

**Good Shepherd/Our Savior's Lutheran Parish Worship Service**  
**Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021**

**Announcements:**

Welcome to Good Shepherd/Our Savior's Lutheran Parish Worship for March 28, 2021, Palm Sunday. We give thanks for all the blessings we have received and for God's presence in all that we do.

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**Good Shepherd:**

- † **TODAY:** 9:00am Palm Sunday Worship/Communion; 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour
- † **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – 6:45pm Maundy Thursday Service
- † **Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 6:45pm Good Friday Service
- † **Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00am Easter Worship Service/Communion; 10:00am Coffee Hour

**Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Clearbrook/Gonvick Community Blood Drive – 11:00am-5:30pm – Wes Westrum Gym, to sign up to donate, contact Nancy at 218-776-2777.

The cemetery committee is looking for someone to mow the Silver Creek cemetery during the upcoming season. Anyone interested should contact Tom Anderson at 776-3718 or Brad Borene at 776-3344.

Mission Outreach Food Shelf update: Total cash \$1,110.00 received, and a total of 1,918 Pounds of food received.

**Our Savior's:**

- † **TODAY:** 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour; 11:00am Palm Sunday Service/Communion
- † **Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Easter Sunday/Communion

We say blessed and we can mean a couple good things: “worthy to be praised,” or God will give you good material possessions. So when Jesus says blessed are the meek... He is not saying that the meek will feel good about doing the right thing, he is saying the meek will receive material blessings (think nice house, etc.) When we say blessed here today we are saying that Jesus is worthy to be praised. Originally blessed meant “to bend one's knee”--an act of submission to another.

Hosanna is a cry for help but more than that. It was associated with savior hope. Hosanna is both a cry for help and a recognition that Jesus is the answer to our cry for help.

The word “Messiah” means “anointed one” which means God’s chosen one---To be anointed means that you have God’s favor. When we baptize children we are saying that the child has God’s favor on him or her

So Welcome! Palm Sunday occurs a week before Easter and highlights Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. His entrance mirrors an entrance that a new king would make upon entering a city to receive his throne. We know that Our Lord’s throne is the cross.

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**Congregation: And also with you**

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

**Congregation: Hosanna to the Son of David**

Pastor: He is our King

**Congregation: He is our Savior. He is our Messiah. He is the Messiah of the World.**

**Entrance Prayer:** Great and Mighty God, we have waited for our king. We have waited for our Messiah. We have waited for deliverance and salvation. Free us from our enemies. Free us from ourselves. Free us from the bondage of sin. We pray this in the Name of Jesus who came into your Holy City over two thousand years ago to die for us. **Amen.**

**Processional Gospel Luke 19:28-40** Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King 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?’ say, ‘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.”

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**Congregation: Hosanna in the Highest**

Prayer of the Day **Almighty Merciful God, we are quick to decide if we approve or disapprove of others but slow to simply accept. You show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. Thank You for showing us love and giving us Your Son. We pray this in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a** The Sovereign LORD has taught me what to say, so that I can strengthen the weary. Every morning he makes me eager to hear what he is going to teach me. The LORD has given me understanding, and I have not rebelled or turned away from him. I bared my back to those who beat me. I did not stop them when they insulted me, when they pulled out the hairs of my beard and spit in my face. But their insults cannot hurt me because the Sovereign LORD gives me help. I brace myself to endure them. I know that I will not be disgraced, for God is near, and he will prove me innocent. Does anyone dare bring charges against me? Let us go to court together! Let him bring his accusation! The Sovereign LORD himself defends me—who, then, can prove me guilty? All my accusers will disappear; they will vanish like moth-eaten cloth. The Word of the Lord: **“Thanks be to God”**

**Psalm 31:9-16 (GNT)**

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in trouble;

**my eyes are tired from so much crying; I am completely worn out.**

I am exhausted by sorrow, and weeping has shortened my life.

**I am weak from all my troubles; even my bones are wasting away.**

All my enemies, and especially my neighbors, treat me with contempt.

**Those who know me are afraid of me; when they see me in the street, they run away.**

Everyone has forgotten me, as though I were dead;

**I am like something thrown away.**

I hear many enemies whispering; terror is all around me.

**They are making plans against me, plotting to kill me.**

But my trust is in you, O LORD;

**you are my God.**

I am always in your care; save me from my enemies,

**from those who persecute me.**

Look on your servant with kindness;

**save me in your constant love.**

**The Second Reading is from Paul’s letter to the Philippians, the second chapter:**

The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had: He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God. Instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like a human being and appeared in human likeness. He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death—his death on the cross. For this reason God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name. And so, in honor of the name of Jesus all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees, and all

will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The Word of the Lord: **“Thanks be to God”**

\*Good News from God – John 17:1-19 (GNT)

## **The Good News of God from the Gospel of John the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter**

**\*Response before the Good News: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you. For you gave him authority over all people, so that he might give eternal life to all those you gave him. And eternal life means to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do. Father! Give me glory in your presence now, the same glory I had with you before the world was made. “I have made you known to those you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your word, and now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. I gave them the message that you gave me, and they received it; they know that it is true that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me. “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them. And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me. I protected them, and not one of them was lost, except the man who was bound to be lost—so that the scripture might come true. And now I am coming to you, and I say these things in the world so that they might have my joy in their hearts in all its fullness. I gave them your message, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world. Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; your word is truth. I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world. And for their sake I dedicate myself to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to you. Response after reading of the Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ.**