



Palm Sunday



TEACHING THE UNCHANGING TRUTH OF GOD'S SALVATION TO ALL PEOPLE

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Meeting Times

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM
Bible Study	9:45 AM

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the “guest register” in the back of the sanctuary so that we might better get to know and serve you.

- **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall and a baby changing station is located in the Women’s bathroom in the Preschool wing.
- **Cry-room.** If you have need of a cry-room, you may use the entry way couch area.

OPENING HYMN: #340 – *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: *(spoken)* And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: (*spoken*) Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in Him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (*Sung*) Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and having salvation,

gentle and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the war-horses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

(NIV 1984)

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 24 on page 73 in the front of your hymnals

SECOND LESSON:

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped;

⁷but made himself nothing
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

(NIV 1984)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23 cf. NIV)

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” (NIV 1984)

C: (Sung) Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #131 – “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

SERMON

Text: Luke 19:39-40

Theme: “Praise The Lord”

CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN: #133 – *"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"*

PRAYER

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) *Amen*

THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *(Sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #250 – *“From All that Dwell below the Skies”*



Announcements

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY:	45	COMMUNED:	43
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:	18		

PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Chronic pain or illness – Carroll & Evelyn Lothar, David Champlain (brother of Allan Champlain); Carolyn Perkins; Lois Montesano; Tammie Mueller; David Schield; Elaine Geisser; Ray Renner; Manny Vega (brother-in-law of Allan Champlain); John Saylor; Allan Champlain; Marlys Stolt; Laura Reilly; Nancy Morgan-Keiser; Renoda Dogs; Colleen Udakin's son Brad; Pastor LeRoy Martin; Emily Sutton; and Betty Gumm (Pastor Gumm's mother)

In rehab: Rose Marie Lenz and Colleen Udakin

In the hospital: Bill Geisser

FELLOWSHIP AND SERVING

Volunteers for this week: *Ushers:* Steve Mueller (C) & "Volunteer" *Counters:* Cynthia Champlain & Marlys Stolt *Fellowship:* Alice Hayes

Volunteers for next week: *Ushers:* Paul Ehlert (C) & Gianna Ehlert *Counters:* Cynthia Champlain & Marlys Stolt *Fellowship:* "Easter Breakfast"

The **Meditations** and **Forward In Christ** are available on the table in the rear of the church!

The **2019 Flower Chart** is on the board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to provide flowers for our worship services, at your convenience. They are \$20.00! Checks must be made out to Bethany Lutheran Church with a notation of what it is for!

Easter lilies: If you would like to provide a lily for our Easter service please bring it to our "**Easter Set Up Day**" this Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 am. You may take it home with you after the service on Sunday!

Save the Date:

Our **Wednesday Bible Study** will return to 9:30 am as our Wednesday Lenten Worship Services are over. Please plan to attend!

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion will be at 1:00 pm this Thursday. Please plan to attend!

Good Friday Service will be at 1:00 pm on this Friday. Please plan to attend!

Set up for **Easter Sunday Worship Service and Breakfast** will be at 9:00 am this Saturday. Please come help!

The next **Women's' Ministry Meeting** will be on Wednesday, May 1st at 10:30 am. (Please note the change in time as Wednesday Lenten Services are over.) All ladies are welcome!

LWMS:

The next **Women's' Meeting** will be on May 1st at 10:30 am as the Wednesday Lenten Services are over. All ladies are welcome!

If you need to write a check to the Women's Ministry, please make it out to Bethany Lutheran Church with a notation at the bottom that it is for the Women's Ministry, or they will not be able to cash it!

THIS WEEK: APRIL 14TH – 21ST

- Sunday:** 8:30 am – Palm Sunday Worship Service
 9:30 pm – Fellowship
 9:45 am – Bible Class
- Wednesday:** 9:30 am – Bible Class
- Thursday:** 1:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Worship Service with
 Holy Communion
- Friday:** 1:00 pm – Good Friday Worship Service
- Saturday:** 9:00 am – Set up for Easter Sunday
- Sunday:** 8:30 am – Easter Worship Service
 9:30 am – Easter Breakfast

