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Ascension is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of
Jesus Christ and His victory over death

Palm Sunday



“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.” (Zechariah 9:9)

Setting from Worship Supplement, page 12, Service of Word and Sacrament, setting 2. The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) (hymns 1-660) is the red book. Worship Supplement (WS) (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book. (If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed.)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 24 (page 128 in TLH)

HYMN 41 (TLH) *“Wondrous King, All-Glorious”*

INVOCATION (page 12, WS)

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Glory to God In the Highest – *Gloria In Excelsis* Luke 2:14; Rev. 5:8-14

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high;
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (page 14, WS)

M: Let us pray ...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; the battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion *shall be* "from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth."

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – Psalm 67

M: God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us.

C: That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

M: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

M: For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth.

C: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

M: Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

C: God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ And it came to pass, when He came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, *that* He sent two of His disciples,

³⁰ saying, “Go into the village opposite *you*, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring *it here*.”

³¹ And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing *it?*’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went their way and found *it* just as He had said to them. ³³ But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of him.”

³⁵ Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. ³⁶ And as He went, *many* spread their clothes on the road. ³⁷ Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, ³⁸ saying: “Blessed *is* the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” ⁴⁰ But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

M: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Alleluia (sung) (page 14, WS)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written

that we may believe

that Jesus is the Christ,

the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Apostles' Creed (page 15, WS)

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 162 (TLH) *“Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty”*

SERMON: Matthew 27:27-31

WHAT KIND OF KING IS JESUS?!

1. Jesus is no earthly king

2. Jesus is our Heavenly King!

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. ²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹ When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

M: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

OFFERTORY (sung) (page 16, WS)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from Your presence.

Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 725 (WS) “*No Tramp Of Soldiers’ Marching Feet*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 17, WS)

**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.**

THE BENEDICTION (page 21, WS)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN 161 (TLH) “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*”

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WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the entryway.

TODAY our USHER is Glenn Libby. Immediately following our service our LADIES MEET, then we'll have LUNCH, then we'll have our CHURCH SPRING CLEANING.

THURSDAY: MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE: 7:30 PM.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 7:30 PM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our USHER is Greg Suwanski. Next Sunday is EASTER. We will have a BRUNCH immediately following our service. There will be a NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE at 3:00 PM, and a BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE at 4:00 PM.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS on SUNDAY, APRIL 23.

OUR VOTERS MEET on SUNDAY, APRIL 30.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday's attendance was 24; and our offering was \$974.00.

MISSION FESTIVAL: ILC professor Paul Naumann will be our guest speaker for our Mission Festival service on SUNDAY, JUNE 25. Professor Naumann will also speak to us about outreach during our Bible Study.

CLC NEWS: Becky McKenney of Fort Atkinson, WI, has returned the call to serve as the second teacher of St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA. Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has called member Mrs. Becky Buck to be 3-4 grade teacher for next year.

NOLTING FAREWELL: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, is having a farewell service and meal for Pastor Paul Nolting and his wife, Sara, on Sunday, May 14, at their 9:30 AM service. The Noltings will continue serving the Lord in congregations in Nebraska and South Dakota.

WITH THE LORD: Professor Emeritus Gordon Radtke entered eternal life on Thursday, April 6. Professor Radtke served

ILC for many years as a professor, and as one of its presidents. His victory service is today at 4:00 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.’”* (Revelation 14:13)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, the Day of Commandment (*Dies Mandati*), most properly refers to the example of service given us by our Lord and the directive to love as we have been loved (John 13:34). Yet we must not forget the command given in the words of our Lord to “do this in remembrance of Me.” This day, with its commemoration of the institution of the Lord’s Supper, is set off from the rest of Holy Week as a day of festive joy.

GOOD FRIDAY is the high point of Holy Week, but not of the Church Year – for we know that after Good Friday a day is coming when death will give way to life. If the commemoration of Good Friday was separated from Easter, we would remain in our sins, and thus the ultimate word of Good Friday would be “you are condemned.” Even as we stand at the foot of the cross and contemplate the price of our sin, we gather as children reconciled to God. In the services of Good Friday, the Church does not leave us in the darkness and the shadow of death but rather fills us with the certainty of victory over sin, death, and the devil, pointing us to the final victory that will be celebrated on Easter.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – EASTER Sunday is the oldest and highest of all Christian festivals – the festival of festivals, the feast of feasts! On this day, when Christ first stepped triumphantly from the ranks of the dead, all our waiting is declared to be a waiting that is already completed; Christ’s triumph makes all the waiting that follows in our lives of faith a building anchored on the foundation that was laid when He whom the builders rejected became the Cornerstone. “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

THE EASTER SEASON is a fifty-day-long season of joy extending from Easter to Pentecost. During this time, the Church celebrates the end of Christ’s struggles and proclaims His victory over death and the reception of the benefits of His life, death, and resurrection as gracious gifts of love and mercy for all those who believe in Him. This is the Church’s great season of joy! (from *Treasury Of Daily Prayer*)