

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

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Maundy Thursday: 3:30 & 6:30 pm; Good Friday: 3:30 & 6:30 pm;

Easter Sunday: 6:00, 8:30, 10:00 am

Regular Services: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

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Christ bless us all as we gather with our fellow guests in His house!

If you have any questions, please ask one of the ushers or pastor.

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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. Feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastor, 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 pastor after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with pastor before communing with us. Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; our hearts in true devotion bow. Your Spirit send with grace divine, and let your truth within us shine. Unseal our lips to sing your praise; our souls to you in worship raise. Make strong our faith; increase our light that we may know your name aright. Amen.

SERVICE THEME Hail the King who humbly comes to save us!

- + *Today's service begins with the account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then moves to the monumental story of his suffering and death. The juxtaposition of these two readings emphasizes that Palm Sunday led directly to Good Friday. Both days were part of our Savior's saving work. While their tone could not have been more different, their purpose was the same: the salvation of all people.*
- + *Our "sermon" today will be the receiving of the Lord's Supper, given and shed for you, and the hearing of the Passion History. There is two-fold wisdom in taking in the whole history of our Lord's Passion: (1) there are many who did not attend all of the midweek Lenten services and will now be able to hear the story of our Lord's suffering and (2) even those who have heard the Passion History before will benefit from hearing the whole story in one sitting. Simply put, more Jesus for more souls more often is always a good thing.*
- + *The service begins with the pastor by the sanctuary doors.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us pray. God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna!" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet | 414*
Col. 3:16 will sing this hymn on Sunday

SCRIPTURE *The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem | Matthew 21:1-17*

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

**⁵Tell the daughter of Zion:
Look, your King comes to you,
humble, and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

**Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?"

¹¹And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

¹²Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of robbers!" ¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the experts in the law saw the wonders he performed and heard the children calling out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant. ¹⁶They said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?"

"Yes," Jesus told them, "Have you never read,

**From the lips of little children and nursing babies
you have prepared praise?"**

¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God,
who has given your only-begotten Son to die for us,
have mercy upon us,
and for his sake
grant us remission of all our sins;
and by your Holy Spirit increase in us
true knowledge of you and of your will,
and true obedience to your Word,
to the end that by your grace
we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe in his name he gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them his Holy Spirit.

All who believe and are baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

Amen!

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now | 420 v 1, 5



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
5 If my sins give me a - larm and my con-science grieve me,



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.
let your cross my fear dis - arm, peace of con-science give me.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
Help me see for - give - ness won by your ho - ly pas - sion.



of your suf-f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.
If for me he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!



THE READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

According to St. Matthew the Evangelist, Chapters 26-27

HYMN VERSES BETWEEN THE READINGS

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | **663 v 6**
Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray | **873 v 1**
Jesus, I Will Ponder Now | **420 v 4**
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HYMN OF THE DAY

All Glory, Laud, and Honor | **412 v 1, 3, 4**

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ORGANIST: Erin Achey

GREETERS: 8:00 ~ Marv & Vicki Mortensen

10:30 ~ Tom & Joan Mrazek