

*[Fixing] our eyes on Jesus, the  
pioneer and perfecter of faith.  
For the joy set before him he  
endured the cross, scorning its  
shame. . .*

Hebrews 12:2

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**Palm Sunday**

**March 28, 2021**

## *Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes*

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

### *For Your Convenience. . .*

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

### *Prayer before worship*

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



# The Common Service

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*The Common Service" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church and became the service commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America.*

**OPENING HYMN: CW 363.....***The King of Glory Comes*

*PLEASE STAND*

## GREETING

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C:** Hosanna in the highest!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**M:** Like those Palm Sunday worshippers, we have come into the presence of God, to worship Jesus, our Savior and our King. But we have disobeyed God and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## ABSOLUTION

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

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

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: CW131**..... *All Glory Laud, And Honor*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and palm branches in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

## GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

### **FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12**

#### ***The Coming of Zion's King***

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim  
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;  
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** CW Psalm 24 (*page 73 in the front part of the hymnal*)

### **SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23 cf. NIV)

PLEASE STAND

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:23-29**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

***Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King***

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,


“Hosanna!”

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

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

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



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH—APOSTLES' CREED

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 217.....*The Head that Once Was Crowned*

## SERMON

SERMON RESPONSE: *Create in Me*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

**OFFERING** Offerings can be placed in the offering plate in the back of our sanctuary. They can also be mailed to our church office at **114 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031** or made on our website under the “Donate” tab at the top of the homepage or taken to Profinium Bank in Fairmont

**To our visitors:** Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God’s message both in this community and around the world. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We’re happy that you’re with us to hear about God’s love for you.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

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**HYMN: CW 133**.....*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

*PLEASE STAND*

M: Blessed Lord, you have give 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.

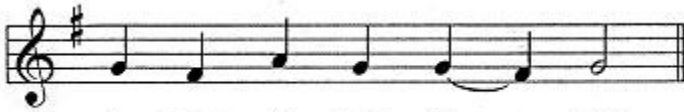


## THE BLESSING

**M:** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

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**CLOSING HYMN: CW 130vv1,3.....*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***