

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2017

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

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!**

8:00 Children of Peace

Little Grey Donkey

***INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

L: Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is He;

C: **Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt the foal of a donkey.**

L: And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him shouted:

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

L: And when He entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

C: **And the crowds said, "This is the prophet, Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."**

L: Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses;

C: **For they have been ever of old.**

L: O keep my soul, and receive my confession, gracious Lord:

C: **Merciful heavenly Father, for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amending of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***THE KYRIE**

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING For Palm Sunday is from Isaiah 50:4-9a, page 611:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from Philipians 2:5-11, page 980-981:

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL - The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter, verses 12-19, page 899:**

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sung as the children come forward) (8:00)

1. **My best Friend is Jesus, Love Him! Love Him!
My best Friend is Jesus, Love Him!**

2. **My best Friend is Jesus, Thank Him! Thank Him!
My best Friend is Jesus, Thank Him!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00)

Jeremy Steinke, Seminarian

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Take My Hand

LSB 722

1. **Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.**
2. **Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**
3. **Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home,
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**

THE SERMON

“A Faith that Grows”

(Philippians 2:5-11)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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Be Thou Faithful Unto Death

***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found in back cover of hymnal)

RITE OF CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION (10:30)

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **♫ Amen, amen, amen.**

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

Jesus, Lead Thou On

LSB 718

1. **Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.**
2. **When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**
3. **Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us.
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
Organist: 5 & 10:30: Alice Kastens; 8:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler
Choir Dir.: Debbie Prange and Alexia Arensmeier
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Rick Goodman/Jeanette Mattingly

NEWS AND NOTES:

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TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Augsburg Confession

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room):

Discussions led by group members with mentors present.

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner

7th Grade: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK consumption should be kept inside the Gym.

NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY (Palm Sunday) or NEXT WEEKEND.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from the Confirmation Class of 2017 and from Ladies Guild.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUO radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Herman and Doris Thuro to the Glory of God.

EASTER BREAKFAST next Sunday, April 16, 7:30-10:00 a.m. Delicious eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and danishes. Free-will offering. This breakfast is hosted by our Jr. & Sr. High Youth as a fundraiser.

EASTER PLANTS Please pick up your Easter plants Easter Sunday after late service or during the coming week. (The office will be closed Monday, April 17.)

2017 CONFIRMANDS: Jacob Paul **Baese**, Kreighton Frances Weiss **Bluette**, Lydia Ruth **Dowell**, Garren Michael **Engle**, Sofia Isabella **Gamayo**, Josiah Robert **Gathman**, Jacob Alan **Hackett**, Jordan Elizabeth **Hinton**, Alex David **Hopfer**, Brianna Nichole **Klann**, Paul Daniel **Maschhoff**, William Tyler **Mayo**, Scott William **McRoy**, Morgan Marie **Mieger**, Jeffrey Deane **O'Guinn**, Brenna Riane **Rogers**, Sarah Elizabeth **Seim**, Selena Marie **Seim**, Nicholas Robert **Sights**, Nicholas John **Werner**, Paige Madison **Werner**, Dakota Renee **White**, Christina Rose **Yepez**.

CONSIDER 7:00 (Sunrise) EASTER attendance next Sunday to allow guests and visitors preference at later services. Thank you. YOUR PARKING next Sunday on Easter, in a distant location, helps extend a cordial welcome to guests and visitors, as does wearing your name tag.

LENTEN SELF-DENIAL folders to be turned in Easter Sunday.

LIVING EASTER CROSS in the Commons. All are invited to bring fresh flowers this Holy Saturday and on Easter, next Sunday. As you insert flowers, eventually (by the 10:30 service) the cross will be entirely filled as a Springtime reminder of new life in Christ through the resurrection of Him as our Lord and Savior.

PEACE LADIES GUILD SALAD LUNCHEON will be **Wednesday, May 3**, at 12 noon. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 today, and on Sunday, April 23 and 30 between services. Contact Julia Petrovic for more information. Invite a friend and join us.

PEACE LADIES GUILD will meet Thursday, April 20 at 12 noon. We will be discussing and making final plans for the Spring Luncheon on May 3. Come and join us.

MONARCH JEWELRY SALE Please join us on Thursday, April 20th at Peace from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with speaker at 7:00. All funds raised at this event will be donated to the St. Louis Refuge Home for girls rescued from human trafficking.—Life Ministry Team

YOUTH NEWS: URGENT NEED FOR Jr. & Sr. Youth to please sign up to make food donations and to work a shift at the Easter Breakfast. The sign-up sheets are on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Commons.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY RESUMES Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Commons with Pastor Furgeson. Welcome!

OUR ANNUAL HYMN FESTIVAL, with guest organist Benton Blessingame from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Collinsville, IL will be Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES Adult Inquiry series on Sundays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., starts April 30 with completion for membership reception Sunday, May 28. Sign up is posted on the bulletin board in the Commons. Auditors welcome.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST Join other spouses the 2nd Thursday of every month at Bob Evans, S. Lindbergh, at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship. We will be meeting this Thursday, April 13. No need to RSVP - just show up!

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER This Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday is the beginning of Jesus' sacred three-day journey to assure our salvation. Join us, and bring your family & friends for this unique drama to learn more about our Savior and His disciples. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A staffed Nursery will be available.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday	April 13 7:00 p.m.	“Living Last Supper”
Good Friday	April 14 12 Noon 7:00 p.m.	Tenebrae Service Tenebrae Service
Easter	April 15 (Sat.) 5:00 p.m. April 16 (Sun.) 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Festive Service, 9:20 a.m. Festive Service, 10:30 a.m. Festive Service (Holy Communion at all Easter Services) NO Sunday School; NO Adult or Sr. High Youth Bible Classes Easter Breakfast 7:30 - 10 a.m. Gymnasium	Festive Service Sunrise Service

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 9, 2017:

Today:	Palm Sunday
	8:30 Breakfast for Confirmands
	10:30 Jr. Confirmation
Mon:	4:45 Youth Handbell Ensemble
	7:00 Boy Scout Troop 584
Tue:	9:00 Quilters
	7:00 Eagle Board of Review
Wed:	7:00 Bells of Peace
	7:45 Orchestra of Peace

Thu: **Maundy Thursday**
 9:00 Mary/Martha
 7:00 Living Last Supper
Fri: **Good Friday**
 Early Childhood Closed
 12:00 Worship Service
 7:00 Tenebrae Service
Sat: 9:30 Set Up for Easter Breakfast
 5:00 Worship Service w/Comm
Sun: **Easter**
 7:00 Worship Service w/Comm
 7:30 Easter Breakfast
 8:00 Worship Service w/Comm
 9:20 Worship Service w/Comm
 10:30 Worship Service w/Comm