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*"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"*

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT PALM SUNDAY

**Thank you for worshipping with us at Northdale Lutheran!** We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Here are a few suggestions to maximize your online worship experience:

- ❖ Participate! Stand, sit, read and sing where appropriate throughout the service.
- ❖ Remove distractions. Turn off your cell phone and remove other distractions from your worship area.
- ❖ Check In to Northdale Lutheran Church on Facebook. Let others know you have chosen to worship God through this turmoil.
- ❖ Check in with other members. Send a message to someone you would normally talk to at Church and see how they are coping. Social distancing doesn't mean we stop caring about other people.
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.

### WORSHIP THEME

Hail the King who humbly comes to save us!



# PASSION SUNDAY

## Introduction

The service of **Passion Sunday** reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms which were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,*” clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the Messianic King. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry, “*Crucify!*” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the Passion narrative sets before the people of God all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week—the most important week of the church year.



# CALL TO WORSHIP

M(inister): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C(ongregation): And also with you.**

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today, we 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 into Jerusalem 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!

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

## PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into his Holy City, grant that we may ever hail him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## **PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:1-11**

**M:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew chapter 21.

**C:** **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>“Say to Daughter Zion,

‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

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

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**M:** Let us go forth in peace,

**C:** **In the name of the Lord.**

## OPENING HYMN, CW #131, "ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR"



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,



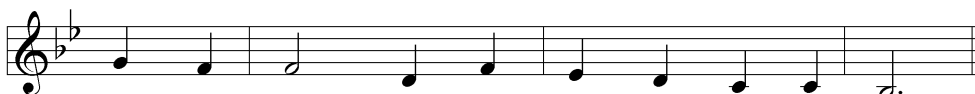
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael  
 san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels  
 san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews  
 san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion  
 san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,



And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the  
 Is prais - ing you on high, And we with  
 With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and  
 They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now  
 Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of



Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.  
 all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
 prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

*PLEASE STAND*

**M:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**C:** **Hosanna in the highest!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who sent Your Son to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in His patience and also have our portion in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen**

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD OF GOD



### **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW**

**HYMN, CW #98, "JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW" (vs. 1)**

**Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;  
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish  
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

## PART ONE: MATTHEW 26:1-35

### *The plot to kill Jesus and the celebration of the Passover*

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>5</sup>“But not during the festival,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

<sup>6</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

<sup>8</sup>When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. <sup>9</sup>“This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

<sup>10</sup>Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup>The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>18</sup>He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’ ” <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.



<sup>20</sup>When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup>And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup>They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>25</sup>Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

<sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup>When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

“ ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

<sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>33</sup>Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

<sup>34</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

<sup>35</sup>But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

**HYMN, CW #312, "LORD, JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED" (VS. 1)**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood,  
And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.**

**PART TWO: MATTHEW 26:36-56**

*Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane and Judas betrays Jesus*

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

<sup>39</sup>Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

<sup>40</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup>"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

<sup>42</sup>He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

<sup>43</sup>When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

<sup>45</sup>Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup>Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup>Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>52</sup> “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

<sup>55</sup>In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

**HYMN, CW #472, “RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY” (VS. 1)**

**Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;  
From your sleep awaken!  
Be not by the evil day  
Unawares o’ertaken.  
For the foe, Well we know,  
Is a harvest reaping  
While the saints are sleeping.**

## **PART THREE: MATTHEW 26:57-75**

*Jesus is under trial and Peter denies Jesus.*

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup>But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup>But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup>and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

<sup>62</sup>Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup> “You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

<sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup>and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

<sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

<sup>71</sup>Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>72</sup>He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

<sup>73</sup>After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

<sup>74</sup>Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

**HYMN, CW #117, “O DEAREST JESUS” (VS. 3)**

**Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;  
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,  
This I do merit.**

## **PART FOUR: MATTHEW 27:1-26**

*Jesus’ trial before Pilate*

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. <sup>2</sup>So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup>When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup>“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

<sup>5</sup>So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

<sup>6</sup>The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." <sup>7</sup>So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. <sup>8</sup>That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, <sup>10</sup>and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

<sup>11</sup>Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

<sup>12</sup>When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" <sup>14</sup>But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

<sup>15</sup>Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup>While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

<sup>20</sup>But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

<sup>21</sup>"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor.

