

Grow ... Go ... Gather
March 28, 2021



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(LCMS)

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Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

The Order of Service

Preservice Music, Call to Worship, and Welcome

(Please turn off your wifi and wear your mask at all times.)

The "Procession of Palms"



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.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

The Prayer of the Day:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Palm Sunday Gospel Lesson *Mark 11:1-11*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "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!"

And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

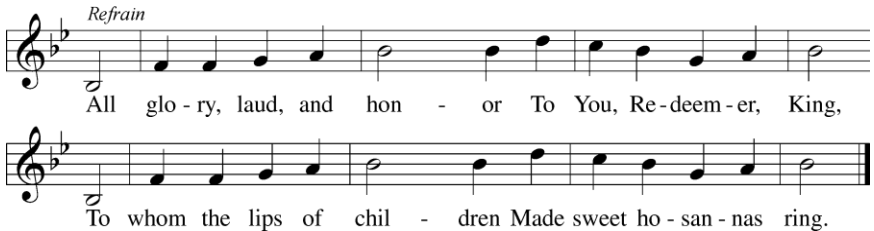
P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of the Lord.



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

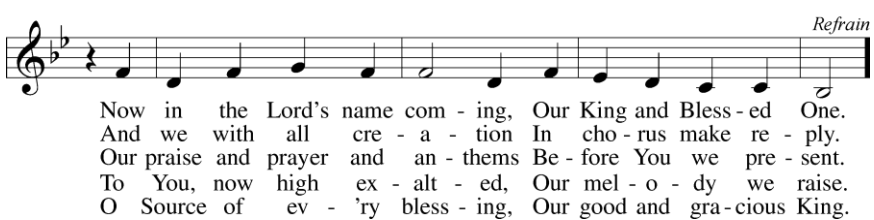
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem-er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

A Hymn: "Hosanna" by Carl Tuttle

Verse 1

Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest
Lord we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God
Hosanna in the highest

Verse 2

Glory glory Glory to the King of kings
Glory glory Glory to the King of kings

Lord we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God
Glory to the King of kings **(repeat verse 1)**

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The Old Testament Lesson: *Zechariah 9:9–12*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the
earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the
waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of
hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you
double.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



A Hymn: LSB 443, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd;
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state.
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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The Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 2:5–11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "Lord, I Need You" (Maher)

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me **(Chorus 1)**

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 15:1-47*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.
- G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify him." And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to

him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and

Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

A Hymn: LSB 441, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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A Sermon

The Hymn: LSB 444, "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
A - stride a colt He pass - es by
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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The Offering Prayer, the General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Benediction

P: May God in his infinite mercy grant you a journey of renewal and hope this Holy Week. May your Holy Week journey be a time of prayer and reflection on the Passion of our Savior and one of joyful anticipation of our Lord's resurrection. May you live and serve this week in remembrance of Christ's love. In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 430, "My Song is Love Unknown"



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worshippers will be ushered out. Please wait for the usher to come to your pew. If you leave by the front entrance, please use the middle aisle. If you leave by the back entrance, please use the outside aisles. Please make every effort to maintain proper social distancing as you leave the church building.

Please put your kneeler down before exiting the pew.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Events of the Week: March 28 – April 4

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
- Monday:** **NO Monday Worship**
- Wed:** 10:00 a.m. Darrell Pfannkuch's Bible Study in the church
Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor
- Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
(Choirs practice after worship)
- Friday:** 7:00 p.m. **GOOD FRIDAY**
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. **EASTER** Worship at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

**** Registration for Easter closed Wednesday, March 24****

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP March 21, 2021

General Fund	\$2,190.00
Plate Collection	240.00
Memorial (Sandy Harper)	100.00
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Total:	\$2,530.00

To **register for worship**, please go to **bit.ly/stjamesgr** and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.



Lutherans for Life of Michigan

is having a Life Leadership Summit at St. Paul Lutheran

Church in Fowler (near Lansing) on **Sunday, April 25th** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you want to attend, please **speak to Pastor Schaeffer before Easter Sunday** as he plans to attend. We should provide a head count to the organizers of the summit.



St. James has connected with Church Extension Fund and Kindrid to offer an on-line giving option. You will find it on our website, **stjamesgr.com** or go directly to stjamesgr.com/give.

We offer credit/debit and ACH payments at this time. You have the option of making this a reoccurring donation and also generously accepting the small transaction fee to maximize your giving power.

