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March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday & Confirmation

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

**No more Gloria or Alleluia until Easter*

Processional Hymn: 442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Hymn of the Day: 438 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Distribution Hymn: 866 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend"

Distribution Hymn: 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Distribution Hymn: 444 "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

Distribution Hymn: 531 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

Closing Hymn: 441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Tiffany Snyder (cancer)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Aiden Sweet

Acolyte next Sunday - Noah Thalmann

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, Brady Kolle, & Cody Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Evan Bott, Eli Thalmann, Elijah Meier, & John Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today - None

LYF Fellowship Hour duty April 11th - Ryan Stuenkel & Elijah Meier

Upcoming Events

March 28

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School

March 31

NO Midweek

April 1

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

April 2

7:00 p.m. Good Friday service (Tenebrae Vespers)

April 3

6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil service at Bethlehem, Greenleaf

April 4

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- * The new date for the LWML Prayer Service at Zion is **Sunday, April 25th, at 2 p.m.**
- * **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** FYI – When Choice Dollars are designated for St. John, the entire amount stays within our church; when Choice Dollars are designated to Linn Lutheran, the amount of credit gets divided into half, in which St. John and Zion both receive equal credit. Hopefully, this helps to clarify how the Choice Dollars are handled. Choice Dollars need to be designated prior to **March 31st.**
- * Easter lilies can be donated for Easter Sunday (April 4th) by following these steps: buy your Easter lily, bring it to St. John by Friday, April 2nd, and then let Ann Ohlde know if it is in memory or honor of someone. You may pick up your Easter lily on Easter Sunday or leave it at church for enjoyment through April. Thank you!
- * Thanks to all who donated to the LLL/LHM. Your support brings the Gospel to millions everywhere in the world. You can find more info about how to support them by calling 800-944-3450 or visiting their website at LLL/LHM.org.
- * St. John has \$22,058.72 left to match for the Endowment Matching Program. Matching goes until July 15, 2021, and what funds haven't been matched will go in the "4th Teacher Fund." Thank you for using the matching program!
- * Our LWML will be assembling backpacks (filled with toiletries, a Bible, and a Thrivent T-shirt) that will be given to kids when they enter the foster care system in Clay, Washington, and Marshall counties. LWML is asking the congregation for Bible donations (new or used) and toiletries (body wash, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, brush/comb, & deodorant). The donations will be collected through April and distributed in May, which is foster care month. A suitcase will be placed in the parish hall for donations. We are also looking for volunteers to sew backpacks. Pre-cut material with easy straight stitching instructions are on a table in the parish hall. Thanks for your help.
- * To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.
- * This week on KFuo.org, join us for Tre Ore service from noon – 3 p.m. on Good Friday 4/2, hear special Maundy Thursday edition of Joy! on 4/1 and Good Friday edition on 4/2 at 1 p.m., and begin studying 1 Thessalonians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Find programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16, 22:23ff; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.

Procession of Palms

The congregation faces the procession in the back of the church.

Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G Amen.**
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- G Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Collect

- P** Let us pray.
Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G Amen.**

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- G Glory to You, O Lord.**
- P** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- G Praise to You, O Christ.**
- P** Let us go forth in peace,
- G in the name of the Lord.**

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. Refrain.
- 2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. Refrain.
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. Refrain.
- 4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain.
- 5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain.

All arrive at their places. The children sing and then return to their parents.

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray...one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

The service continues with the readings in the Service of the Word, LSB p. 190.

Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11*

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading: *John 12:20-43*

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰ "He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them."

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.
⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

CONFIRMANDS

Camryn Pearl Beikmann, daughter of David & Diane Beikmann

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." [Psalm 119:105]

Mason Brett Tiemeyer, son of Brett & Vanessa Tiemeyer

"The righteous shall live by faith." [Romans 1:17]

Daniel John Nabors, son of Jeremy & Angela Nabors

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." [Romans 1:16]

Ayla Grace Johnson, daughter of Troy Johnson & Heather Ohlde

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." [Psalm 55:22]

Ethan Ronald Paul Bott, son of Greg & Amy Bott

"Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." [1 Timothy 6:12]

Conner Parry Ohlde, son of Canaan & Jessica Ohlde

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." [Galatians 2:20]

As We Gather...

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9-12; Matthew 21:1-9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Philippians 2:5-11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father" (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:11).

"Behold, your king is coming to you!"



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