Day: #134 “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”**



**Sermon:** Matthew 21:12-17

**Response:** *“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”*

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

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

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.

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

**Offering**

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** #370 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”*



**This Week:**

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	1:00 PM	CLYF
<i>Monday:</i>	6:00 PM	Pre-Kindergarten Round-up
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Luth. Church on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Luth. Church on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class at Samuel
<i>Thursday:</i>	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
	8:00 PM	8th Grade Confirmation Parent Mtg
	8:00 PM	Choir
<i>Friday:</i>	1:00 PM	Good Friday Worship
	7:00 PM	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
<i>Saturday:</i>	12:00 PM	Council Prepares for Easter
		Breakfast at Samuel
<i>Sunday:</i>	7:00 AM	Sunrise Worship
	8:00 AM	Easter Breakfast at Samuel
	10:00 AM	Easter Festival Worship

**THANK YOU:** We want to thank the Sunday School children for leading us in song this morning. We also thank those who use their special talents instrumentally and vocally to beautify our worship.

**REMAIN SEATED:** We are going to begin the practice of remaining seated after the hymn right before the sermon. There is no liturgical or practical purpose for standing at that time. In fact you may have noticed that none of the services we use note standing then. So please remain seated unless you are asked to stand at that time.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us for coffee hour between services. Thank you to the families from Serving Committee 1 for hosting this morning.

**TABLES:** We have purchased two bistro style tables that will be used during our coffee hours. Now you will have a place to put your cup of coffee or juice as you enjoy your treat and pleasant conversation.

**CLYF:** We are meeting today from 1-3 PM at Samuel. Don't miss out!

**HOLY WEEK:** Holy week continues with our Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM on March 24th. On Good Friday we will have a service at 1:00 PM (SLS students in Pre K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades sing) and a Tenebrae service at 7:00 PM. Easter Sunday sunrise is at 7:00 AM with the festival service at 10:00 AM. These two services will not be the same. From 8-9:30 AM breakfast will be served at Samuel.

**ROUND-UP:** We will be hosting our pre-kindergarten round-up Monday night at 6:00 PM. If you are interested or know someone who is please contact Mrs. Lois Zander at 337-0996 or the school office at 532-2162.

**EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION:** There will be a meeting for parents of the eighth grade confirmation students on Thursday, March 24th after the Maundy Thursday worship.

**BREAKFAST:** Just a reminder to the Church council that we will be meeting at school Saturday the 26th at 12:00 PM to start preparing the Easter breakfast.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION:** Now that our mid-week Lenten services are finished we will again be meeting at our regular time - Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM at Samuel.

**SUMMER MUSIC:** Don't forget that we are doing our summer music program again this year! For the third year in a row, Miss Shannon Eggers, will be back with us again. She is excited to be back and hopes the program can be bigger and better. A reminder that she is offering piano lessons to children entering Kindergarten to retirees and anyone in between! We are sending registration forms home with Sunday School students today. Register ASAP!