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Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:15 and 10:45 am - Communion

Palm Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Hosanna* - John Wyatt Burson
Handbell Choir and singers

LITANY OF THE WORD

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet

Congregation: and a light to my path.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and I will follow your righteous laws.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to guide me on my journey.

All: Amen!

- Psalm 119:105

READING: John 12: 12-19

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. 17 So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. 18 It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. 19 The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

GATHERING HYMN (vs 1, 3-5)

HOLY WEEK, THREE DAYS

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2, A2-C3, Bb2-D3, and C3-E3. The second system continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, and G5. The piano accompaniment continues with chords: D3-F3, E3-G3, F3-A3, and E3-G3. The lyrics are: "All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king, to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring."

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 118: 19-29

L: Let us read Psalm 118 responsively.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.**

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

²² **The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;**

²³ the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.**

²⁵ LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

All:

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Alas, and did my Savior Bleed
– Watts & Wilson
Handbell Choir

GOSPEL: Mark 14: 32-72

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 14.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and

struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.
⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lamb of God - Paris
Rachel Steiner, solo

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.

⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.

⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶² Jesus said, "I am; and

'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." ⁷² At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

SERMON

HYMN

LENT

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
when in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual; arr. hymn version
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SOJOURNER
Irregular

THE PRAYERS

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

CONFESSION

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace,
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

SENDING SONG

WITNESS

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lift High the Cross'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till'. The second system contains the lyrics 'all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.' The music is written in a common time signature (C) and features a treble and bass clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
 Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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CRUCIFER
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DISMISSAL

L: Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to us because you love us, and want to save us. By the power of his cross, free us from sin and let us live each day for you.

Bless + this sign of glory, and let it remind us that Jesus died and rose for all. Help us to carry our cross with him every day, and to follow him in serving others.

We ask this grace through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Come on Maundy Thursday to celebrate Jesus as the example of loving service; Come on Good Friday to thank Jesus for his obedience to die on the cross,

Assisting Min.: Go now and tell others the good news that Jesus frees us from sin and offers us life everlasting!

Cong: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
- Bowring & Conkey
Handbell Choir

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Easter Day

Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 16 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

Handbell Choir (under the musical direction of Holly Puett)

Sarah Edder Megan Edder Jenny Hartzell
Kelsey Miller Jeannine Sanford Rachel Steiner

Singers: Sarah Edder, Kelsey Miller, Noah Steiner,
and Rachel Steiner

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
LECTOR	Amy Montag-Smith	Jeannine Sanford
GREETER	Linda Heade and Peggy Crawford	Marge Kollinger
OFFERING COUNTERS	Jeff Hartzell and Bill Gordon	

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Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given to the
Glory of God and in honor of our children's birthdays
(Brian – March 31st and Kelly – April 14th)
by Ron and Marie Riggs.



Hadley Volchko	29-Mar
Robert Vanetta Jr.	30-Mar
Michael Crytzer	30-Mar
Zane Lynch	30-Mar
Bill Weston	31-Mar
Jason Perkins	1-Apr
Thomas Gallagher	3-Apr



The Angel

The April edition of The Angel newsletter is available on St. Luke's website (stlks.com). Hardcopies are located on the table outside the hall, please pick one up. Newsletters are still mailed to our homebound and those who have requested a copy. If you or someone you know would like to receive a copy in the mail or if you would like removed from the mailing list please let the office know. Deadline for article submission for the May edition is April 19th.



St. Luke's Lenten focus is the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) in Ambridge PA.

As we enter the last week of Lent we ask you to remember our Lenten focus. Coin boxes can be placed on the table near the offering plate. Other donations may be placed in the offering plate, please mark it for the NALS.

Our last NALS article is by seminarian Lara Bhasin. Please pray for all the seminarians and staff at the NALS as they continue their walk to follow the call of God. Thank you for supporting our next generation of seminarians.



Welcome Conrad John Miller

Today we celebrate the baptism of *Conrad John Miller* into the family of God. Conrad is the son of Jake and Laura Miller and the little brother to Adelynn Miller.



By Lara Bhasin

My name is Lara Bhasin. I live in the Lower Hudson Valley, less than an hour north of New York City. I am a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manhattan, a North American Lutheran Church congregation. I am married with two sons, ages seven and nine. I am currently a high school English teacher and I attend the North American Lutheran Seminary online, part-time, but very soon (things are up in the air because of the pandemic!) I will be a full-time student and finish my M.Div. I can't wait!

I started thinking about seminary and the ministry back in college, more than twenty years ago, but I never felt a strong sense of call. Then life happened and I forgot all about it. Three years ago, a short while after my congregation joined the NALC, I suddenly felt a strong, even urgent, sense of call and began to go through the discernment process with people dear to me and with the NALC candidacy committee. I never considered any seminary other than the NALS; the thought never even crossed my mind! I knew that I wanted a strong confessional, Lutheran education, but I also was awed and delighted by the ecumenical nature of the school, which is part of the Anglican Trinity School for Ministry (TSM).

