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We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

Serving Today...

Message:

Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Ben Oesch

Worship Assistant:

10:45 David Renner

Organist:

Susan Shoaf



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 1 ~ LSB p. 151; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the triune God, the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9; Luke 19:38; John 12:13

P: As we wave our palm fronds and shout our hosannas, we echo the worship and praise of those who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem on that first "Palm Sunday" over 2,000 years ago.

C: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

ALL: **HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

✠ Please stand and face the cross, in honor of Jesus Christ our Savior, who comes to us in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! ✠

THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL ACCOUNT John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!"

And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" Jesus' 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.

The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

RESPONSE

John 20:31; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9; Luke 19:38; John 12:13

P: These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ! Hosanna in the highest!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 537:1 & 4 "Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be Thine!

CONFESSION OF SINS

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION ~ FORGIVENESS OF SINS

John 20:19-23

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!**

Today we enter Passion Week, the heart of God's greatest act since Creation—the salvation of all by the defeat of sin, death, and the devil, and the restoration of creation by the power of the resurrection. We come to the Lord at the bidding of the Gospel and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord ~ HOSANNA!

Offering Prayer:

Note the references to currency:

- + imprinted image
- + life's riches
- + inscription

May "Jesus Christ is Lord" be the image stamped on our hearts, the riches we offer to others, the inscription read by all who see us!

Isaiah 50: In addition to offering comfort to God's exiled people, Isaiah is also speaking prophetically of Jesus.

¹ **Lord GOD:** For an explanation of this term for God, see the [ESV](#) pew Bible, p. ix, under the heading "The Translation of Specialized Terms"

SALUTATION AND PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: We pray: 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.

C: **Amen!**

HYMN # 549:1, 3, 5 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the Fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, * **wormwood, gall: bitter suffering*

Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.

Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all!

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CHILDREN'S CHAT *Sam Scheck*

Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher stands.

OFFERING *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

OFFERING PRAYER

LSB # 422

P: On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace, that life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase; let the clear inscription be:

ALL: "Jesus, crucified for me, is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!" Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD¹ has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD¹ has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD¹ helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so 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.

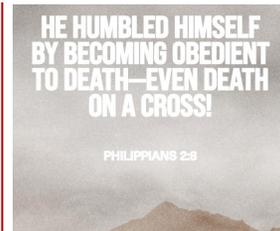
RESPONSE

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C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN # 543 "What Wondrous Love Is This" *Please use the hymnal for the tune and lyrics.*

MESSAGE “Hey! I’ll Make a Trade with You!” text: Philippians 2:5-11



STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

ALL: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen!

The **Nicene Creed** is historically connected with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, because it stresses more fully the Biblical teaching that Jesus Christ is true God, which is intimately connected with Christ’s true body and blood being present in Holy Communion. We support and encourage one another as we confess our faith together.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

In April, we pray with open hearts for our Shepherd neighborhood/neighbors.



Preparation for Holy Communion

One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Corinthians 11:28-29

Since those who take Christ’s body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.



HOLY COMMUNION ~ PROPER PREFACE HOLY WEEK

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: **We lift them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8

Musical notation for the Sanctus. It consists of four staves of music in a G major key signature. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The **Sanctus:** “Hosanna!”—Hebrew for “Give salvation/victory now, I beg You”—is the same word shouted as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. The people were identifying Jesus as a king, worthy of a conquering king’s reception.

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God." Ancient believers ate the sacrificial lamb at the Passover. We partake of Christ, who was sacrificed for us to make full atonement for all our sins. Christ is our Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Priest who offers the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Truly, Jesus is Our All!

Palm trees are abundant in Israel and have been mentioned numerous times in the Bible in connection with significant events. Deborah, one of Israel's judges, held court under the shade of palm branches (Judges 4:5). Solomon carved the walls of the temple with figures of palm trees, cherubim, and open flowers (1 Kings 6:29).

After God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the palm tree and its branches became an important symbol of victory for Israel. The Lord commanded that they hold a feast to commemorate this. From then on, the Israelites observed the Feast of Tabernacles, or Succoth, a 7-day festival, where the Israelites built and lived in booths made of palm branches, leafy tree boughs, and willows (Leviticus 23:40-43).

