



Lutheran Church & Christian School



6th Sunday in Lent
PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

Our focus during this Lenten season centers on the cross of Jesus, and the life-giving Words He spoke into our lives on Good Friday. It promises to be a meaningful journey, where, the image of the cross, just by its common usage in art, jewelry, and the like, can become devalued in the experience of the Christian. So can a lot of what we hear. However, as Jesus speaks His Word into our lives, our hope and faith is renewed for what lies ahead. From the cross itself, we hear again the seven lasting words of our Savior, finding in them forgiveness, life, and salvation. All to say, this Lenten season is more a step on the journey of faith than a stop, as we cast our vision to the empty tomb, and an eternity of joy with Jesus. Welcome in the Savior's name!

PRELUDE

Upon arrival, and with bulletin and palm in hand, the congregation is invited to gather in the Narthex to begin this morning's service.

WELCOME

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ✠ the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:1-11 (Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

LSB 350

1. Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see; anxiously we wait for Thee.
2. Enter now my waiting heart, glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne’er depart, though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine when Thou art my guest divine!
3. My Hosannas and my palms graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.
4. Hail! Hosanna, David’s Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.

APPROACHING THE WORD

Pastor: We are content, O Lord, to rest in Your loving hands.

Congregation: With Your hands, You have made us, O God.

Pastor: With the hands of a skilled carpenter, You dignify our labor, the work of our own hands.

Congregation: With Your hands spread wide in blessing, nailed to a tree, You saved us from the sin of our own.

Pastor: Your hands, O Lord, provide all that we need.

Congregation: Now, bear us up for worship, O Lord. Bear us for life!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in hand, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, 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.

Congregation: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 50:4-9* (Israel's sin and the Servant's obedience.)

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning He awakens;
He awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR SOLO: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" *Duet: Pauline Brusco & Carol Kay*
(Henry F. Lyte and John Goss)

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 2:5-11* (Christ's example of humility.)

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 emptied Himself, by 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CREEDAL RESPONSE *(From the Small Catechism)*

Pastor: What do you believe concerning Jesus Christ?

Congregation: 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence, He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: What does this mean?

Congregation: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & BLESSING

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447:19-21

For this and subsequent hymns please see PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.

SERMON “Hands!”

NOTES:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we mark the forty days of Lent with repentance and forgiveness, let us pray for the renewal of the Church and the restoration of the world to the life of God in Christ.

Silence for time of personal reflection.

Each petition concludes with the following response:

Congregation: Heavenly Father, open Your hands.

Additional petitions may be offered.

Pastor: Gracious Father, listen to the prayers that flow from our lips, and sustain us with the forgiveness won by Your Son’s Passion, death and resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.



PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

Sharing of God’s peace.

OFFERTORY “Jerusalem” (Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Tiarne Tranter © 2014
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1. Solo
2. See Him there upon the hill, hear the scorn and laughter.
Silent as a lamb He waits, praying to the Father.
See the King who made the sun and the moon and shining stars.
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down so that He could save them.
3. Solo
4. See the empty tomb today, death could not contain Him.
Once the Servant of the world, now in vict'ry reigning.
Lift your voices to the One who is seated on the throne;
See Him in the New Jerusalem; praise the One who saved us.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

EXHORTATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

See PowerPoint or back of the hymnal.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Lord Jesus, You Draw Near Us" [TUNE: *LSB 606*]

1. Lord Jesus, You draw near us in garb of human flesh,
An earthly form, to cheer us, to kindle faith afresh.
Your body for us broken on the accursed tree
Becomes a sacred token of glory yet to be.
2. Reach out to us, dear Savior, with hands that nail prints show.
Assure us of Your favor, and never let us go.
O Word-made-flesh forever, Your name shall be adored.
Oh, let us cherish ever, the hands of Christ, our Lord.
3. The hands of Christ, our Savior, reach down from heav'n above,
As we draw near each other with Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving, become, with one accord,
In all our daily living the Body of the Lord.



DISTRIBUTION

For those desiring to receive the LORD’S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.

At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “When I Behold Jesus Christ”

LSB 542

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, we thank You that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to hold fast Your Word in hearts which You have cleansed that thereby we may be made strong in faith and perfect in holiness, and be comforted in life and in death; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Congregation: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

LSB 444, St. 1, 3-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, my light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day
And make each moment yield new blessings on my way. Amen! ♪

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

Pastor: Redeemed and restored,
Congregation: We are rejoicing in Jesus.

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“For You!” (Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.)
“Finished!” (Friday, April 7, Noon & 7:00 p.m.)
“Alleluia” (Easter Sunday 6 & 10:30 a.m.)

Trinity Calendar for April 2—April 9, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study (" <i>Seven Last Words</i> ") and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion
Monday		
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study: " <i>Gospel of John</i> "
	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday	8:45 am	TCS Chapel
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: " <i>Book of Matthew</i> "
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Holy Communion
Friday	12:00 pm	Good Friday Worship (Noon)
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship (Evening)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: " <i>The Truth Project</i> "
Sunday	6:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service w/ Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Bible Study (No Sunday School)
	10:30 am	Easter Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE 3-26-23: 84

Families of the week: *The Rowe-Carroll, the Scadova, and the Schneider families*

Birthdays:

- 2 April—Isaiah League
- 5 April—Bob Hackerott
- 7 April—Cameron Brown
- 8 April—Jeremy Kelleher
- 8 April—Arlene Tompson

Anniversaries:

- 2 April—Bob & Liz Stoeckmann
- 4 April—Fred & Carolyn Ziegler



The flowers this morning are given by Jackie Hartman and also John Hartman, in memory of Jay Hartman.



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If you have any interest in any way in The PRC you may contact The Center by either phone, email or standard mail as above. A Donation box for needed items is in the Narthex.



There will be no Work Day on the 2nd Saturday of April as it is the day before Easter. Please continue working on your projects at home for collection later, and see you at the May Work Day, May 13, 2023 @ 9:00 am.

Trinity Christian School News

Hannaford Helps Schools! NOW THROUGH MAY 27, 2023

Do you shop at Hannaford? If so, please consider donating your Hannaford School Dollars to support Trinity Christian School! New this year is a downloadable App and an online Redemption Hub in addition to the School Dollars Tower you are used to seeing in the store, which makes it so much easier to donate. Flyers on the Narthex back table.



Trinity Christian School PTFA will be hosting a 5K run on June 3. To view the details and support the cause individually or corporately, there are copies on the Narthex Table. See Miriam if you need more. Thank you from the PTFA for considering supporting this cause, which helps to fund many purchases and events for the school, the teachers and the students.

Let us care for one another out of reverence for Christ.

"2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 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 emptied Himself, by 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."

Philippian 2:1-11

" " **A CANDLE LOSES
NOTHING BY LIGHTING
ANOTHER CANDLE.**

— JAMES KELLER

James Keller: American Clergyman (June 27, 1900-February 7, 1977)

