

John 12:13

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In today's Epistle (Phil 2:5–11) the apostle Paul manages to capture the mystery and majesty of this day in one simple sentence: "And being found in human form, Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (2:8). The humility of Jesus is also accented through the preaching of Zechariah in today's Old Testament Reading (Zech 9:9–12). There Zechariah looks ahead with joy to the coming of Zion's king: "Righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey" (9:9). We celebrate our coming King!

## The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

#### OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

As prophesied by Zechariah, Jesus humbly rode into Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. On that Palm Sunday the people repeatedly cried out, *Hosanna*, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Mark 11 records that both those that went before and those who followed after Jesus were chanting this sacred text. It was indeed a sacred text, for it was drawn from the most chanted Psalm of the Jews--Psalm 118. You may not find the word "Hosanna" in your English Bible, but at the beginning of verse 25, it is rightly translated as, "Save now." For each of us *Hosanna* -save now-happens uniquely when we believe and are baptized. Every time a person is brought forward for Baptism, the congregation is sincerely calling out, "Hosanna"--"save now." Finally at every Christian funeral, survivors are asking our Lord in faith, "Hosanna"--"save now." In Christ we are saved.

Bell Choir "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

# **Processional Hymn 442** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

- P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19b)
- **G** Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

  (1 John 1:8-9)
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
  (John 20:19-23)
- Amen.

**Adult Choir** "O Sing To the Lord"

**Choir:** O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

## **Congregation: REFRAIN**



Choir: The Lord has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness

in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness

to the house of Israel

All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

**Congregation: REFRAIN** 

**Choir:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Congregation: REFRAIN

**Choir:** Sing praises, sing praises,

sing praises to the Lord with the lyre

and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, with trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

**Congregation: REFRAIN** 

**Choir:** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the rivers clap their hands;

let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,

for He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

**Congregation: REFRAIN** 

Choir: For Him! For Him! For Him!

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** 

Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

- P Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
- **W**e bless You from the house of the LORD.
- P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
- that the King of glory may come in.
- **P** Who is this King of glory?
- **⚠** The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
- **1** that the King of glory may come in.
- **P** Who is this King of glory?
- The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
- **We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

**Kyrie** ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

LSB 156

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# **Old Testament Reading**

Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your King is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and He shall speak peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

- <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Gradual**

Hebrews 9:12b, 15a, c; Psalm 111:9a

- P Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,
- thus securing an eternal redemption.
- P Therefore He is the Mediator of a new covenant,
- so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
- P He sent redemption to His people;
- **•** He has commanded His covenant forever.

# **Epistle**

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# **Holy Gospel**

John 12:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm

trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

**Hvmn 685** "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

vs. 1-3

#### Sermon Text

Zechariah 9:9-10

Sermon "Peace to the Nations"

- 1. The King's way is not
- 2. He comes again now
- 3. We follow Him onto
- 4. We make our journey into battle amidst \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Hymn 441** "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

**Prayers** and blessing of the food gathered for Grace Food Pantry

→ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT →

Preface LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

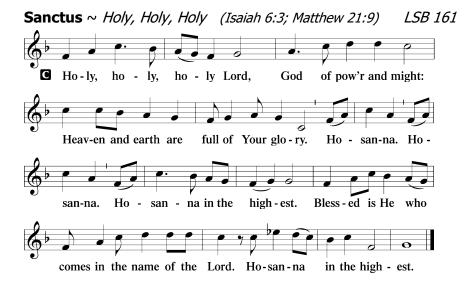


We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)



It is right to give Him thanks It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(Revelation 22:20)

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

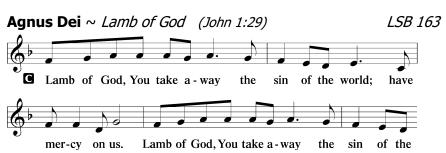
### **Lord's Prayer** (Matthew 6:9-13)

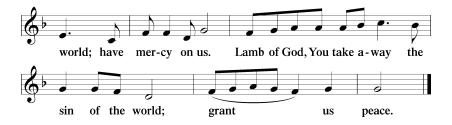
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord (John 20:19) LSB 163

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.







## Youth Choir "You Are My All in All"

 You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.
 Seeking You as a precious jewel Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

#### **Refrain:**

Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name.

 Taking my sin, my cross, my shame Rising up again I bless Your name. You are my all in all. When I fall down You pick me up. When I am dry You fill my cup. You are my all in all.

# **Refrain sung twice**

Worthy is Your name. Worthy is Your name.

**Hymn 628** "Your Table I Approach"

**Hymn 625** "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

**Hymn 619** "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

**Hymn 622** "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **Benediction** (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 166

P 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.



# Recessional Hymn 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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**Altar Flowers are given** by Wayne and Robin Spicher in honor of Carolyn & Bill Kline's 5<sup>th</sup> heavenly birthday, and for Beth Enders & Madison Youngman's earthly birthdays.

Bell Choir will rehearse immediately following the service today.

**Food purchased for the ingathering for Grace Food Pantry** should be returned to the table in the Narthex, **today**, Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

There are still copies of Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living magazines, for April-June, available in the tract rack in the Narthex.

