

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Palm Sunday (Palmarum)

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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Greeting* (Please stand and face the cross)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion 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.

Collect*: 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. **Amen.**

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 21:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter. **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, 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!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn*: All Glory, Laud and Honor

LSB 442

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

A moment of silence to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey, ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: You hold my right hand, You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

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 emptied himself, by 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Tract: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 27:11-54

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 27th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!” ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and

having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. ³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. ⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping

watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	LSB 438
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Announcements	
Rite of Confirmation	LSB 272
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 637, 443, 435, 436, 547, 550, 439	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Recessional Hymn*: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty	LSB 441

Announcements

Holy Week: As we have entered this blessed Holy Week, please consult the church schedule for a list of days and times of our services.

Flowers for Easter: It is time to get your orders in for Easter. This year you have a choice of lilies or hydrangeas. The lilies will be \$15 each and the hydrangeas will be \$30 each. There are order forms in the usher’s room for you to complete and return to Sylvia Kleiboeker by **today, March 28th**.

Ladies Aid/LWML: We will be cleaning the basement on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021**. For those that are available to help, we will begin at 9:00am.

Easter Breakfast: Agape youth will be hosting a **TAKE OUT** Easter breakfast after the early service. The menu will be different this year due to this. Each carry out breakfast will feature 2 biscuits and sausage gravy. Please remember, this is a donation only meal. Agape youth greatly appreciates your support! **ALSO** you **MUST PREORDER** your meal so we can accurately plan this year. Please respond to the online order form

at <https://tinyurl.com/ferrinEB> OR contact a youth member or Sara Kuper by Good Friday.

Books Wanted: Agape Youth Group will be hosting a used book sale in the fall. But FIRST we are requesting donations of the following: gently used or new fiction or non-fiction books for all ages, gently used or new DVD's or Blu-Rays. Please no magazines, VHS, encyclopedias or textbooks. Donations may be given to any youth member or Sara. Contact Sara for more information.

CORLHS Sterling Evening Dinner and Auction 2021 Update: Plans are underway for the 2021 Sterling Evening Dinner and Auction. While we are not able to gather in March, we are hopeful to have it **the third weekend in July**. Much still depends on what we are able to do safely. Watch for future updates and thank you again for your support.

This Week in our congregation:

Sunday:	7:30am Divine Service 9:30am Divine Service w/Rite of Confirmation
Monday:	8:30am-11:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Monday–The Passion according to St. Matthew
Tuesday:	7:00pm Holy Tuesday–The Passion according to St. Mark
Wednesday:	8:30am Matins 8:30am–11:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Wednesday–The Passion according to St. Luke
Thursday:	7:00pm Maundy Thursday– Divine Service
Friday:	7:00pm Good Friday–Tenebrae Vespers
Sunday:	6:30am Easter Sunrise Divine Service 9:30am Divine Service

The 2021 Confirmands

Daisy Elaine Brammeier
Parents: Jason & Dena Brammeier
Confirmation Verse: Isaiah 41:9-10

Madisyn Paige Nolte
Parents: Matt & Angie Nolte
Confirmation Verse: John 3:16

Alayna Nicole French
Parents: Curtis & Monica French
Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

Makenna Elisabeth Reckling
Parents: Greg & Linda Reckling
Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

Sophia Ann Hoffmann
Parents: Steve & Cindy Hoffmann
Confirmation Verse: Nahum 1:7

Kaitlynn Mae Yardley
Parents: Billie & Karen Yardley
Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

Katherine Anna Zimmermann
Parents: Roger & Mia Zimmermann
Confirmation Verse: Revelation 22:21