

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



“Blessed
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who comes
in the
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Luke 19:38, NRSV

OUR KING COMES!

Palm Sunday

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Wisconsin Rapids, WI*

April 10, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child is restless, you can use the Family Room to calm your child. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the Worship Center. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers or greeters can help you find the restrooms, family room or answer your other questions.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday, Jesus finally arrives at Jerusalem to begin the week of his passion known as Holy Week. With repentant hearts we join our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, confident in his everlasting rule, hailing him as our Eternal King. At the same time, we are mindful that he is our King because he is the Messiah, the promised Son of David sent as the sacrificial Lamb of God. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

The liturgical color* throughout the season of Lent is purple, which communicates somberness and quietness. This is fitting given Lent's somber focus on Jesus' sufferings and death.

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* The liturgical color is found on the pastor's stole and the piece of cloth hanging from the pulpit.

PALM SUNDAY ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Today's service will begin in the Welcome Center with the procession of palm branches. You are invited to join in the procession. If you choose not to participate in the procession, please be seated in the sanctuary as normal.



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

C: **And also with you.**

M: Dear friends in Christ: Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Yet, this week of solemn contemplation began with joyful praise. Christ entered in triumph into Jerusalem to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us join with the crowd as they laid branches at the Savior's feet; and let us join in their shouts of praise: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

During the processional hymn, pastor will lead two rows of worshippers down the center aisle. Lay your branch at the central cross and proceed down either side aisle to wherever you will be sitting for the service.

PROCESSION HYMN

All Glory Laud & Honor | CW 131 (1-4)

Please remain standing for the duration of the hymn.

**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.**

**All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels Is praising you on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.**

**All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.**



**All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.**

M: Brothers and sisters, we have joined with the Israelites in praising the Savior as our King. However, as we come into God's presence, we must all realize that we are so feeble and fickle, just like the Israelites were. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of Jesus our King, to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

M: God our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. Because Jesus was not only praised on Palm Sunday, but also despised and forsaken on Good Friday, God has had mercy on you and has removed your guilt forever. As a dear child of God, may he continue to strengthen you for a life of praise, love, and humility, according to his will.

C: **Amen**

RESPONSE

| CW 131 (5)

**All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
As you received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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 palm 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: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9,10

Zechariah saw this day centuries before it took place.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of 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. ¹⁰I 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. (NIV84®)

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HANDBELL CHOIR

The King of Glory

The words are printed for your meditation.

*The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.*

*Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.*

*The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.*

*In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness.
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.*

*He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;
He took upon himself the sin of the nations.
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.*

*He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.*



SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Our king takes the place of a servant.

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. (NIV84®)

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VERSE OF THE DAY

M: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (*John 12:23 NIV84®*)

C: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.** (*Matthew 21:9. NIV84®*)

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

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After the Gospel, the announcement is made:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to your, O Christ!**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children are invited to come forward for an object lesson.

This song is chosen for its rich content and its connection to the Gospel of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Gently on a Foal

Choir – (Owner) "Why loose this donkey with her colt that no one e'er did ride?"

(Disciples) "The Lord has present need of it; this foal you must provide."

O Zion's daughter, see your King. He comes to save your soul.

Not boldly on a handsome steed but gently on a foal.

Choir – (Citizens) "Who rides a foal thru Salem's gates to hear your praise and psalms?"

(Crowd) "'Tis Jesus, Prophet, Nazarene, whose path we've laid with palms."

Congregation - Hosanna save us, David's Son, O King of Israel.

Your peace and glory reigns on high where our hosannas swell.

Choir – The leaders of the temple cried, "You hear what children sing?"

(Jesus) "But have you never read the Word, 'From these must praises ring.'"

Congregation - Hosanna save us, David's Son. You come to make us whole.

Not boldly on a handsome steed but gently on a foal.

