

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Palm Sunday — March 28, 2010

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.

PALM PROCESSIONAL

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.

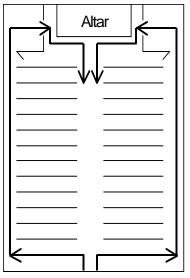
God our Father, we remember how Jesus, before his Passion, entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our words of praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King who came to save, Jesus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

- 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.
- 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.



- 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.
- 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.
- 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 – 7th Grade

Lift the Palms

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				
Isaiah 45:22-25				

THE WORD

But in the LORD all the descendants of Israel will be found righteous and will exult.

PSALM OF THE DAY

SECOND LESSON

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

VERSE OF THE DAY

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

STAND

GOSPEL

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.' "

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to you O Christ!

BE SEATED

Psalm 24 (page 73) **Hebrews 12:1-3**

Luke 19:28-40

(spoken by the pastor)

SERMON Find Strength In The Lord Alone Isaiah 45:22-25

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction, by one who has been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.

Those being confirmed shall stand.

M: Brothers and Sister in Christ: Our Lord Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You can now exercise the privilege of partaking of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The Apostle Paul writing to the Romans says: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved ... For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

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 – 7th Grade & Choir Lead Me In Your Truth

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.

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:

Day by Day CWS 765:2

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.

THE SACRAMENT

STAND

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: (sung) And also with you.
- M: Lift up your hearts.
- **C:** (sung) We lift them up to the Lord.
- M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: (sung) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

- C: (sung) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION	"In Christ Alone"	Hymn 742
"Let Me	Be Yours Forever"	Hymn 596

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF THANKS

O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you, In thanksgiving bow before you. Here with your body and your blood you nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy! May your body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry, And your blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus

Hymn 317:1

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C: (sung) Amen.
- M: 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.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: "Ride On Ride On In Majesty"

Hymn 133:5

Serving God and His People Musically Today				
Organist: Brenda Kuchenbecker				
Choir Director: Brenda Kuchenbecker				
Choir Accompanist: Beverly Leiterman				
Trumpets on Hymns:	Sandy Pantzlaff, Brian Humann, Kaitlyn			
	Kuchenbecker			

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace.						
Worship	: 334		Lent:	221 (157, 64)		
Bible St	udy: 62 (1	35 27)	Vouth	Study: 14		
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Sunday	10:00 am.	Sunday School				
	10:00 am	Band				
	7:00 pm	Theology of the Cross Study	7			
Monday	7:00 am	n Bible Study, church				
	6:00 pm	Choir				
	7:00 pm	Youth Group				
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Study, Church				
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee, church	l			
Wednesda	y 7:00 pm	Band				
	8:00 pm	Choir				
Thursday	11:00 am	Maundy Thursday Worship,	Comm	union		
7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship, Communion						
	8:15 pm	Choir				
Friday	11:00 am	Cross of Christ Worship, Co	ommunio	on		
	7:30 pm	Tenebrae Worship, Commun	nion			
Sunday	6:30 am	Easter Sunrise Worship, Con	mmunio	n		
	9:00 am	Easter Festival Worship, Co	mmunic	on		

- **Confirmation** Members of this year's class are: Trisha Ann Compton, Kasey Victor Doyen, Eli Ernst Herzog, Hannah Rebecca Ihlenfeldt, Zachary Richard Laabs, Brianna Lynn Leick, Justin Paul Lemke, Ryan Anthony Malcore, and Alex James Pischke.
- Band meets after worship today.
- Theology of the Cross Bible Study will discuss chapter 2 this evening.
- Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon Bible study will meet this week.
- Confirmation Class and Bible History Class will not meet this week.
- **Choir Concert** The choirs of MLHS and the Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale, under the theme "Jesus, Priceless Treasure," will perform pieces focusing on the message of Lent and Easter. The MLHS Symphonic Band will also perform. The highlight of the evening will be all the choirs joining together for three final pieces of the concert. In addition we also invite the area WELS members in attendance to join us in performing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus as the final piece of our sacred concert.
- **Three Holy Days** worship begins on Maundy Thursday at 11:00 am or 7:30 pm. It continues on Good Friday at 11:00 am and 7:30 pm and concludes on Easter with Sunrise worship at 6:30 am and Festival Worship at 9:00 am. Communion will be a part of each service. Please join us for these most important worship services of the church year.
- **MLHS Hot Lunch** There is a sign-up sheet in the basement for items needed for the hot lunch for MLHS being served on March 30. Workers are needed along with tortes, tomato juice, home-made bread, cheese, shredded cheese etc.

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