

# HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
April 9, 2017



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## WELCOME

God welcomes you no matter who you are – and so do we. Thank you for joining us in God’s house today. Whether you are a first-time guest, a friend or relative of a member, or a curious observer from a different religious background, we are delighted to be with you in worship.

## A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

We believe that Jesus is the Savior of all. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus saves all sinners simply because he loves us. That is called the gospel, and it’s the good news on every page of God’s Word. Therefore, the Bible is not just information about God or rules from God, but the saving power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and restore our lives. Lutheran worship places this good news at the center of the worship service with an order called *liturgy*. In both the Word and sacraments (Means of Grace), in specifically selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted and often ancient songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news of Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out entirely. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal located in front of you. Parts marked **L** are spoken or sung by the worship leader, and the parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- **Quiet Bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church.
- **Weekly News & Notes** are printed in the back of this worship folder.
- **Restrooms** are to the left as you walk out the back of church or in the basement.
- **Website:** [oursaviourwels.org](http://oursaviourwels.org)

## OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Saviour’s proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod ([wels.net](http://wels.net)). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod, as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).



## **PALM SUNDAY**

This is the beginning of Holy Week – the most intense week of the Christian Year. Palm Sunday has been celebrated in the Church since the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. 1,600 years ago believers in and around Jerusalem would retrace Jesus’ route from the Mount of Olives back into the city for worship. Today we join the procession as we worship Jesus, our King.

## **WORSHIP SERIES**



**April 9 – The Willing Ride**

April 13 – The Last Supper

April 14 – The Perfect Sacrifice

All the battles Jesus fought lead him to Jerusalem for one last showdown with Satan. It had to be this way, because wasn't just a battle between Jesus and the devil. It was a battle with the sins of the world, the pain of hell, and the destruction of death. This battle we could never win. So Jesus came to fight it for us. Palm Sunday shows us that this was never something he was forced to do. Jesus willingly rode into Jerusalem as our Savior. The battle was messy and difficult, but he did it for us.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

*Presiding & Preaching*

*Pastor Tom Moldenhauer*

*Organist*

*Jim Fors*

*Greeters*

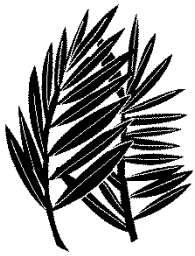
Sign up to serve as a greeter.

*Ushers*

*Dick Gimbel, Don Lang, Cole Cross, Larry Zacher*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand after the preservice music is completed and face the back.*

## PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

**L** 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.**

**L** Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's suffering and resurrection. Today, we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

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

**C** **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**L** Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

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

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

*Hosanna is the shout of praise so familiar to Palm Sunday worshippers. It literally means, "Save us, we pray!" Jesus was riding into Jerusalem the first Palm Sunday to do just that, even if many people didn't know how or why.*

*Pastor and the children process to the front.*



Children 1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The  
 Children 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That



lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared  
 an - ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor  
 an - cient song we sing, For Christ is



court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them  
 palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and  
 our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our



rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close  
 loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode  
 King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With



fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their  
 on in low - ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle  
 heart and life and voice And in his roy - al



prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
 chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.  
 pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray.

*Pastor says the Prayer of the Day (at the bottom of page 3).*

**C** (spoken) **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



# THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children are invited up front for a brief devotion with Pastor.*

*The prophet Zechariah foretells the events of Palm Sunday almost 600 years before it happened.*

## FIRST READING

**Zechariah 9:9,10**

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.



## PSALM OF THE DAY

***Selected verses from Psalm 24***

- L** The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
- C** **for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.**
- L** Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?
- C** **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**
- L** Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
- C** **that the King of glory may come in.**
- L** Who is this King of glory?
- C** **The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**
- L** Who is he, this King of glory?
- C** **The Lord Almighty— he is the King of glory.**

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>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.

*Jesus showed  
humility to save  
us.*

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>“Say to Daughter Zion,  
‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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 heaven!”

*Jesus is greeted  
with praises as he  
enters Jerusalem  
for the final  
battle.*



<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**L** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty** | #133

SERMON

**Philippians 2:5-11**

*Please stand.*

APOSTLES' CREED

*A creed is a statement of faith. Creed comes from the Latin “credo,” which means “I believe.” The faith God gave us publically and regularly confesses the triune God as Lord and Savior.*

**C** **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.**

*Please be seated.*

THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

*The members of Our Saviour’s Lutheran join together to do the Lord’s work in Bismarck and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

*Please help us be a friendly church by taking a moment to fill out the **Friendship Register** located at the end of the pew.*



As the offering is brought to the altar, remain seated.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kaitlin Keeler  
Paige Mauch  
Lisa Weippert and son, Jacob

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

**C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN

The King of Glory Comes | #363

Please stand.

THE LORD’S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

**L** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

The Aaronic Blessing has been spoken over God’s people since the Old Testament. God watched over his people then and he still does today. Be at peace in God’s loving arms.



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## THIS WEEK

Today – Choir Practice 8:15am  
**PALM SUNDAY worship @ 9am**  
Potluck Brunch @ 10:15am

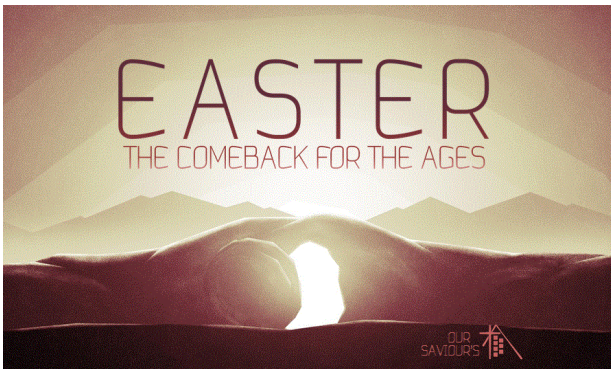
Monday – Men's Bible Study @ 7pm

Wednesday – Bible Night @ 6pm  
(An adult and women's study, Catechism class, and childcare at the Redeemer campus in Mandan)

Thursday – **MAUNDY THURSDAY @ 7pm**

Friday – **GOOD FRIDAY @ 8pm**

Sunday – Choir practice @ 8:15am  
**EASTER Festival @ 9am**  
Egg Hunt @ 10:15am



## SERMONS

Copies of Pastor's sermons along with past worship folders are available.

## PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK BRUNCH

All are invited to brunch in the basement after worship. Thanks to all who made this possible.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

If anyone is interested in learning more about our outreach efforts or is willing to help plan these type of events, please talk to Pastor.

## EASTER OUTREACH CARDS

One card was placed in your box. There is a stack at the table in the entryway. Take some time over the next couple of weeks to plan out who you want to invite to Easter worship and give them a card. Personal invites are always the most effective outreach for a congregation.

## BIBLE NIGHT BACK IN APRIL

The joint Bible study night with Redeemer started up again on April 12.

## BIRTHDAYS

Kayleigh Kershaw – April 11  
Nancy Overson – April 11  
Myles Gross – April 14  
Zachary Jensen – April 15



*Thanks to all who helped.*

## ONE NIGHT MOVIE EVENT

*Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy.*

Carmike 8 Theater

Wednesday, May 31 @ 6:30pm

This new film follows the great adventure of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life. Who am I? What is my purpose? How do I get right with God? A must-see for any Lutheran and a chance to share the message of your Lutheran heritage with others. *Invite your friends and neighbors!*

**IMPORTANT:** All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$9 each and can be purchased at a special website set up for the screening:

[www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-srm7](http://www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-srm7)