

## TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Palm Sunday

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Today we celebrate "Palm Sunday." Palm Sunday's name stems from the palm branches Jesus' followers spread on His path as He entered Jerusalem for Holy Week. Jesus' humble entry on a beast of burden reflected His life of humility and foreshadowed His death. The praises sung by those welcoming Him offer a foretaste of His victory over sin and death. Palm Sunday puts both Christ's humility and glory on display. Truly, Jesus' cross leads to His crown.

Traditionally, on Palm Sunday the church received into membership candidates for baptism and confirmation. In today's epistle lesson, Paul certainly provides a basis for this practice when he writes, "*Your attitude should be the same as that of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" Then, Paul proceeds to outline the steps of Jesus' humiliation and exaltation.

Christians certainly follow in their Savior's footsteps. We follow Jesus to the cross where He paid for our sins and we continue to follow our Savior from the empty tomb proclaiming His victory for us over sin and death. May the Holy Spirit through word and sacrament keep us faithfully following Jesus' ultimate goal for us in heaven (Revelation 2:10).

Order of Worship: ELH Page 61, The Divine Service, *Rite Two*.

Hymns: 277 (1-5), 279, 280, 277 (6)

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10.* Zechariah gives new hope and encouragement to the people of Judah, who were discouraged after their captivity. He tells them of their coming Savior-King, who would appear in lowliness and humility to set up His kingdom of peace to the very "ends of the earth."

*Psalms of the Day: Psalm 24.* The Lord Almighty enters into Zion, and those whose sins have been washed away join together in celebration of His coming (*Supplement*).

*Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11.* Paul presents the humiliation of Jesus and His final glory. Jesus lowered Himself and became a servant as He performed His redemptive work. God exalted Him to the highest place and made Him our glorious King.

*Verse of the Day:* The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23, EHV)

*Gospel: Luke 19:28-40.* Luke pictures Jesus entering Jerusalem as Holy Week begins. Although riding on a donkey, Jesus enters the city as a king. We witness Jesus' glory is in His humility and suffering.

*Sermon Text: Luke 19:28-40*

*Theme - "Sing Praise To Our Savior-King"*

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: Zechariah penned his prophecy about 500 BC. What fact does he foretell about Palm Sunday, as indicated in the gospel?
- Epistle: Paul traces the steps of both Jesus' humiliation and exaltation. What does it mean that Jesus "humbled" Himself?
- Epistle: Where in these verses do we see the steps of Jesus' exaltation? What does it mean that "*God exalted him [Jesus] to the highest place?*"
- Gospel: Although before Jesus' crucifixion we confess that He was still in His state of humiliation, how does He show He still has use of His divine knowledge and power as the God-man?
- Gospel: How did the different groups of people respond to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem?

### Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

+ Confirmation class: 3:15-5:00 p.m. at the church on Monday.

+ Sunday school on Sunday mornings from 8-8:30 a.m.

+ Good Friday service on April at 12:00 p.m.

+ Easter Sunday service on April 17 at 8:45 a.m.

**Zechariah 9:9-10** – Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth. (EHV™)

**Philippians 2:5-11** – Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (EHV™)

**Luke 19:28-40** – After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone asks you,

‘Why are you untying it?’ you will say this: ‘The Lord needs it.’” Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” He replied, “I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out.” (EHV™)

\*Our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine are in need of our support. First and foremost, they need our prayers to God for peace, protection and security. There is also a very great need for humanitarian assistance as the war continues to destroy lives and property. The ELS Board for Christian Service has established the Ukraine Crisis fund to aid our brothers and sisters in the Ukrainian Lutheran Church and the Gift of Life program as well as other Ukrainians in need. To contribute to this fund, go to [els.org/donate](https://els.org/donate). Please use one of the “Other” options and enter “Ukraine Crisis Fund.” Or, checks may be sent to ELS Ukraine Crisis Fund, 6 Browns Ct., Mankato, MN 56001. Jesus bless us all with His saving grace!