

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a Servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a Man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a Cross! 9 Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the Name that is above every name, 10 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.

Historic Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying 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. 3 If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the LORD needs them, and he will send them right away." 4 This 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.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The 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!" 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."

Old Testament

Zechariah 9:8-12 NIV But I will defend My house against marauding forces. Never again will an oppressor overrun My people, for now I am keeping watch. 9 Rejoice 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. 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. 11 As for you, because of the Blood of My Covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. 12 Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

3 Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

Mark 11:1-10 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" 4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" 10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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March 25th, 2018 ✱ (Lent-6B) Palm Sunday A King's Entry(?)

WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR! We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **God bless your week.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets or red hymnal at p.5 & ff.

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Invocation Hymn	160 (5v)	All Glory, Laud and Honor
Psalm 91	-91- "3v"	Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble ↗
Hymn of the Day	162 (4v)	Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Offertory Verse	161 (3v)	Verse3 Hosanna in the highest That ancient
Third Hymn	361 (5v)	O Jesus, King Most Wonderful
Closing Hymn	339 (7v)	All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after Palm Sunday = Holy Week

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
 Jere. 7:1-15 Isaiah50:4-11 Jer11:18-23 Zech3:1-10 Lam.2:8-15 Isa.52:13-15
John18:1-18|John 18:19-40|John 19:1-12|Jo.19:13-24|Jo.19:25-37 |Jo. 19:38-42

PROPERs for PALMARUM = PALM SUNDAY ✱ ✱ ✱ ✱ ✱ MARCH 25TH

INTROIT Be not far from me, O LORD! My Strength, hasten to help me! Save me from the lion's mouth, and deliver me from the horns of the unicorns. My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me?

GLORIA in EXCELSIS (SUBSTITUTE) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #161, v.1

1. Hosanna-, loud hosanna-, - The lit-tle children sang;

Through pillared- court and Tem-ple - The love-ly anthem rang.

To- Jesus, Who had blessed- them, - Close- folded to His breast,

The children- sang their prais-es, - The sim-plest and the best. (A-men)

COLLECT Almighty and Everlasting God, You have sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also, by Your grace alone, be made partakers of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives and reigns ... **C: ♪ A- -men.**

GRADUAL C: You have held me by my right hand. You shall guide me with Your counsel and afterward receive me to glory. Truly, God is good to Israel, even to those who are of a clean heart. ...from Psalm 73

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of the bulletin →)

O.T. **Zechariah 9:8-12** The prophet Zechariah's prophecy of Palm Sunday.

Epi. **Philippians 2:5-11** Be imitators of Christ on Palm Sunday and always.

Gos. **Matthew 21:1-11** Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem Palm Sunday.

Ps. 91 Refrain Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble; Be with me Lord, I pray.

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the LORD Most High, Who abide in the shadow of our God. Say to the LORD: "My Refuge and Fortress, the God in whom I trust."

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, For His angels stand close by your side. Guarding you always and bearing you gently, Watching over your life.

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

3. Those who cling to the LORD live secure in His love, Lifted high those who trust in His Name. Call on the LORD, He will never forsake you, He will bring you salvation and joy. **C: ♪ BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY.**

OFFERTORY #161, 3. "Hosanna- in the high-est!" - That an-cient song we sing, For Christ is- our Redee-mer, The LORD- of Heav'n our King. Oh,- may we ever praise- Him With- heart and life and voice, AND IN HIS- BLISSFUL PRES-ENCE ETERNAL-LY REJOICE. A-MEN.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for ...
Bill Dumke (RWH Winter Haven)	Bill left Palm Gardens rehab. Is with his son	
Sue Smith (Bev Foster)	Sue battling pancreas & liver growths. Sad but faithful	
Jim & Elma Hendricks	LORD's will be done. Both at home. Jim's BP spikes	
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee was in hospital after falls. Back home, rehabbing	
Angelo Pousa (Tom & Viv Temple's friend)	Angelo battling health issues	
Jon Sawyer (Andrea)	Jon Sr is scheduled for a heart stent surgery April 5 th	
Rev. Randy VanMehren (Robin)	Pastor VanMehren had surgery Th. in Tampa	
June Weyenberg	June back home doing rehab (knee surgery). Daughter gone	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Shirley & DuWayne M.	Elaine Jones
Treaters	Carolyn & Don Miner	Easter Breakfast!

