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“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 146 (page 156 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 162 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty”

(the following is all spoken):

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: AND MY MOUTH SHALL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.

P: Hasten to deliver me, O God.

C: HASTEN TO HELP ME, O LORD.

ALL: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND SHALL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

– **Confession of Sins and Absolution for Sins** –

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father to give Him thanks for the great blessings that we have received at His hand, to praise Him, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary

for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

ALL: ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, WE HAVE STRAYED FROM

YOUR WAYS LIKE LOST SHEEP. WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE DEVICES AND DESIRES OF OUR HEARTS. WE HAVE OFFENDED AGAINST YOUR HOLY LAW. WE HAVE DONE THOSE THINGS WHICH WE SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE, AND WE HAVE NOT DONE THOSE THINGS WE SHOULD HAVE DONE. HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD! SPARE AND RESTORE US, ACCORDING TO THE PROMISES YOU HAVE DECLARED TO US IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. FOR HIS SAKE GRANT THAT WE MAY LIVE A GODLY, RIGHTEOUS, AND SOBER LIFE, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness for all of our sins, grace for repentance and newness of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be (held onto), ⁷ but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NIV, modified)

Responsive Reading of Psalm 24

L: The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: FOR HE HAS FOUNDED IT UPON THE SEAS, AND ESTABLISHED IT UPON THE WATERS.

L: Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

C: HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART, WHO HAS NOT LIFTED UP HIS SOUL TO AN IDOL, NOR SWORN DECEITFULLY.

L: He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

C: THIS IS JACOB, THE GENERATION OF THOSE WHO SEEK HIM, WHO SEEK YOUR FACE.

L: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

C: WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE.

L: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

C: WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.

SECOND LESSON: Luke 19:28-40 *rise*

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."

CONFESSION OF FAITH (from Luther's Large Catechism)

I believe that Jesus Christ, the true Son of God, is my Lord. The little word "Lord" simply means as much as Redeemer, that is, the One who rescued us from the devil to bring us to God, from death to bring us to life, from sin to bring us into righteousness, and now keeps us safe where He has brought us. The rest of the second article explains and underscores the manner and the means by which the redemption came about, that is, how much it cost Christ, what He underwent, and what He risked in order to regain us and bring us back under His rulership. We confess that in order to conquer sin He became man, conceived and born without sin of the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary, that He suffered, died and was buried in order to make satisfaction in my stead and pay what I owed, not with silver and gold, but with His own precious blood. All this He did in order to become my Lord. For He did none of this for Himself, nor did He need to. Then He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed rulership at the right hand of the Father. Thus the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and be under His feet until on the last day He will separate us completely from the wicked world and the devil, death and sin. The entire Gospel that we preach depends on our thorough grasp of this article. Upon it rests our entire salvation and joy, and it is so rich and inclusive that it will keep challenging our efforts to learn it.

HYMN 725 (Worship Supplement) "*No Tramp Of Soldiers' Marching Feet*"

SERMON: Zechariah 9:9-10

PEACE IN OUR HEAVENLY KING

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."

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 341 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Crown Him With Many Crowns*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 367 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*"

WELCOME, VISITORS! We're very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome.

Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our USHER is Greg Suwanski. In our BIBLE STUDY we're on Revelation 12:9.

NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB

CENTER SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE: 7:30 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 7:30 PM. (No North Aurora Care Center Bible study this week.)

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

NEXT SUNDAY is EASTER. Immediately following our service we will have an EASTER

EGG HUNT for the children, followed by a BRUNCH hosted by our men.

(Men, the SIGN UP SHEET is on the TABLE in the NARTHEX.) Our usher is Glenn Libby.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday's offering was \$802.00 (needed each week:

\$1,157.00); and our attendance was 19. Our General Fund

balance as of last Sunday was \$81.00. Our expenses are currently all paid.

WE HAVE A CHURCH WORK DAY on SUNDAY, MAY 19.

THE MARCH CLC FINANCIAL REPORT is in your MAILBOX.

CLC NEWS: St. John's Lutheran Church of Clarkston, WA, has requested a 2019 ILC teacher graduate to teach in its Valley Bible Academy. Mrs. Johanna (Ohlmann)

Michalek has accepted the call to serve as Director/Teacher of Small Wonders Preschool at Grace Lutheran Church of Valentine, NE.

"The place where you will most certainly find peace and joy of heart is none other than the Word of divine promise. Therefore he who in his sadness or evil conscience or in the peril of death runs in search of help to any place other than the promise of God, cannot do anything but perish.... Therefore if sin presses you, if death or hell or danger of any sort or a temptation of the devil distresses you, you must turn your eyes away from the evil that is afflicting you and direct yourself with all your might to the promises of God. For in them you find rest and peace and joy of soul which all hell is unable to take away from you." (Martin Luther)