**Please pray for the people of Haiti.** Satan is working overtime in Haiti. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering and we ask that you pray that they stay strong in the faith and that the Lord would surround them with His grace and protection.

## **Calendar of Events**

<b>TODAY ~ Palm Sunday ~March 24th, 2024</b>
Sunday School & Bible Classes
Worship Service with Communion
Bell Choir Practice After the Worship Service
No Adult Choir Practice
MON:
Parish Planning Council7:00 pm
TUES:
WED:
Men's Breakfast Bible Study6:30 am
Preschool/Day School Chapel
THURS:
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study9:30 am
Maundy Thursday Worship Service7:00 pm
FRI: ~ Spring Break Begins – No School ~
Good Friday Worship Service7:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY ~ Easter SundayMarch 31st, 2024
Easter Sonrise Service at the Cemetery Chapel7:00 am
Easter Breakfast – Bethany Room
Worship Service with Communion

# Groovy, Man! ~ SAVE THE DATE!

On May  $3^{rd}$  at 7:00 pm, the **school musical this year** is a 70s game show-"Tell Me the Truth".

If you would like to volunteer to help with the set, props, or costumes, please contact Jennifer Harman.

Bourbon Right to Life Banquet - This year the spring Right to Life banquet for Marshall County will be held at the Cornerstone @ Cedar Banquet Hall located at 9519 Cedar, Bourbon on Tuesday, April 30th. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner is 6:30 pm. Speaker will be Monica Kelsey, Founder of Safe Haven Baby Box. Tickets are \$ 25 each. Jim and Linda Tinkey are hosting a table and if you are interested please let them know. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the battle we face to support human life and show your support for the pro-life initiatives in North Central Indiana.

**Thank you from the Evangelism Committee** for your many donations for the Welcome Bags. We delivered 45 bags on March 11th to those who are new to our community. Our next delivery will be on July 15th. More info will be coming in the Epistle and bulletin as we get closer to July.

#### **Special Concerns:**

That we participate in Jesus' glory, daily dying to sin and receiving His forgiveness.

For Pastor Rafael & Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

For the Lord's guidance in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

We pray for all Christians suffering from trials and persecutions in this world. That their light would so shine before men to glorify Jesus.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The "Every Word of Bremen" organization is looking for volunteers to read the Bible to the Bremen community in early June. To begin planning, the window to volunteer opens soon. If interested in learning more, please speak with Avery Wildauer (Bremen HS student advocate) or Pastor Wonnacott. Additional details below:

"Join us at the pavilion in downtown Bremen as we publicly read the Bible together from Genesis to Revelation"

Dates: June 3-7, 2024 Times: 7:00 am - 10:00 pm Website: bibleforbremen.us

# YOUTH NEWS

Middle School (6th-8th Grades) Youth Lock In (April 12th-13th 7 pm-7am): Those Youth planning to attend must sign up on the Youth bulletin board before Spring Break begins on March 29th. We encourage St. Paul's Youth to invite friends; just confirm with a member of the Youth Board first. Parents of all attendees must sign a waiver that will be available at drop off. Please direct any questions to Andy Wildauer at.

Youth Service Events: April is National Volunteer Month and the Youth Board is planning various service events throughout the month. We are setting aside the following dates (with events and more information to be finalized soon):

Sunday, April 14th: Youth in Grades 4-8 - TBD

Sunday, April 21st: Youth in Grades 8-High School - Bremen

Community Ctr

Sunday, April 28th: Youth in Grades 8-High School - TBD

From the Church Office – Thank you to the dear brother or sister in Christ who blessed me with the beautiful daffodils on my desk. They brightened my week!

The LWML Meeting for April has been moved to April 22<sup>nd</sup>. More info coming soon.

**Reading on the meaning of "Hosanna (Save Now)"** on page two was an excerpt from the Indiana District LCMS Home page.

#### SCHOOL CORNER

**There are lots of spring activities coming up-** play practices for the musical May 3<sup>rd</sup>, a field trip to Smiley's Amusement Center for those who completed their Reading Challenge goals, last band concerts, a trip for the 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade to the State House, and more! Stay tuned for updates and continue to keep the students and staff in your prayers as we finish out the year. Spring Break is March 29th- April 5th.

**St. Paul's Preschool and Day School is now enrolling for 2024-25!** Our mission is to provide a solid education, with a Christian foundation and atmosphere for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship program. Online enrollment and inquiries are open on our website, <u>stpaulsbremen.church/school</u>. Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email <u>schools@stpaulsbremen.org</u>. We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours. **Please advertise for us; word-of-mouth is our best advertisement!** 

Our Fourth and Fifth Grade Classes are highlighted on the narthex bulletin board!

A new year of donating to the Lutheran SGO is underway! Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at <a href="www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate">www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate</a>. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW** electronic giving! Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a

big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

### Servants for Today's Worship March 24th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Bruce Augustine & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Gabriel Mejia Elder: Mike Gumz

Communion Assistant: Terry Miller

Crucifer: Scott Hundt

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

#### Servants for Next Sunday's Worship March 31st, 2024

#### Sonrise Service at the Cemetery Chapel

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Elder: Bill Rogers

# Easter Festival Service

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Mark Matejka & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Alexis Andrews Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Terry Miller

Tender: Jim Russell Crucifer: Todd Haug

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