

The Sunday of the Passion

With the Procession of Palms



The Procession of Palms

Palms are an ancient symbol of victory. Before the Divine Service begins, everyone is invited to gather in the Church Lobby and receive a palm branch. After a brief Palm Sunday Liturgy in the Church Lobby, adults, youth and children will process up the center aisle carrying and waving the palm branches into the Sanctuary and up to the Altar area – and place their palm branches into the palm branch containers at the front of the church. All the saints will sing the hymn *All Glory, Laud and Honor* while processing into the Sanctuary. The saints in procession will then return to their seating places down both of the side aisles of the Sanctuary.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the peace and power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

HYMN ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR LSB 442

ref All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain

2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. Refrain

3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. Refrain

4 To You before Your passion
 They sang their hymns of praise;
 To You, now high exalted,
 Our melody we raise. Refrain

5 As You received their praises,
 Accept the prayers we bring,
 O Source of ev'ry blessing,
 Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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AS WE GATHER

Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King's ransom—His own blood.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father,
C who loved us unconditionally, even before the foundation of the world;

P and of His ✠ Son, Jesus,
C the name above all names, who came to pay a King's ransom for us;

P and of the Holy Spirit,
C who brings us to the faith and keeps us in the faith from the cradle to grave. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Hosanna!
C Hosanna to the Son of David!

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
C Hosanna in the highest!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.
C We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.
- P** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.
C Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.
- P** So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”
C Yes, with the help of God.
- P** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and aying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I am blessed to announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.

✠ WORD ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
 Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

KYRIE – LORD HAVE MERCY!

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our Savior's willingness to ride into Jerusalem, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our Savior's humility in showing His real passion for all by dying five days later, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to grow in faith during this Holy Week, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, our gracious Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

HYMN "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"
LSB 438, Sts. 1 and 3

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
 The guilt of sinners bearing
 And, laden with the sins of earth,
 None else the burden sharing;
 Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
 To slaughter led without complaint,
 That spotless life to offer,
 He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
 The mockery, and yet replies,
 "All this I gladly suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
 The Lamb of God, our Savior,
 Whom God the Father chose to send
 To gain for us His favor.
 "Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
 "And free My children from their dread
 Of guilt and condemnation.
 The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
 But by Your passion they will share
 The fruit of Your salvation."
- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
 I'll bear what You command Me.
 My will conforms to Your decree,
 I'll do what You have asked Me."
 O wondrous Love, what have You done!
 The Father offers up His Son,
 Desiring our salvation.
 O Love, how strong You are to save!
 You lay the One into the grave
 Who built the earth's foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see
 And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,

Your blood my royal robe shall be,
 My joy beyond all measure!
 When I appear before Your throne,
 Your righteousness shall be my crown;
 With these I need not hide me.
 And there, in garments richly wrought,
 As Your own bride shall we be brought
 To stand in joy beside You.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING God will vindicate His people.

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

³⁶ For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷ Then he will say, 'Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! ³⁹ "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 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. 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.

L This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

L Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless You from the house of the Lord.

C 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!

L You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

C You are my God; I will extol You.

L Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

C for His steadfast love endures forever!

EPISTLE READING Paul reveals what the mind of Christ is.

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Philippians 2:8b*

P He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

C even death on a cross.

HOLY GOSPEL The betrayal, arrest, trials, and crucifixion of Jesus

Luke

22:1–23:56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second and twenty-third chapters.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ² And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people. ³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve.

⁴ He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵ And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶ So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd. ⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to

be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹ They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰ He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴ And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹ But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²² For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" ²³ And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this. ²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. ²⁸ "You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹ "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." ³³ Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me." ³⁵ And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or

knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." ³⁶ He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷ For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." ³⁸ And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough." ³⁹ And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." ⁴³ And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵ And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹ And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness." ⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸ And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." ⁵⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about."

And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly. ⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴ They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵ And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him. ⁶⁶ When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, ⁶⁷ "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸ and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰ So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹ Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

Luke 23

¹ Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³ And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵ But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place." ⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹ So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹² And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. ¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶ I will therefore punish and release him." ¹⁸ But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"-- ¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder ²⁰ Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹ but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²² A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. ²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews. ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are

receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." ⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. ⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Kid's Sermon

The Palm Sunday Parade

Matthew 21:1-9

HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB

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- 1 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.
- 2 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.

- 3 “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!

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SERMON *He Emptied Himself* *Philippians 2:5-11*

APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will. We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.

C We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King’s ransom to pay our sin’s debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.

- P** We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.
- C** Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.
- P** As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.
- C** Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.
- P** You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.
- C** While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.
- P** We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, [*including . . .*].
- C** Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.
- P** You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.
- C** For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan’s power be thwarted in all places.
- P** For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,
- C** use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.
- P** Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.
- C** We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” *LSB 806*

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given
 Jesus Christ His Son.
 And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
 Let the poor say "I am rich,"
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.
 And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
 Let the poor say "I am rich,"
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

C 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.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:23–26*

P Your King cares for you! Receive His blessing
 through the words of the Aaronic benediction, by
 which He said, "Thus you shall bless the people."
 Receive that benediction, your King's blessing:

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.

HYMN "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" *LSB 441*



TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES are temporarily on hiatus until the new pastor is brought in.

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED On Sunday, April 6, the Voting Members of our congregation extended a divine call to Rev. Kenneth Huner of Milan, Michigan to serve as the next Senior Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. This call was issued by unanimous vote and was preceded by significant scripture Readings by members of the Call Committee and essential prayer by Congregation. President, Greg Eppler. Information about the pastoral candidates on our call list from the Michigan District, post-call ministry scenarios, call process procedure - plus facilitating questions and answers from the Voting Assembly - were capably and spiritually hosted by Call Committee Chairman, Ray Swanson. To say the least, there was great joy in observing our church being the church in action under the Holy Spirit.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES will be celebrated next week, April - as we march together toward the Resurrection of Our Lord.

> **Palm Sunday Worship** and Procession of Palms on Sunday, April 13, AT 10:00 AM.

> **Holy Thursday Worship** with Holy Communion on Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 PM.

Theme: Hands Which Serve and Feed Us

> **Good Friday Worship** on Friday, April 18, at 6:30 PM

Theme: Hands Which Were Pierced for Us"

> **Easter Sunday Worship** with Holy Communion on Sunday, April 20, at 10:00 AM Theme: Hands Raised in Resurrection Victory

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Palm Sunday April 13

Service at 10 am

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Services at 6:30 pm

Easter

Breakfast 9 am
Egg hunt 9:30 am
Worship 10 am

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 9 am.
Worship @ 10 am office: 734-878-5977