Today's Deacon: Jerry Talen
Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema



Those who serve Maundy Thursday:
Deacons: Bryan Ensing and John Weiss
Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

Those who serve Good Friday:

Deacon: Craig Popma
Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears



Those who serve EASTER:

Deacons: Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing
Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath
April Altar Guild: Deb, Kelsey and Lynelle Butler

Immanuel Lutheran Church will once again have the afternoon Good Friday Tre Ore, noon – 3:00 p.m. Pastor Schaeffer will preach at 2:05 p.m. highlighting the these words of Christ: “It is finished.” Our Savior Lutheran Church is offering the Tre Ore services as well.

WHERE CAN YOUR CHILDREN: experience Christian growth while swimming, canoeing, shooting archery, riding horses, and zip-lining? At Camp Concordia! Don't let your children miss the adventure, joy and wonder that a week at a Christian camp can bring. **Camp nurtures faith inside of kids!**

The week of June 13-18 has a special rate of \$300 for Grades 3-6! To read what parents have to say, please visit the camp's website at www.campconcordia.org or call the camp office for more information at 616-754-3785.

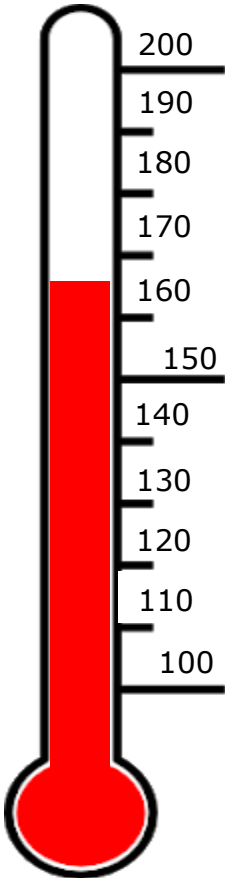


You Can Create A Season of Hope for Someone!

This Lent, we are putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

We will be assembling these kits at home during the five weeks of Lent. Here's what we need:

- ◆ 2 bars of **soap** (4-5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)
- ◆ 1 bath **towel** (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27"; 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size; dark color recommended)
- ◆ 1 **toothbrush** (Adult size, in original packaging)
- ◆ 1 sturdy **comb** (remove packaging)
- ◆ 1 **nail clipper** (metal, attached file optional/remove packaging)



**166
Kits
Received!**

Thanks to your generous support, we reached our goal and surpassed it! Kit donations will be collected through Easter. **Can we reach 200!!!**

**St. James Lutheran Church
Presents:**



*An EGGS-traordinary
Easter EGGS-perience*

**April 10, 2021 from 1-3 p.m.
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**This EGGS-tra Special Event will be a Basket
Full of Fun Including:**

**An EGGS-ceptional EGG Hunt, EGGS-citing
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**Register for your ticket to this FREE outdoor
event, as there will be staggered entry.**

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**B.Y.O.B. - Bring Your Own Basket
Please, don't forget to wear a mask!
Social distancing will be observed and hand sanitizer
provided!**

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help on the Saturday after Easter April 10th from 1-4. Volunteers will receive an information letter in the near future!

Everyone can get involved:

- **Pray** for families in our school and community to participate
- **Pray** for the event organizing committee
- **Donate** individually wrapped candy
- **Donate** plastic Easter eggs
- **Donate** fun Easter trinkets (i.e. cross necklaces, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, pencils, gel pens, play dough, skipping ropes)
- **Donate** money to help us purchase supplies
- **Donate** new or used “fat” watercolor markers
- **Volunteer** for the event
- **Volunteer** to do some prep work



ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH BY EASTER SUNDAY!
We welcome plastic eggs that are already filled!

thank you!

With Thanks from your Easter Outreach Committee!

Christina Shourds, Cindy McAuliffe, Marjie Weiss & Sandra Schaeffer

ISJ ACADEMY Preschool & Kindergarten

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 30, 6-8pm

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www.myChristianschool.com

or call the school office at
616-363-0505

Life Quote for Sunday, March 28:

"Good Friday shows us—in case there was any doubt before—that something is wrong with the world, something worth mourning deeply ... There will be a time when God wipes all of these tears from our eyes. We are not there yet, but we can surely take heart in the knowledge that God is close to the brokenhearted."

Derek Caldwell