

**Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
Palm Sunday — March 16, 2008

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. May the Holy Spirit bless you as you hear his Word! If you are a guest, please sign our guest register near the church's main entrance. We invite you to come and worship with us again! Restrooms are located in the basement near the steps in the back of the church.

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## PALM PROCESSIONAL

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*Those participating in the processional gather the entry/basement. If you are unable to or do not wish to participate in the procession you are welcome to be seated. Please seat all the way to the middle of your pew so that there are places for those who are participating in the processional.*

M: 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.**

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. 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.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

## PSALM 118

*The Psalm refrain is sung. The verses and Gloria are spoken in unison.*

**Refrain** Children: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

**Refrain** All: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD  
through which the righteous may enter.

**Refrain** All: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

O LORD, save us;  
O LORD, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

up to the horns of the altar.

**Refrain** All: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

You are my God, and I will give you thanks;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain** All: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

M: Let us pray.

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

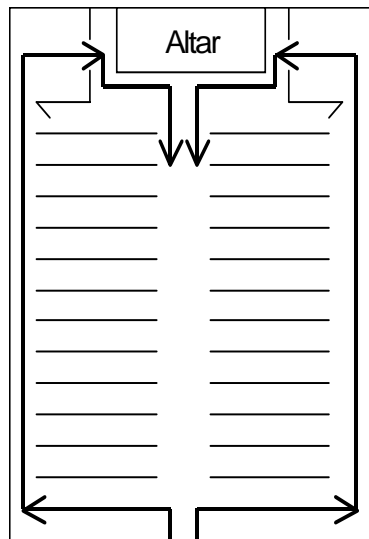
**C: Amen**

M: Let us go forth in peace

**C: In the name of the Lord.**

*The congregation processes into the church as directed by the chart below and places their palm branches on the altar, the symbol of God's presence in our church. "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (CW 131) will be sung as we enter.*

1. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and blessed one.
2. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels  
Is praising you on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply.



3. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.
4. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To you before your passion They sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
5. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
As you received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

*When all have reached their places, the minister says:*

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

**ANTHEM:** Kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Hosanna Sing*

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (spoken) Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Zechariah 9:9,10

*Zechariah encourages the people of Judah, who were discouraged after captivity. He tells them of the coming Savior-King, who would appear in humility to set up his kingdom of peace to the very "ends of the earth."*

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. 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

### Psalm 24 (page 73)

## SECOND LESSON

## Philippians 2:5-11

*Jesus lowered himself and became a servant to redeem us. God exalted him to the highest place and made him our glorious King.*

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*(spoken by the pastor)*

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

*STAND*

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 21:1-11

*Jesus enters Jerusalem to complete the work of salvation.*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"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.' "

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."



**M:** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

**R:** 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.

**M:** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R: I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

**R: I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us therefore stand and pray.

**M:** Gracious Father, you have adopted these brothers and sisters in baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and

strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Move them to faithfully hear your holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Clothe them with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ and grant that they may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Protect them from the powers of evil and give them the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Keep them faithful and holy, so that they may inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**All: 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.**

*BE SEATED*

**ANTHEM:** Kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade                      *Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*

**M:** Dear Members of the Confirmation Class: What we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on you all, we will now ask him to grant you singly, each and every one.

*The confirmands, in turn, will come forward. The minister lays his hands on the head of each one and speaks one of the following blessings. A confirmation text may also be read for each.*

**M:** \_\_\_\_\_ (*name*), may God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.



OR

**M:** \_\_\_\_\_ (*name*), may the Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace, to your patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of eternal life.

OR

**M:** \_\_\_\_\_ (*name*), may God, who began a good work in you, bring it to completion at the coming of our Lord Christ Jesus.

OR

**M:** \_\_\_\_\_ (*name*), may God the Father who created you; may God the Son who redeemed you; may God the Holy Spirit who sanctified you, keep you faithful unto life everlasting.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS HYMN:** *Yours Forever, God of Love*

Yours forever, God of love! Hear us from your throne above;  
Yours forever may we be Here and in eternity!

Yours forever! Shepherd, keep All your weak and trembling sheep  
Safely in your tender care; Let us all your goodness share.

Yours forever! You our guide, All our needs by you supplied,  
All our sins by you forgiv'n, Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

*Text, Tune, Setting: public domain.*

**M:** Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's table a precious privilege given you by God through his church; receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

*STAND*

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** (sung) **Amen.**

**M:** 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.

**C:** (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Serving God and His People Musically Today**

**Organist:** Brenda Kuchenbecker

**Choir Director:** Brenda Kuchenbecker

**Trumpets on Hymns:** Shannon Otto, Sandy Pantzlaff,  
Brian Humann, Kyle Zeamer

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 322      **Communion:** 181      **Lent:** 236 (153, 83)  
**Bible Study:** 91 (1, 5, 52, 13, 4, 9, 7)      **Youth Study:** 17

- Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
7:00 p.m. His Word – My Life Bible Study, church
- Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word – My Life Bible Study, Café  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, school
- Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle
- Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class  
4:45 p.m. Bible History Class  
7:30 p.m. Band  
8:15 p.m. Choir
- Thursday 11:00 a.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion  
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
- Friday 11:00 a.m. The Cross of Christ Worship with Communion  
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Worship with Communion
- Sunday 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship with Communion  
Finger Food after worship  
8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Class  
9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship with Communion  
Finger food after worship

**Confirmation** The Rite of Confirmation is a part of worship today. We will welcome the members of this year’s class as communicant members after the offering. Members of this year’s class are: Rebecca Bjorklund, Katy Macco, Summer Schmidt, Bethany Soderlund, and Brittany Van Rossum.

**Easter for Kids** Thank you to everyone who helped with Easter for Kids!

**Flowers** on the piano are in memory of Walter Beyer who went to heaven on March 15, 2007.

**His Word My Life Bible Class** is studying *Romans*. Join us Sunday at church at 7:00 p.m. or Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Cindy's Café.

**Naomi Circle**, a group for widows and their friends, will meet Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday Bible Study** will not meet this week or next week. We will meet again on April 1.

**Adult Christ Light Bible Study** Next week we will study "*David, Israel's Next King*." We meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

**Lenten Soup Suppers** Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, or eat food at our soup suppers this Lent. Your service to the Lord was a blessing to his people! There will be no soup suppers during Holy Week.

**Three Holy Days** Please join us in worship this week as we celebrate the three Holy Days of Christendom.

**Maundy Thursday Worship** will be at 11:00 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. The Stripping of the Altar will conclude each service.

On **Good Friday** at 11:00 a.m. we will focus on *The Cross of Christ*. At 7:30 p.m. we will have a Tenebrae service.

On **Easter** we will follow the woman who went to the tomb very early in the morning at our Sunrise worship at **6:30 a.m.** The Easter Festival service will be at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. All of these services will include communion.

**Finger Food** will be served after the Sunrise Service and the Festival Service next Sunday. Everyone in the congregation is invited to bring something to share. Thank you!

**Easter Lilies Sign Up Sheets** are on the table in the basement. If you would like one, sign up today!

**Questions/Comments** about our congregation may be directed to:

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Board of Education: Jeff Leick	864-3439

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Joan Wegner	Preschool & Kindergarten
Brenda Kuchenbecker	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Brian Humann	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Katie Muchka	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Rick Muchka	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade

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