Statistics	Last week	Year to date / Avg.
Worship Attendance/ L.S. / Wed.	28 / 23 / 13	27 / 23
Bible Class Attendance Sun/Wed	6 / XX	7 / 9
Sunday Offering for LORD Su./We.	\$.. / \$.	YTD Total \$.,

Calendar of Events		
Today Sunday 25 th	8:30 am	Bible Study Hebrews Finish (Ch13&) Study
Palm(arum) Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (No Holy Communion)
(6 th Sunday in Lent)	10:45, ff	Fellowship, Coffee ... Please stay & talk
Peace Bible Study	7:00 pm	PLL Southside Study on Lutheran Hymns
Wednesday 3/28	6:00 pm	Bible Study PARABLES Unforgiving Servant
(Maundy)Thu. 3/29	7:00 pm	OSL Maundy Thursday Worship w/L.S.
(Good)Friday 3/30	7:00 pm	OSL Good Friday Special Worship
Next Sunday 4/1	8:15 am	Easter Breakfast at church (No Bible Cl)
Easter ✱ Sunday!	9:30 am	Divine Worship (W/ Holy Communion)
Chris IsRisenIndeed!	10:45, ff	Fellowship, Coffee ...Please stay & talk

March 25th ▲ ELS Centennial: Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018

Immediately after its reorganization in 1918, the ELS found its fellowship with the congregations and synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference. The former Norwegian Synod had helped to organize the conference in 1872. The ELS continued in the Synodical Conference until 1963 when it withdrew for of doctrinal concerns. The conference was dissolved four years later in 1967.



(LENT6B) **PALM SUNDAY** Mark 11:1-11 *"PARADOXICAL PALM/SUNDAY"* 05.04.98

GREETING Dear fellow Redeemed by Him Who is your Entering "King," ...*Amen*

INTRODUCTION Palm Sunday is a day of **paradox**, a day of **contrast**. The **King** of Israel, our Lord Jesus Christ, enters the holy city **not** in a **chariot** or on a war horse but on the back of a borrowed (ass/)donkey. It **is** a day of **festive celebration** as the crowds wave palms, traditional symbols of victory as they shout their jubilant "**Hosannas**," acclaiming Jesus the Blessed One, the King Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Yet the excitement and energy of Palm Sunday **is** a **prelude** to Jesus' **Passion**. The One Who is confessed as Israel's King will be **mocked**, crowned with **thorns**, and **crucified** under a sign which reads "**King of the Jews**" before this week is over. This Man Who rides the donkey is God, yet, in humility, He takes on the form of a Servant and comes to suffer and die. This Man Who is the center of so much attention because He had raised Lazarus from the dead will Himself be crucified, dead, and buried in the space of a few short days. Indeed, **Palm Sunday is a day of Paradox**.

PALMS to PAIN **Palm Sunday's parade will indeed culminate on Calvary**. Jesus enters the holy city in the midst of joyful psalms of praise, "**Hosanna! Hosanna!**" ...but when He leaves five days later **on Good Friday** morning His ears will not be filled with sounds of praise but rather *bloodthirsty* cries of, "**Crucify! Crucify!**"

KING.DOM Jesus is King, but His "Kingship is **not** of this world" and He will **not** conform Himself to **this world's definition** of kingship. Jesus is a King of an **altogether different type**. He is the King promised by the Prophet Zechariah: "*Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt.*"

PURPOSE And, **for What purpose** does this/our King come? -- This King comes **to meet our greatest need**. He looks at us in our need, our need to be made **right** with God through the **forgiveness of our sins**, and He comes to meet that need. That's why Zechariah said, "**Fear not.**" Without this King we would have **every reason to be afraid** of both life and death. Without Him life would be (*worse than*) pointless. Without the sacrifice of our King, death would be the door to everlasting condemnation in hell. (But,) **Our King** comes to rescue us from the **futility** of our sins and the **condemnation** that sin brings.

NO FEAR **Fear is out of place** where Jesus Christ is King! Fear is out of place because nothing can separate us from the love of God which is given us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Our King has **defeated death** by dying and by His rising from the grave, He gives us **a life**. And, that live: death – "Can't touch this!"