A palm branch represents victory, joy, and peace. Palm branches were waved when a conquering king entered a city in triumph. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people celebrated by waving palm branches. Jesus was their king, their hero.

The Hebrew word for an unopened date palm branch is "lulav."

Lu = to or unto

Lav = heart

Thus, waving the lulav, or date palm branch, meant: "We give to you our hearts."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19,20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ THE PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

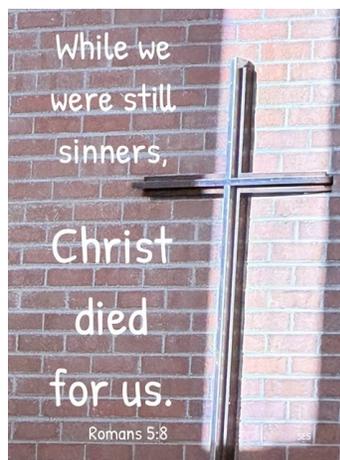
DISTRIBUTION

- ◆ You will be ushered forward for Communion.
- ◆ When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- ◆ If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- ◆ Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

436 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSION NARRATIVE FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew 26 & 27

P: Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole Council [Sanhedrin] were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” And the high priest stood up and said, “Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?” But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, “I adjure You by the living God, tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard His blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him, saying, “Prophecy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck You?” Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before them all, saying,

C: **“I do not know what you mean.”**

P: And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” And again he denied it with an oath:

C: **“I do not know the man.”**

P: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

C: **“I do not know the man.”**

P: And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they bound Him and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate the governor. Then when Judas, His betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

C: **“I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”**

P: They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” But when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against You?” But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Jesus up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate’s wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of Him today in a dream.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said,

C: **“We want Barabbas.”**

P: Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said,

C: **“Let Him be crucified!”**

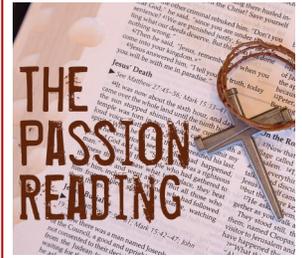
P: And he said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they shouted all the more,

C: **“Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”**

P: So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” And all the people answered,

C: **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

P: Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and twisting together a



Jesus' Passion:
the time of suffering
from Jesus' entry into
Jerusalem to His death
on the cross. Holy Week
is also called Passion
Week.

There's Nothing “Lent” in Lent

They borrowed a bed
to lay His head
when Christ, the Lord,
came down.
They borrowed an ass
in the mountain pass
for Him to ride to town.
But the crown
that He wore and
the cross that He bore—
they were His very own.
He borrowed a room on
the way to the tomb, the
Passover lamb
to eat.
They borrowed the cave
for Him, a grave;
they borrowed
the winding sheet.
But the crown
that He wore and
the cross that He bore—
they were His very own.
The thorns on His head
were worn in my stead.
For me the Savior died
for the guilt of my sin
the nail drove in when
Him they crucified.
Though the crown alone
and the cross
were His own,
by right
they were mine instead.
For me He died
and was crucified;
for me it was
that He bled.
~Rev. Lawrence Gallman,
father of Shepherd
member Judy Hillman



We should not become impatient but should learn to watch, wait, and continue steadfast in faith. God loves it if we quietly or patiently praise Him, suffer and wait a while for Him; this pleases Him as the finest sacrifice and service....

We should accustom ourselves to endurance in afflictions, and we should not be impatient and murmur against God, no matter how many and how great the calamities are that oppress us. But it hurts.

~Martin Luther



Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me; and may I gladly do my part to win that soul for Thee. Amen!

crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Jesus away to crucify Him.

RESPONSE

John 20:31

P: These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ! Hosanna—save us, Lord!**

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 31:9-16

P: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

C: **But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand;**

P: rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

ALL: Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

EXHORTATION FOR HOLY WEEK

Philippians 2:5-11

P: Dear Friends in Christ, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on 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.

C: **Amen!**

BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S GOOD-CREATING WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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!**

We exit quietly as we prepare for our journey with Jesus through Holy Week.

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through—
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh—
The Christ,
the son of Mary.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 29 8 & 10:45a	Maundy Thursday April 2 7p - Lord's Supper	Good Friday April 3 Tre-Ore Noon-3p Tenebrae 7p	Easter Worship April 5 6:30a - Easter Sunrise 8a 10:45a