

# *Palm Sunday*

Sunday, March 29, 2015

## **SERVICE NOTES:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Where you see (†) in the service is a laudable practice to make the sign of the cross

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

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## **THE DIVINE SERVICE (p.15)** **The Service of Preparation**

### **THE CHILDREN'S PROCESSION** (please stand) - "Palm Sunday Processional"

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Hosanna to the Son of David, Hosanna to the King of Kings.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### **THE HYMN – #131** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

## **THE INVOCATION**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God the Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**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 palm 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.

*(Be Seated)*

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### **The Service of the Word**

#### **FIRST READING – Zechariah 9:9,10**

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**

Congregation sings hymn #4 “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”  
(See next page for hymn.)

#### **SECOND READING – Philippians 2:5-11**

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 –** The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 11:1-10**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethpage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, ‘What are you doing, untying that colt?’ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life (†) of the world to come. Amen.

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(Refrain) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let all rejoice together in songs of joy and praise.

Each day, a new beginning; each day the Lord has made. (Refrain)

The Lord is my salvation, my strength in time of need.

His steadfast love endures for all. His steadfast love has set me free. (Refrain)

Thou art my God; I will rejoice in all I do and say.

For wondrous love that knows no bounds, let all lift their voices in praise.

(Refrain)

**THE CHIEF HYMN – #133 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”** (See next page)

**THE SERMON**

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*(Be Seated)*

**OFFERING & OFFERING MUSIC** (Handbells) - “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*(Stand)*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

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### **The Service of Holy Communion**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Sanctus*

## **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 testament, 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.

## **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

*Agnus Dei*

*(Be Seated)*

### **DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM - "Hosanna to the King!"**

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A time of celebration, a hero's welcome cheer,  
Palms waving high in triumph, the King is coming here!  
Lay down your cloaks and garments, and lift your voice to sing.  
He comes to rule the nation. Hosanna to the King!

The King arrives in triumph, but not with majesty.  
He rides a gentle donkey the road to Calvary.  
He's not an earthly ruler; in righteousness he brings  
The gift of our salvation. Hosanna to the King!

A time of celebration, a hero's welcome cheer,  
Palms waving high in triumph, the King is coming here!  
Hosanna in the highest! Oh lift your voice to sing!  
He comes with full salvation. Hosanna to the King!

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#130 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#134 "O Bride of Christ, Rejoice"

#370 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

## **THANKSGIVING**

*(Stand)*

### **SONG OF SIMEON**

*Nunc Dimittis*

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.  
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love  
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

**OFFICIANTS:**

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer  
Communion Assistants: Richard Cording and Jim Cutler  
Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi  
Choirs: Grades K-8 and Handbell Choir

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

Today	- After Church WELS Connection	
	- 3:00 PM	HVL Easter Concert
Wednesday	- 9:30 AM	Bible Class
	- 7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Thursday	- <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>
Friday	- <b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
Saturday	- <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
Sunday	- <b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b>
	- 8:30 AM	Easter Breakfast
	- <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Easter Festival Service</b>

**SERVING NEXT WEEK**

Altar Guild:	Maundy Thursday: Doris Tomlin
	Easter Vigil: Lois Bude
	Easter Sunday: Arlette Stobbe
Ushering:	Maundy Thursday: Team #4
	Good Friday: Team #1
	Easter Vigil: Team #2
	Easter Sunrise (7:00 AM): Team #3
	Easter Festival (9:30 AM): Team #4

**BACK PEWS** – Please keep the back two pews for parents with young children.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

**ADULT BIBLE INSTRUCTION CLASS** – Pastor Schaefer has begun an Adult Instruction Class. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Pastor Schaefer (734-658-5735) as soon as possible. The class meets at 7:00 pm on Thursday, but other class times can perhaps be arranged for those interested.

**EASTER PLANT ORDERS** – Don't forget to order your Easter Plants. Orders are due **today**. (If needed, extra order forms are available in the narthex.)

**HAWK TALK** – Did you know that representatives from Huron Valley Lutheran High School recently visited area Lutheran elementary schools? These schools are Peace in Livonia, St. Paul's in Livonia, St. Peter's in Plymouth and St. John's in Westland. Over 70% of the students in grades 5-8 are planning to attend HVL. We thank the Lord for parents and teachers who recognize the academic excellence as well as the blessing of receiving a Christian education at HVL!

**EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMANDS** – If you have an eighth grade child being confirmed this year, remember that your gown and flower money is due to the church office by Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**WELS CONNECTION** – The WELS connection will be shown after church today in the school.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** – The Bd. of Stewardship will be hosting the Easter Breakfast this year. Sign-up sheets for food donations and attendance are located at the communion registry.

**EASTER CONCERT** - Huron Valley Lutheran High School invites you to the Easter Celebration Concert **this afternoon**, at 3:00 in the HVL gymnasium. Lenten and Easter selections will be presented by elementary school choirs from Peace, St. John's, St. Paul's and St. Peter's as well as the HVL Concert Choir and HVL Hawk Singers. In addition, handbell choirs will present selections for the season. You are invited!