Choir – (Church to Jesus) We praise You in the streets and towns and in God's holy house:

We praise with life, with works of love, with children, friend, and spouse.

Congregation - You gently on a foal once rode to humbly bleed and die,

But boldly You'll return with might to take us to the sky.



SERMON - YOUR KING'S PARADE HAS A PURPOSE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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.

Be seated.

This Trinitarian creed confesses the saving faith in Jesus that the Apostles taught.

OFFERING

St. Paul's members offer their first and their best to their Savior in order to support the sharing of the Gospel through our church and our worldwide church body, the WELS. Our guests do not need to feel obligated to participate. We ask that everyone, guests and members, sign the Friendship Register, which will be passed out during the offering.

If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We thank you for humbling yourself and living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.
- C:** **We praise you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**
- M:** Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem.
- C:** **Move us to confess you before others as Lord. Help us proclaim the message of forgiveness to people of all nations.**
- M:** Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.
- C:** **Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.**

- M: Lord Jesus, you are the King over all the earth. Bless every nation so that they may have wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail in all circumstances.
- C: **Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good.**
- M: Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful.
- C: **Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn.**
- M: Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

Special prayers and intercessions

- M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.
- C: **Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna | CW 130

**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 saints and angels 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 royal presence Eternally rejoice.**



Please stand.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

M: Let us pray together.

C: **Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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

C: 🎵 Amen. Amen. Amen. 🎵

HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty | CW 133

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark!
all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue your road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th' approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your power and reign.**

Note that twice in this hymn we sing to Jesus, "In lowly pomp ride on to die." The next time we gather for worship, our tones will be more subdued and humbler as we see our Savior prepare to die.



TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. What part of this story (Matthew 21:1-11) takes up the most verses? What is the significance?
2. Compare and contrast Jesus' boldness that we see in the Gospel with Jesus' humility we see elsewhere. It might be wise to revisit Philippians 2:5-11.
3. Agree or disagree and explain: It would be better if Jesus would do all the work of loving and serving people himself and completely remove us from the picture.
4. Write down three concrete ways you can give Jesus something he "needs" this Holy Week.



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY

Living in Love and Righteousness (1 John 3)
Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.



INVITE A FRIEND

If you need additional Easter invitation cards, you can find them in the Welcome Center. You might also share our post about the Easter services.

WILL YOU BE HERE FOR BREAKFAST?

April 21 | 8:00-9:00 a.m.

You always want your guests to have a good experience. If you have invited someone for the Easter Breakfast, be sure to let us know. That way you will know we have plenty of food and seating available for your friends and family. You can sign up in the Welcome Center or look for the sign-up link on our website.

WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THE BOOK OF LUKE?

April 16 | 9:45 a.m.

Among other things, Luke was a doctor by trade and uses a lot of medical terms in his account. On Tuesday mornings, you can take a topical look at other aspects of this Gospel including the songs, the culture, its inclusion to women, the parables, and more. This eight-lesson study for women meets in the Resource Center.

SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTO SESSION TODAY

If you do not have a computer, or would like help with the online scheduling for your church directory photos, we have volunteers on-hand after the worship service to assist you. If you still need to check your calendar, they will be back on April 28. If you are confident in your computer skills, feel free to schedule your session from home. Look for a link on the homepage of our website.

VOTERS' MEETING SCHEDULED

April 23 | 6:30 p.m.

At the open forum last Sunday, the leadership presented four proposals related to staffing and calls plus their potential costs. We will vote on how to go forward at a voters' meeting on Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. If you missed the meeting, a handout on the proposals can be found on the Ministry Table.

EXTRA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEK

We will have lots of people here for our Easter celebration. Extra help is needed to make sure everything runs smoothly. On Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m., we need people to help in two areas. First is decorating church and taking down the window coverings from Good Friday. Second is setting up tables and prepping for the Easter breakfast. We could also use people to help with serving and clean up at the Easter Breakfast. Just show up or contact Veronica Klish about decorating (715-421-3607 or spdbuggy@wctc.net) or Tom Peronto about the Easter Breakfast (715-421-3365 or faithful@wctc.net).

