

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## *Palmarum* *(Palm Sunday)* *April 2, 2023*

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**The Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)**

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

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**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 21<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> “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.’” <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> 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**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice 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, <sup>10</sup>I 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. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return 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

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>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 27<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(Please open your Bibles to Matthew 27:11 and following)*

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

<b>Nicene Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 158</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth</b>	<b>LSB 438</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Rite of Confirmation</b>	<b>LSB 272</b>
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 159</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament*</b>	<b>LSB 160</b>
<b>Distribution Hymns: 637, 443, 547, 550, 439, 435</b>	

**Nunc Dimittis\***

**LSB 165**

**Benediction\***

**Recessional Hymn\*: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

**LSB 441**

### **Announcements**

**Private Confession and Absolution:** The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

**Holy Week Begins Today:** Please note that Holy Week begins today. Please consult your church calendar for a list of services and their times. As this is the holiest of weeks in the church year, members should make attending these services the highest priority. They not only give you opportunity to reflect upon the passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, but gathered around His Word and Sacrament, we may receive the very benefits of His cross.

**Adult Bible Study:** There will not be an Adult Bible study **today, Palm Sunday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)** and **Easter Sunday (April 9<sup>th</sup>)**. Classes will **resume on April 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**Sunday School:** There will not be Sunday School on **Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 ushers' room for you to complete and return to Sylvia Kleiboeker **today, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Easter Breakfast:** Agape youth will host their annual Easter breakfast between the 2 services. They will serve biscuits and gravy as well as breakfast pastries. Donations of breakfast pastries are appreciated!

**Men's Club:** The Men's Club will meet on **April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** not April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Church Council:** Our next council meeting will be **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00pm**.

**Voters' Meeting:** Our next Voters' Meeting will be **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

**Ladies Aid/LWML:** The Spring Retreat & prayer service will be **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** here at Bethlehem beginning at **8:30am** in church and closing between 1:00-1:30pm.

**Holy Week Podcast:** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Hymn "O Lord, We Praise Thee," The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross, The Hymn "Upon the Cross Extended," Apparent Contradictions in the Events of Holy Week and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUD, 850AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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**This Week in Our Congregation:**

- Sunday: 8:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Divine Service
- Monday: 7:00pm The Passion According to St. Matthew
- Tuesday: 7:00pm The Passion According to St. Mark
- Wednesday: 7:00pm The Passion According to St. Luke
- Thursday: 7:00pm Maundy Thursday – Divine Service
- Friday: 7:00pm Good Friday – Tenebrae Vespers
- Saturday: 7:00pm Easter Vigil
- Sunday: 6:30am Sunrise Service  
Agape Youth Easter Breakfast  
9:30am Divine Service
- Monday: Church Office Closed