"Barabbas," they answered.

<sup>22</sup>"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked.

They all answered, "Crucify him!"

<sup>23</sup>"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup>When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

<sup>25</sup>All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

<sup>26</sup>Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

**HYMN, CW #105, “O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED (vs. 1)**

**O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded,  
With thorns your only crown,  
O sacred head, no glory  
Now from your face does shine;  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call you mine.**

## **PART FIVE: MATTHEW 27:27-56**

*Jesus’ crucifixion and death.*

Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. <sup>30</sup>They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup>After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>33</sup>They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). <sup>34</sup>There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup>When they had crucified him,

they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the Jews.

<sup>38</sup>Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup>"He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

<sup>45</sup>From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup>About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

<sup>47</sup>When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

<sup>48</sup>Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup>The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

<sup>50</sup>And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup>and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup>They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

<sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

<sup>55</sup>Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.



**HYMN, CW #125, "WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS" (vs. 1 & 3)**

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Part Six: Matthew 27:57-66**

*Jesus' burial.*

<sup>57</sup>As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. <sup>59</sup>Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup>and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. <sup>63</sup>"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' <sup>64</sup>So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

<sup>65</sup>"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

**HYMN, CW #105, "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED" (VS. 5)**

**What language shall I borrow  
To thank you, dearest Friend,  
For this, your dying sorrow,  
Your pity without end?  
Oh, make me yours forever,  
And keep me strong and true;  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.**

**SERMON THEME:**

***Everything is Different!***



# THANKSGIVING

*PLEASE STAND*

## THE APOSTLES CREED

*(Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word.)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## OFFERING

*Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.*

*Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813)*

652-0408. 2). You can go to <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

If electronic giving isn't for you, you are invited to mail your offerings to the church.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth.

**C: We join the first Palm Sunday worshippers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior.**

M: Through you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

**C: Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**

M: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord.

**C: Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations.**

M: Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death and the devil.

**C: Move us to dedicate all that we are and have to your glory.**

M: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection.

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

**C:** Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.



HYMN, CW #130, "HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA"



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That



lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared  
 an - ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor  
 an - cient song we sing, For Christ is



court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them  
 palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and  
 our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our



rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close  
 loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode  
 King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With



fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their  
 on in low - ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle  
 heart and life and voice And in his roy - al



prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
 chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.  
 pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821–80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784, alt.

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### **FINAL PRAYER**

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

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# Announcements:

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Currently because of the precautions concerning COVID-19, starting this morning we will be conducting Sunday morning Bible Class online through Google Meet starting at 10:15. At 10:15, you can enter this address in your menu bar ([meet.google.com/ozg-oixf-pps](https://meet.google.com/ozg-oixf-pps)) and you will be able to join in our Bible Study. I will also send this out via email and it will be posted in the Daily Devotions on our Facebook page so you will be able to access it there. It will be a little different from normal, but we hope it will be a great way for us to study God's Word together despite having to keep our distance from one another.

**Camp South Registration Open:** Registration is now open for Camp South. Camp South is a youth camp for all students entering grades 4-9. Camp South will be held July 22-26 in Covington, GA. Registration is \$295 per attendee (before April 30) and \$320 (after April 30). You can register at [www.sadcamps.com](http://www.sadcamps.com).

**WELS International Youth Rally-Vision 20/20:** Because of the health crisis that is happening around the world, The WELS International Youth Rally for this summer had to be cancelled.

