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

Serving Today...

Message:

8:00 Pastor Stoltenow
10:45 Pastor Kent Schnegelberger

Reader:

10:45 Travis Jarvi

Musicians:

Susan Shoaf, organist
8 Sun. Sch. Students,
Jodie Stoltenow, Dir.

2023-24 at Shepherd of the Hills
Celebrating Our 60th Anniversary Year!



Loving JOYfully!

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Philippians 4:4

It all comes down to this. "It all" is the history of our Lord's incarnation, birth, preaching, teaching, healing, calling disciples; and now, "to this"--Jesus coming to His goal in Jerusalem: suffering and death on the cross and JOY-full resurrection on Easter. Only in knowing and faithfully believing who Jesus really is and the reason for His suffering, death, and resurrection--only in understanding the purpose of God's Law--can we comprehend the JOY of the Gospel, the Good News of the forgiveness of our sins, rebirth, renewed life, and eternal life! This sacred week begins and ends in JOY!

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL *Please take this time to quiet voices in preparation for worship.*

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 4 ~ LSB p. 203; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): 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 sing 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!

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 Him 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!

✠ 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! ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 442:1-4 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,

Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain:*

The company of angels is praising You on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain:*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present. *Refrain:*

To You before Your Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise! *Refrain:*



Who may ascend
Mount Zion's holy hill
to do God's will? The
One whose unstained
hands can meet the
Law's demands, whose
purity within reveals
One free from sin.
Come, praise this King
who claims the cross
as throne—
praise Him alone!

"Worthy is Christ!"
The Lamb who once
was slain now lives to
reign. He rules our
earthly ways as
Lord of Ancient Days—
O join the endless song
sung by the ransomed
throng:
"Worthy is Christ!"
The Lamb
be praised again!
Amen! Amen!

~S.P. Starke, LSB # 339

A **Collect** is a prayer in
which the needs of the
whole congregation are
"collected" and
presented to God. The
Collect of the Day
varies with the festivals
and seasons of the
Church Year. Most of
the Collects in our
services have been in
continuous use in the
Church for more than
1500 years.

8:00 AM ~ ANTHEM Shout Hosanna *Sunday School students*

*To the King of Glory and light all praises to the only giver of life, our maker
The gates are open wide, we worship you.
Come see what love has done, amazing!*

He bought us with His blood, Our Savior the cross has overcome, we worship you.

*Shout Hosanna, Jesus He Saves
Shout Hosanna, He rose from the grave.
Come and lift us up, Hosanna!*

*Now let the lost be found, forgiven.
Death could not hold Him down, He's risen.*

*So, let the saints cry out, we worship you The same power that rolled the stone away
The same power alive in us today King Jesus, we call upon your name, no other name....
Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna*

CONFESSION OF SINS

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

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, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.**

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!**

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 118:19-29

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

C: **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

ALL: **I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation!**

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C: **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

ALL: **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us REJOICE and be glad in it!**

L: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

L: 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!

C: **You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.**

ALL: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!**

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

COLLECT ~ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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!**

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT

Let's get to know each other better!

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CHILDREN'S CHAT *Sam Scheck*



OFFERING *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org*

Stewardship Thought: Today is Mites Sunday (4th Sundays of the month). A mite was a small coin of little value. Tiny amounts of money gathered together and given in faith and trust back to the Lord do “mite-y” acts in His kingdom! For a history and explanation of mite boxes, and to deposit your change for this vital mission, look for the Mite Box in the sanctuary Welcome Center. You may add your coins to this mission box at any time of the month!

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 Zechariah 9:9-11

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. 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. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

RESPONSE

L: 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

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF THE DAY # 443 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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.
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.

“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!

MESSAGE **8:00** “A Surprising JOYful Welcome” text: John 12:12-19

10:45 “Love and JOY” text: John 12:12-19

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



They Gave ALL They Had



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!



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, present in Holy Communion.

A **Creed** is a statement of faith and can be a great outline for sharing HIST^ory with others!

To save us from Satan, the world, and our sin, God opened a pathway for Christ to come in. Away in a manger our Savior was born. Love came as a baby that first Christmas morn.

In stories and actions, Christ taught us of God. With love and forgiveness, He healed and restored. Some followed and listened, repented, believed, and joyfully told of the gifts they received.

Yet others, in anger, cried out, "Crucify!" Preferring sin's darkness, they sent Him to die. On Calvary's cross Jesus paid for our sin that all who believe will hear, "Welcome! Come in!"

Be near us, Lord Jesus. With love, help us care for all of Your children. Inspire us to share the Gospel's sweet message, 'til You come again. In heav'n, as on earth, we will praise You! Amen!

~G.D. Black

"All good CHRISTmas hymns include the cross."

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through—the cross he borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh—the babe, the Son of Mary.

~W.C. Dix

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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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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 11:2-29

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 wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with Pastor.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE

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!**

PROPER PREFACE FOR HOLY WEEK

- P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy 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, praising You forever!
C: **Hosanna in the highest!**
ALL: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna—save us, Lord!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ 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

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

C: **have mercy on us.**

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P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

ALL: **have mercy on us and give us Your peace. AMEN**

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 MUSIC

Music for meditation is played, as we begin the journey of this most holy week with our dear Lord Jesus.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage as we live out that faith in love and true JOY. On the day of Christ's coming, may we, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who for the JOY set before Him endured the cross and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

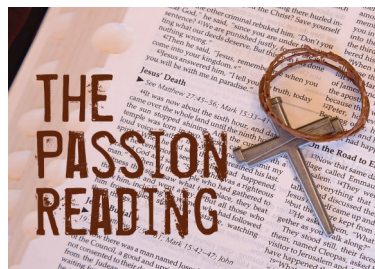
C: **Amen!**

EXHORTATION

Philippians 4:4; 3:1

P: Dear Friends, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

C: **We will be JOYful in the Lord!**



THE PASSION* NARRATIVE FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK from Mark 14 & 15

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill Him, for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And Judas sought an opportunity to betray Jesus.

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to Jesus one after another, "Lord, is it I?"

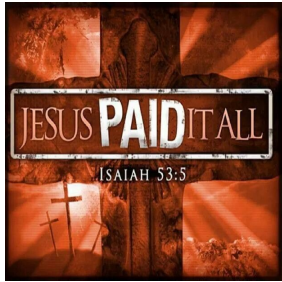
And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what You will."



We do not come to the Lord under coercion or as people compelled but 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!

***Christ's Passion:** the time of suffering from His entry to 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 Judy Hillman

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!

And Jesus came and found the disciples sleeping, and He said to them, "The hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand." And immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas came, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And the disciples all left Jesus and fled.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree.

And the high priest asked Jesus, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned Him as deserving death.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so."

And the chief priests accused Him of many things. And Pilate again asked Him, "Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify Him!" And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

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!

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

We leave this house of worship
to live out our JOY in the Lord
in our life together
with each other, our neighbors, and the world!



Loving JOYfully!

Holy Week Worship Services:

- ♦ Palm Sunday: March 24, 8 & 10:45am
- ♦ Maundy Thursday: March 28, 7pm
- ♦ Good Friday Tre-Ore: March 29, 12-3pm
- ♦ Good Friday Tenebrae: March 29, 7pm
- ♦ Easter Sunrise: March 31, 6:30am
- ♦ Easter: March 31, 8 & 10:45am

Easter Breakfast: 7-10am