



Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016

9:00am

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Sunday, March 20, 2016
Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Entrance into the final days

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it."³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

C: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PROCESSION

A: Let us go forth in peace,
Amen.

C: in the name of Christ.

GATHERING HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ELW 344

PROCESSIONAL RESPONSE

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

A: ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

C: ¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

A: ¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

C: ¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot. R**

A: ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

C: ¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, “You | are my God.**

A: ¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

C: ¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

TIME FOR CHILDREN

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der
faith - ful - ness of God.

Repeat optional

P: The holy passion of our Lord according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lamb of God*

ELW 336

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope. *A brief silence.*

Be with all who wave palm branches and walk the road to the cross. For the mission of the gospel where your church is forgotten, for disciples wrestling with betrayal, for all who seek the

A: Lord, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: ...To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** And also with you.

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW 465

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

SHARING COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All baptized Christians who believe the words "This is my body given for you, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come forward to receive this gift of grace. Please wait for ushers to direct you to the front of the sanctuary. Communion by intinction means that when you come forward, bread will be placed in your hand. Then you will dip the bread in the cup and eat. The chalice with purple liquid is red wine and the chalice with yellow liquid is white grape juice. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. May these gifts keep you in eternal life.

COMMUNION HYMN *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* **ELW 337**

COMMUNION HYMN *Were You There* **ELW 353**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of ☐ Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane* **ELW 347**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Vicki Schuh
Lector ~ Sonja Christensen **Acolyte** ~ Erika Lund & Emma Nottestad
Greeter ~ Karen Hayes **Ushers** ~ Scott Zahn Family
Communion Set up and Take down ~ Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel
Communion Assistants ~ Ruth Bovre & Joy Graffin
Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit
Musician ~ Andrew Severson
Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Palm Sunday Brunch
Nursery ~ Nataliya Amundson **Church Lock-up** ~ Holly Loomis

Attendance Report for last Sunday, March 13, 2016: 84

Attendance Report Sunday, March 6, 2016: 109

Attendance of Sunday, February 28, 2016 : 109

Attendance for Sunday, February 21, 2016: 93

~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday.

Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested.

*Denotes new/changed request.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (*see calendar*)

-Prayers for the ministries of Lindsay Stolen.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-Sharon Jacobson -Diane Nelson -Christy Anderson
-Amie Broeniman -Emma Broeniman -June Lehr
-Ron Buser -Allison Moc -Johnnie Jacobson
-Julia Radloff -Griffin Clark -Dennis & Mary Hareid
-The grieving family of Hazel Tellefson as we express sympathy for their loss.

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For global refugee crisis.

-For the peace among all the nations of the world.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty, Eric Killen, Matthew Killen, Zach Hromatko, Joe Janness. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (*Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty that is not included in these prayers so they can be added.*)

~Announcements~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front of the ELW (cranberry hymnal), and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to 'come and eat.' Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.

Are you interested in membership with EKLC? If you are interested in becoming a member or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Brenda or Julie in the church office. Pastor Brenda would like to offer a membership class, but would like to know when to schedule it.

Devotionals available in narthex: April, May, June *Christ in Our Home* and *Portals of Prayer* Devotionals are available for you in the Church Narthex!! Also...Don't forget to pick up a Lenten Devotional!

Palm Sunday Brunch following worship today! Join us as we gather after worship in friendship hall today, we will have egg bakes and French toast soufflé, fruit salad and assorted pastries. Free will donations will be added to the Lenten Food Pantry collection. Hosted by the Confirmation families and the Education Committee.

Hospice items needed EKLC is assembling Global Health Ministry Hospice Kits and Newborn kits! These kits will be taken to the Synod Assembly. **Items still needed for the Hospice Kits are: bath towel (not longer than 48"), washcloth, band aids, Heavy duty rubber gloves (kitchen type, size medium) and Petroleum jelly.**

Lenten Food Pantry Focus: Through Lent, we are collecting monetary donations and nonperishable food donations for five local food pantries. Let's work together to help hungry families in our community!

Good Friday Community Cross Walk, March 25th. Community area churches come together for Good Friday Cross Walk. All are welcome. We begin at noon at Veteran's Park by Main St., Cambridge. We will gather and walk to 5 different locations within 2 blocks. Join us as we come together for this Holy Friday brief Worship Service and short walk.

EKL Youth Group (5th-12th grade) You're invited to a special viewing of a new Disney movie, "The Jungle Book" at Cinema Café on Sunday, April 17th. We will meet at EKLC at 11:30 (after Confirmation/Sunday School) and return to the church around 3pm. Sign up sheets are in the church narthex & Youth Room for youth attending and chaperones.

EKLC Cemetery Association This is a friendly reminder to please have all decorations removed from the Church Cemetery by April 1st. Thank you.

Family Focus is selling Butter Braids again, with orders due at the beginning of April (delivery mid-April). They are \$12 and come in the same variety of flavors. If interested, please talk to Ann Nottestad. Call (608) 575-4569 or email sajen_14@yahoo.com

Habitat for Humanity Stewardship is seeking donations for the Habitat for Humanity Summer Faith Build project! Donations can be enclosed in the special envelopes provided in your bulletin today. Extra envelopes will be available in the Narthex. Simply drop these envelopes in the offering plate or mail/drop them off at the church office. Please indicate on the check memo line that it is for the Habitat Home!

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Palm Sunday Brunch
- 10:15am Confirmation
- 1:30pm Skaalen Annual Meeting
- 2:00-3:00pm Visitation for Hazel Tellefson Family
- 3:00pm Funeral Service for Hazel Tellefson

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

- 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 10:00am Prayers for our people
- 10:30am-1:30pm Pastor's office hours
- 7:15pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

- 6:30pm Ecumenical Choir Practice at Grace Lutheran

Thursday, March 24, 2016 Maundy Thursday

- 9:00am Newsletter Assembly
- 9:00am Text Study
- 6:30pm Choir Practice
- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, March 25, 2016 Good Friday

- 12:00pm Community Cross Walk in Cambridge
- 7:00pm Good Friday Worship at Grace Lutheran

Sunday, March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday

- 6:30am Sunrise Worship at Upper Church
- 7:30am-8:30am Fellowship Coffee Hour
- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Easter Worship at Lower Church

Weekly Offerings Report			Weekly Offerings Report		
	100% Budget			100% Budget	
2/24/16 & 2/28/16 Offerings	February Budget	February Offerings	3/2/16 & 3/6/16 Offerings	March Budget	March Offerings-to-Date
\$ 2,129.82	\$ 13,639.49	\$ 11,210.07	\$ 2,314.00	\$ 17,686.20	\$ 2,314.00

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	100% Budget	
3/9/16 & 3/13/16 Offerings	March Budget	March Offerings-to-Date
\$ 4,595.00	\$ 17,686.20	\$ 6,909.00