I. This Gospel teaches **how our Lord comes** to us – **humbly**, on a beast of burden. Jesus comes (humbly) to give His life as a ransom to rescue us from sin and death and the devil. "*Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.*"

2 ASSES: OT / NT Note that there are **two donkeys** Jesus rides: 1. an **older one, the mother**, and 2. a **younger one, a colt**, the mother's foal. Think of these two donkeys as representing God's **Old and New Testament**

people (Jesus rides both). First, Jesus rides the **Old/er**, to show that He is the fulfillment of all that Israel was about and all that its prophets foretold. Then Jesus rides the **New**, which is born from the old, the "**New Israel**," which is the (New Testament) Church. Our Lord comes to make all things new by dying and rising again. He unites all believers, from the Old Testament and the New, **from every nation and race**, together as His true and everlasting Israel.

WE'RE ASSES And let's not forget that **WE ARE the donkey**, a very **stubborn** animal, **hard-headed**, set in **our sinful ways**, eager to **go our own direction**, or else just **sit back** on our haunches **refusing to budge**. And so we must be driven. Christ rides us gently but firmly and drives us toward the Cross. He drives us to die **with Him**, to die **to ourselves**, so that we may also **rise with Him** to new life, real life. He drives us to **repentance** through the **Law** so that through **the Gospel** we may have His **full and free forgiveness**.

NO CLOTHES The **people spread their clothes** on the road before Christ. This is a fitting sign of their repentance and their faith in Him. And, we must all **"lay aside our clothing."** **St. Paul** exhorts us, "*Let us cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light.*" You too, then, must cast your clothes on the road before Christ, laying aside the stubborn works of your sinful nature. That is how you repent and prepare the **Way of the Lord**. Do not engage in gluttony and drunkenness. Do not indulge in immoral passions and lusts. Do not give way to strife and division and envy and pride. Because if you persist in wearing such "clothing" it will **constrict** you and **choke** you and **squeeze** the life **of God** right out of you.

"WEAR JESUS" Be **rid of such garments** and **receive by faith the clothes** that only God can provide. "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ." He is your righteousness, as Jeremiah says. **Jesus wore all of your dark, sin-stained clothing**. He took that all upon Himself and made it His own so that you would be free from it. Jesus Himself became the beast of burden, bearing and carrying the sin of **the whole world** to the Cross. He became Sin for you, so that you would become righteous before the Father by His holy sacrifice. Jesus perished in the darkness so that you might wear His garments of light and be robed in His holiness and live as children of the Day.

PEACE KING **That's the sort of king you have** in Jesus, **not** one who coerces His subjects to serve Him, but one who **lays down His life to serve** His subjects. Every other king sends out soldiers into battle to fight on His behalf. But this King **goes into battle HIMSELF** to fight **on your behalf, in place of you**. He "fought **our** battle/s." He rides **not** on a stallion with glittering armor, but on an ordinary donkey, an animal of peace – because He comes **to bring you peace**.

II. And notice that **He's the One doing the traveling**. You don't have to go out searching for Him, as though He were some far-off guru sitting high atop a Himalayan mountain. No, **Jesus SEARCHES YOU OUT** and comes **to you**. **Martin Luther** put it this way: "*Jesus is a King like no other. You do not seek Him; He seeks you. You don't find Him; He finds you. Your faith comes from Him; not from you. And all that your faith works in you comes from Him, not you.*"

GOD COMES TO YOU! You **don't**—in fact, you **can't**— come to God through your own spirituality or works or emotions. But God can and does come to you in His grace, 100% of the way. Without our asking or help, He came down from Heaven right to where we're at, right into our very body and soul, taking up our human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. He even went so far as to come into contact with **our** filth and slime of our sin and He suffered **our** death on the Cross so that we are **cleansed** and **rescued** from them by His precious Blood.