PHOTO SESSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

During the photography session for our new church directory (June 5-8 & 12-15), we will need volunteers to greet and direct people. Short-shifts are available. Think about tying this in with your own photo session. You can sign up at the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center.

FLOWER ORDERS DUE TODAY

April 14

If you would like to purchase flowers to beautify the church on Easter morning, please submit your order today. See the chart in the Welcome Center to see the flowers for more details.

LIFE-A-THON RUN/WALK IN MEQUON

May 11

WELS Lutherans for Life's Life-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, May 11, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The annual walk/run benefits the pregnancy medical clinic operated by WELS Lutherans for Life. There will be a kid's ¼ mile run (up to age 14), a competitive 5K run, and a 2 mile walk. For more information or to register, visit www.life-a-thon.org.

EASTER STORYBOOKS AND CARDS IN THE BOOKSTORE

As Christians, we know that Easter is about more than candy and bunnies. Put something extra in your little one's Easter basket that tells what the holiday is really about. Our bookstore has many children's books to choose from. There are also Easter cards to send to your friends and loved ones. Check out the selection in the Resource Center.

USE YOUR SHOPKO SCRIP!

Shopko is accepting gift cards only through April 20. (That is this Saturday!) If you have any Shopko scrip, be sure to spend it soon.

LOW DENOMINATION SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE

In addition to their regular gift cards, many businesses are offering low denomination cards from April 6 to May 20, while supplies last. They would make great graduation or teacher appreciation gifts. Offering \$10 cards are Amazon, Applebee's, CVS Pharmacy, Olive Garden, Home Depot, iHop, Meijer, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster, Regal, Safeway, Target, and Walmart. Offering \$5 cards are Barnes & Noble, Cold Stone Creamery, Panera Bread, Starbucks, and Taco Bell. To order any of these, just write in the name and amount on your regular scrip order. Thank you for supporting Christian education by using scrip.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

July 18-20

WELS Women's Ministry will be holding a conference this summer, July 18–20, at Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis. The theme of the conference centers around "living stones" and how Christian women are called to be a part of something bigger. For more information on the Women's Ministry Conference and to register, visit wels.net/wmconference.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last week's attendance: 232

Year-to-date average attendance: 232

From July 1, 2018 to April 5, 2019

Actual gifts to ministry: \$ 762,075

Actual cost of ministry: \$ 786,233

Mortgage Balance \$ 1,532,790

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 21 Easter Sunday
- April 22 Voters' Meeting
- April 27 St. Paul's Booth at Children's Festival
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 19 Confirmation Sunday
- June 5 Photography Sessions Begin

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



April 18-21

Maundy Thursday Worship
at 3:35 & 6:30PM

Good Friday Worship
at 12:10 & 6:30PM

Easter Sunday Worship
at 7:00 & 9:30AM

Easter Breakfast – 8:00-9:00AM

CALENDAR

April 14-21

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades K-5)
	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship
	2:00 PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball in the gym
	2:00 PM	Lutheran Pioneers in the cafeteria
MONDAY	6:30 PM	Prospect Nurture Task Force in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Willing Workers in the Dining Room
TUESDAY	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
	5:30 PM	Handbell Practice in the balcony
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	School Chapel Service
	6:30 PM	Catechism Class in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice in the balcony
	7:00 PM	Contemporary Choir Practice in the balcony
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	3:35 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
	7:30 PM	Darkening of the Church
FRIDAY	12:10 PM	Good Friday Worship
	6:30 PM	Good Friday Worship
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Decorating for Easter
	9:00 AM	Easter Breakfast Set Up
SUNDAY	7:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship
	8:00 AM	Easter Breakfast in the gym
	9:30 AM	Easter Sunday Worship





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