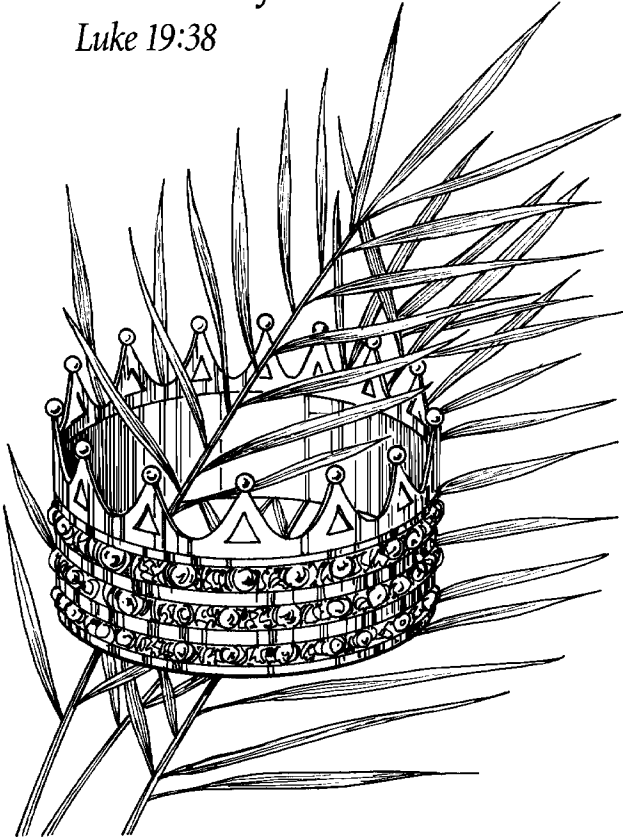


Palm Sunday

*“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!”*

Luke 19:38



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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)

"Great Is The Lord"



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." (Please be seated)

Hymn: #716 "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"
Verses 1&2 Duet; Verses 3&4 Congregation

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)
“Great Is The Lord”

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 Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn of the Day: #370 "All Hail the Power of
Jesus' Name"**



Sermon: Zechariah 9:9,10

**Offering: In the early service upper Sunday school
will play the bells.**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Because receiving the Lord's Supper together is an expression of unity of faith this side of heaven, it is proper that those of the same confession commune together. Since church membership is an individual's expression of confession, it is proper that members of congregations in fellowship with each other commune together. Therefore we invite those of sister WELS/ELS congregations to join us for communion today. On the same basis we cordially ask that those of other fellowships refrain.

Words of Institution

Distribution Hymn: #371 "Oh, Love, How Deep"

Prayer of Thanks

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #130 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

The word "Hosanna" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font. Above the word, there is a graphic of a palm branch with several long, pointed leaves.

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	1:00 PM	Pioneers
<i>Monday:</i>	7:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting at Patzers
	12:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Church Council
<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	Confirmation Parent Meeting
	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 our instrumentalists Nicole Kotecki and Matthew Onken and vocalists Donna and Ethan Wendorff. During Holy Week we have so many people who volunteer their talents and it is very much appreciated.

HOLY WEEK: Holy week continues with our Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM on April 13th. On Good Friday we will have a service at 1:00 PM (SLS students in Pre K – 8th 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. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds will go towards church landscaping.

PIONEERS: We will meet today from 1-3 PM at Samuel. We plan on working on a craft, and may spend some time playing games in the gym or outside, weather depending.

EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION: There will be a meeting for parents of the eighth grade confirmation students on Thursday, April 13th after the Maundy Thursday worship.

BREAKFAST: Just a reminder to the Church council that we will be meeting at school Saturday the 15th at noon to start preparing the Easter breakfast.

VOTERS MEETING: Since the date for the next voter's meeting falls on Easter Sunday, we will move the meeting from Sunday, April 16th to Sunday, April 23rd at 11:30 AM.

GREENWOOD: We are again offering Greenwood Nursery gift certificates that can be purchased through the church. Certificates are in \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Purchaser receives full value and we will receive 15 percent on all sales. We will use the proceeds for church landscaping.

JESUS CARES: Our JCM Easter celebration will be on Thursday, April 20th starting at 6:30 PM. Congregational members are invited to join us for this service.