DISH OUT And our Lord still is coming to us now to “dish out” all the benefits He won for us. Learn to **recognize the donkey** that Christ is riding to you. (Remember,) *Don't* look for glitter and fanfare. Learn to see the **meek** and **humble** ways in which Jesus still enters into this place and into your lives. This church is Jerusalem. And the gates through which Christ enters this holy city are the **Word and the Sacraments**. The Savior-King rode to you (first) on the **Baptismal water**. He travels to you through His **spoken and preached Words**. And indeed, you have the (same) Triumphal Entry in every celebration of the **Sacrament of the Altar**. The Lord who came in His Flesh and Blood to Jerusalem comes also to you here in His Body and Blood to give you forgiveness of sins which He purchased on Calvary. He “saddles up” **in, with and under** the bread and wine and rides right to where you are, that He might live in you and you in Him forever. That's why before receiving the Lord's Supper, we sing **the Sanctus**, which contains the very same words that were shouted to Jesus in the Gospel, *“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”* **The King (our Champion) STILL RIDES.**

CONCLUSION Palm Sunday was a moment of **paradoxical** praise and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is honored as the Lord. He is praised as the King Who comes to save His people. Palm branches and chants of “Hosanna” acclaim Him as the Redeemer. But Palm Sunday also points **beyond itself**, beyond **Maundy Thursday**, beyond **Good Friday**, ...to **Easter**, and even **beyond**, to the **triumph** of our Lord. Palm Sunday anticipates the Heavenly Kingdom which our Lord opens to all believers by His Blood. In the Book of **Revelation, John** describes the fulfillment of Palm Sunday as he gives us a glimpse of the **Heavenly Liturgy**: *“I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues standing before the Lamb clothed with white robes with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”*

VICTORY That is the **Victory of Jesus' Cross and Resurrection**. Angels and saints praise the Lamb of our salvation. And on this Palm Sunday we get to join them in their Heavenly Anthem for the Lord. And we come to meet our King Jesus with heartfelt Hosannas. Hosanna means **“Save now.”** *“Save us, Lord.”* It is a **penitent** cry of **praise** which is confident that the Lord will help us. *“Daughter of Zion, behold, your King is coming to you. He is righteous and He does have salvation!”* **“Hosannah! Lord Save Us”! Jesus Save Us, Now! Amen. SDG**

Possible Prayer of Church (6th Sunday in Lent) *Palmarum* ✠ March 26, 2018

As people redeemed by the King who entered Jerusalem on a donkey so that He could leave carrying a cross, let us pray for ourselves, for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and for those who cannot pray for themselves. (Possible Brief Silence)

Heavenly Father, as Your **Son humbled Himself for our salvation**, give to each of us and to every member of Your Church a confident faith in Christ's Passion for us, so that during this Holy Week and throughout our lives we would humbly entrust ourselves and all those whom You place in our lives to You. *Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.*

Heavenly Father, Your Son promised that when He was lifted up, He would draw all people to Himself. **Turn unbelievers** from their false gods to You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. Work through chaplains and missionaries. Give to each of us the courage to speak of our King, Who comes righteous and having salvation. By the power of Your Gospel, put faith-filled hosannas into the mouths of people who now live without You. *Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.*

Heavenly Father, in love for us Your Son became obedient unto death, even death on a Cross. Teach us to look to You in every temptation so that drawing strength from You, we may resist Satan and our own sinful desires, **obey Your Commandments**, and care for all people as Christ cares for us. *Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.*

Heavenly Father, give Your protection and guidance to our (US) president; to our (FL) governor and to all who make, administer and judge our laws, so that **every life is protected** and so that citizens live under justice in our country and in every nation of the world. *Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.*

Heavenly Father, come to the rescue of all who are sick, injured, facing surgery or recovering from surgery [*especially OSL Prayer List*]. Help them, heal them, comfort them and encourage them in the way that You know to be best for each of them. *Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.*

Almighty God, open our hearts to welcome others as You have welcomed us into Your presence, and make us mindful of those whose disability or illness requires special care. Give us understanding so that we may not judge but serve those with mental infirmity. Give us patience so that we may be slow to anger and quick to forgive and so sustain our unity in the affection of Christ. *Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.*

Heavenly Father, on the night before He went to the Cross, Your Son gave us the gift of His Holy Supper. Show us our sin, give us repentant hearts and assure us that our King has made Himself a servant for us, so that with confident faith we sing our hosannas to Him who comes to us in the name of the Lord and gratefully receive His body and blood, which give us life. *Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.*

Into Your gracious care, heavenly Father, we place ourselves and everyone for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ, our King and Lord. **Amen. Lord's Prayer**