I visited the campus and felt like I had found my "people." I came back another time to give a presentation in a class I was taking, and because I just wanted to visit again anyway, and that time, it felt like home. I cannot wait to get back to campus.

Online education was a new world for me, and I am amazed at how well it has worked out. I don't feel isolated; I feel part of the community. I find the quality of the online classes as high or higher than classes I have taken as part of other advanced degree programs. And it has really helped that I have been able to start my M.Div. while keeping my teaching position; this has given me more time to discern and make sure I am on the right path. (And I believe I am!)

I don't know how it compares to other seminaries, but I find TSM and the NALS both intellectually rigorous and faithful to the apostolic tradition. People at TSM love Jesus, they love to talk about Him, and they aren't afraid to be counter-cultural. At the same time, the quality of the classes and class discussion is very high. I really appreciate having to take a year each of Hebrew and Greek. It's

hard to do (especially when you're getting older and haven't been in school for a while), but it shows how serious the seminary is about biblical scholarship.

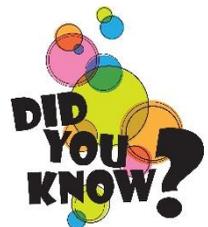
I have loved every single class without fail, but as a Lutheran, I have especially appreciated the two-year long sequence on creeds and catechisms and Lutheran theology taught by Dr. David Yeago, a theologian whose work I already admired prior to even thinking about seminary. I feel extremely fortunate to have had the chance to study with him. My absolute favorite class so far has actually been a Master of Sacred Theology (STM) level course taught by Dr. Yeago on the Christology of the early Greek Fathers. It involved intensive close reading of the primary texts, and I believe that class helped orient me theologically in a very important way.

I am slightly more than halfway through the class credits I need to graduate. I do not do any full-time ministry work at the moment, nor have I started any internships, but I guest preach on occasion, and have led Bible classes in my own congregation. I could not have done either without what I have learned from my NALS classes.

I would just about fall over myself to recommend the NALS to others who are seeking and discerning. The classes are top-notch, the professors are accomplished scholars and warm, faithful Christian men and women, the students are delightful, and the tech support for the online division is amazing. Ambridge is a charming little town, and the campus itself is small but lovely. The NALS is serious about the Lutheran tradition in its best sense — as a gift to the church catholic. Being situated on an Anglican campus with students from other denominations, provides a unique opportunity for dialogue and mutual learning. The NALS is also serious about Christian formation. I have never before experienced the kind of fellowship I have been blessed to find being a student here.

I give thanks to God every day for the North American Lutheran Seminary and Trinity School for Ministry!

- Approximately nine out of ten NALC pastors are over the age of 40.
- 75 percent of pastors are over the age of 60.
- The NALC started with 17 congregations and today is over 400.



OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES, AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (for Paul Kollinger's return home, Jim F's good biopsy report); for the baptism of Conrad John Miller, son of Laura & Jacob Miller, grandson of Gayle and John Gundlach, and sister of Adelynn; for your gifts of grace, mercy and forgiveness.

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Jennifer (cancer),
Delores Hickey (Marie Riggs's sister, cancer),
Vicky Yurga (lung cancer, health problems),
Bonnie Gundlach (broken ankle, blot clot in other thigh),
Cody Johnston (metastasized cancer),
Mark Kollinger (treatments for back),
Ted Neill,
Sally Paulson (broken hip)
Roger Walker (chemo follicular lymphoma) Wendy Mendenhall's dad,
Kristen (hospital, chest pains),
Joshua Harper (brain aneurysm), son-in-law of Kristen
Edna Weckerly (Lund post hospitalization),
Pat Rinebolt, (Concordia, rehab/broken arm),
Sonya Winters (chemo, breast cancer),
Karen, Marc & Alivia Pivni (moving to South Carolina)
Keller's move to St. Timothy's, Camp Hill PA
Nancy Stanley (fall, broken leg & wrist)
Jean Brackett (Ronna Drennen's mom)
Peg Moser (hospital, fall, broken ribs, A-Fib)
Nancy Daum (lung nodules, biopsy)
John Miller (ski accident)

Weekly Schools: Knoch Area and Indiana University of PA (IUP)

Weekly NALC Church: Grace Lutheran of Troy Hill, Pittsburgh, Rev. Ann Miller Smith and St. Luke's mission and ministry, call committee, and for the heart of whoever God is preparing to call to pastor us

Bereaved: Families of Virginia Womeldorf, Carrie Smith, Margot Frederick, Sue Stewart, David Whitlinger, Jacob Herrit, Michael Sherrieb, Freda Schoch and Daniel Wagner

Monthly Mission: Child Evangelism Fellowship and North American Lutheran Seminary (Lenten Focus)