PALM SUNDAY March 25, 2018

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30pm ~ Sunday, 7:45 & 10:30am

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** Let us rejoice as our Servant King rides on to accomplish our salvation.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
- Please silence your cell phone and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Love divine, all love excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us your humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown. Jesus, you are all compassion, boundless mercy from above. Visit us with benediction; comfort us with heavenly love. Amen.

**SERVICE THEME** Behold! Your King comes to you!

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Service of the Word on page 38 in the front of the hymnal

### OPENING HYMN COLOSSIANS 3:16 in 7:45 and 10:30 services

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hymn 130

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.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we, who have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, announced by an angel, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: JAmen.

# THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON Zechariah 9:9-10

In the year 520 B.C. Zechariah foretold the events of Palm Sunday.

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 warhorses 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 45 IN THURSDAY SERVICE**

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## COLOSSIANS 3:16 in 7:45 and 10:30 services

"Shout to the Lord"

My Jesus, My Savior Lord there is none like You All of my days I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love

My Comfort, My Shelter Tower of refuge and strength Let every breath And all that I am Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord All the earth Let us sing Power and majesty Praise to the King Mountains bow down And the seas will roar At the sound of Your Name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands Forever I'll love you Forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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Christ's exaltation is our assurance that through his humiliation our Servant King secured for us eternal salvation.

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.

**GOSPEL** Mark 11:1-10

On Palm Sunday our Servant King entered Jerusalem in majestic humility.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage 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!"

This is the Gospel of our Lord. M: JPraise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

# "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

Hymn 716



SERMON Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

# "Hosanna to the Virgin's Son!"

Pastor Zuberhier

- 1. The Son of David.
- 2. The Son of God.
- 3. The Savior Jesus.

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

### **GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

Hymn 24

- M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: JAmen.
- 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 upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ■ give you peace.

C: JAmen, Amen, Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** 

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

Hymn 133

# **ORGANIST**

Ruth Koepsell

### **GREETERS**

7:45 ~ Gordon & Justine Port 10:30 ~ DuWayne & Marilyn Zamzow

The special Palm Sunday bulletins are given by Rick Jr. & Jeanne Bernath in thanksgiving to God for blessing them with 35 years of marriage (March 5).