**Martin Luther College Matching Grant Program:** Martin Luther College, our WELS College of Ministry, has designed a program to help congregations support and encourage their young people to study for the pastoral or teaching ministry. The matching grant program will match up to \$1,000 given by a congregation for each student. So if the congregation can raise \$1,000, the student will receive another \$1,000 from MLC for a total of \$2,000 in aid. The Ministry Leadership Team authorized a drive to raise \$1,000 in support of Tabitha Vannieuwenhoven who is attending Martin Luther College. If you are interested in helping to support Tabitha as she studies to be a teacher, you can send your checks to the office mark them: MLC Congregational Match. There is also a category on our electronic giving so you can give that way. Thank you in advance for your support of this program. We at Northdale Lutheran have benefitted greatly from the pastors and teachers trained from Martin Luther College. This is a great way to support and encourage our own members to pursue this career.

**Luther Prep Gala:** Every year, Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI holds a Gala event in April. The main focus of the event is to support the mission of LPS! The support from this event is especially focused on tuition assistance and Project Timothy. Unfortunately, because of the current government mandates, this year's event will be held at via Livestream on Saturday, April 18 from 5:00 -9:00 pm. The good news about this is that everyone can be part of this event. After discussion at our last MLT meeting, our Leadership voted to support a table at this event at the \$600 level. Their reasoning was fourfold: 1) These young people are the next pastors and teachers in our church body and we have been blessed through the pastors and teachers who have served here; 2) we have 3 students from our church who have attended or are currently attending the school with more to come in the next few years; 3) we have benefitted from Project Timothy the past 3 years which has come at relatively no cost to our congregation; and 4) we significantly reduced our mission offering to the synod this year and this provides us a way to help offset that. The Leadership is asking 2 things from our congregation: 1) Will you consider donating to help cover this \$600 cost? You can label your checks or envelope: Luther Prep Gala; and 2) Consider participating in the Gala and auction. Everything will be online. When we have



the exact site for this, we'll pass it along. You can find more information about the Gala and the auction as [www.lps.wels.net](http://www.lps.wels.net). Look under Support LPS>Gala. If you have any questions, you can speak with Pastor Vann about them.

**Holy Week Worship:** Holy Week is upon us. This year our Holy Week celebration will be much different than ever before. After some consideration, our Ministry Leadership Team has decided to keep the same schedule as we normally would keep with all the worship being online. Obviously, with the restrictions on gathering together and the need for social distancing, we will not be holding our annual Easter breakfast. Here is our Holy Week Worship schedule so you can join us for this important worship:

**Maundy Thursday: April 9, 2020** Online Worship at 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday: April 10, 2020** Online Worship at 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday: April 12, 2020** Online Worship at 9:00 a.m.

## **Called Staff**

Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-4854

Principal Dane Mattes: 920-588-7599

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Joanne Mattes: 920-588-7596

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Amy Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-5025

## **This Week:**

Tuesday (4/7): 6:30pm - Bible Information Class  
Wednesday (4/8): 3:00pm - Online Catechism  
Thursday (4/9): 6:30pm - Online Maundy Thursday Worship  
Friday (4/10): 6:30pm - Online Good Friday Worship  
Sunday (4/12): 9:00am - Online Easter Sunday Worship  
10:15am – Online Bible Study

## **Serving Today**

Music: Amy Vannieuwenhoven  
Elder: David Mosakowski

## **Serving Next Week**

Music: Dane Mattes  
Elder: David Mosakowski

## **Financial Information**

Contributions for 3/29: \$1,560.00  
Online Contributions for 3/29: \$4,177.27  
Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08  
Contributions budgeted to date: \$172,500.12  
Contributions received to date: \$179,506.18  
Ahead or (Short) through 3/29/20: \$7,006.06

## **2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through February 29**

Total Income (Church and School): \$455,483.17  
Total Expenses (Church and School): \$395,094.84  
Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$60,388.33

## **Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program**

Goal to raise: \$1,000.00 by June 1  
This week: \$125.00  
Total Gifts received to date: \$687.50

## **Luther Prep Gala**

Goal to raise: \$600.00  
Gifts this past week: \$0  
Total gifts received to date: \$75.00

