

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20, 2016

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, I 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 - Hymn #4 “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”

Congregation sings the hymn printed on the next page.

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 – Luke 19:28-40

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.”

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.

GOSPEL RESPONSE – “Blessed is He”

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Who is he, this man from Galilee? Daughter of Zion, he’s your King!
David’s Son? Is this the Promised One? Honor him now and with us sing:

(Refrain) “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”
Hosanna! We sing, “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Palms held high, they chant as he rides by, humbly, upon a donkey now.
Garments spread across the dusty road, they praise him and before him bow. (Refrain)

Now we sing to you our gracious King, praising you with one heart and voice.
We are free from sin eternally; now and forever we’ll rejoice. (Refrain)

THE CHIEF HYMN – #133 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

THE SERMON

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(Be Seated)

OFFERING & OFFERING MUSIC (Handbells) - “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

(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 HYMNS

#130 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#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: Mark Castellese and Richard Cording
Organist: Mrs. Kim Pappenfuss
Choirs: PreK-8 and Handbell Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - After Church Refreshments
- 3:00 PM HVL Easter Concert
Wednesday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir
Thursday - **7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service**
Friday - **1:00 PM Good Friday Service**
Saturday - **7:00 PM Easter Vigil**
Sunday - **7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service**
- 8:30 AM Easter Breakfast
- **9:30 AM Easter Festival Service**

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 Sunrise (7:00 AM): Team #2
Easter Festival (9:30 AM): Team #3

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

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

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday: 7:00 PM
Good Friday: 1:00 PM
Easter Vigil: 7:00 PM
Easter Sunrise: 7:00 AM
(Easter Breakfast: 8:30 AM)
Easter Festival: 9:30 AM

ALTAR FLOWERS – Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Lefevre by Nena Ash.

EASTER PLANTS – Extra order forms are available in the narthex. All orders are due **today!** You may pick up your Easter Plants after the late service on Easter Sunday, or leave them for use in church the next Sunday.

PALM SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR – The Bd. of Stewardship will host a fellowship hour after church **today! Please join us!**

EASTER BREAKFAST DONATION SIGN-UP – A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex for Easter Breakfast Donations. Please bring your donated items either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

MONDAY EVENING DIVINE SERVICES – Monday Services start back up on Monday, April 4th. The service is at 7:00 PM.

MITE BOX MONEY DUE BY EASTER SUNDAY - Please put your Mite box in the large wooden Mite box located in the narthex. If you should choose to write a check, it should be made out to **St. Peter's Lutheran Ladies Guild**. Your donations fund mission projects which are approved, but not budgeted by the WELS. The projects are so meaningful to our missionaries here at home and throughout the world!

PARENTS OF CONFIRMANDS – Don't forget to send in your money to the office for your confirmation gowns and flowers by Monday, April 4

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION – Materials for registering at St. Peter's Preschool are located in the narthex. Please take one for yourself or anyone else who may be interested in our preschool. Early Bird registration ends this coming Thursday, March 24th.

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN -

- ✓ About ten years ago Huron Valley Lutheran High School received over \$1 million in member loans that helped to fund the cost of our gymnasium project. Over the subsequent years we have received both donations and replacement member loans that have helped us reduce the member loan debt to just below \$800,000 today. Since the beginning of this school year a few of our generous supporters have requested repayment of about \$100,000 in loans. We notified the association and to date we have been blessed with gifts to repay half of the recalled loans. However, a payment of \$25,000 is due this coming June and another payment of \$27,000 is due in December. We are asking our supporters to please consider a gift or a loan to assist with these upcoming payments. If you are able to assist please contact the HVL office at 734.525.0160 or email us at mail@hvlhs.org. Thank you!
- ✓ 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!