



**THE STRUGGLE**  
**THE RETURN OF THE KING**

The Sixth Sunday in Lent  
Palm Sunday

# BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | York, Nebraska

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*March 21, 2021*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assisted devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything please ask one of our ushers

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## SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

### *Communion*

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Scripture tells us that we need to examine ourselves before we receive the Lord's Supper so that we do not take it in a harmful manner. (1 Cor. 11:27-29) For help in preparation see page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

**Visitors:** Because we do not want you to receive the Lord's Supper in a harmful manner we ask that you do not come forward for the Lord's Supper today if you are not members of a WELS or ELS church. The pastor will be happy to share with you the Biblical basis for this practice.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Worship Leader**  
**Pianist**

Pastor Mark A. Haefner

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# THE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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*A version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church*

## OPENING HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna | 130*

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of saints and angels Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on his bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n, our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise him With heart and life and voice  
And in his royal presence Eternally rejoice.

## INVOCATION

*please stand, if able*

**M** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION

**M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

## **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.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**M** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

- M** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

- M** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[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 branches of palms 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.

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# The Word

## FIRST LESSON

*Zechariah 9:9,10*

<sup>9</sup>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.  
<sup>10</sup>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)

**M** The word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

*Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed,<sup>c</sup> <sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (EHV)

**M** The word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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<sup>c</sup> Or *something to be used for his own advantage, or something to cling to*

**M** The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing You are worthy to receive;  
Loudest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.  
Help, O bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits; Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

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## GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

*please stand, if able*

**M** The Gospel according to Mark chapter 11.

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.' "

<sup>4</sup>They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup>The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

<sup>7</sup>They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out, Hosanna!<sup>b</sup>

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! (EHV)



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

*be seated*

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<sup>b</sup> *Hosanna* means *save us or help us, we pray*.



1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue your road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see th' approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

**SERMON**

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's  
and everything that fills it,  
the world and all who live in it,  
<sup>2</sup>because he founded it on the seas,  
and he established it on the rivers.  
<sup>3</sup>Who may go up to the mountain of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
whose soul is not set on what is false,  
who does not swear deceitfully.

<sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God who saves him.  
<sup>6</sup>Such are the people of Jacob who look for the LORD,  
who seek your face.  
<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, you gates.  
Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors,  
and the King of Glory will come in.  
<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of Glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.  
<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, you gates.  
Lift up, you ancient doors,  
and the King of Glory will come in.  
<sup>10</sup>Who is he, this King of Glory?  
The LORD of Armies—he is the King of Glory.

*please stand, if able*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*be seated*

**OFFERING** *Please place your offering in the plate in the entry.*

*1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**[M]** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**[C] Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**[M]** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**[C] Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

☒ Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

☒ Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we join in praying.

## 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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## *The Sacrament*

*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Co 11:28-29 (NIV1984)*

**M** The Lord be with you.



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



**M** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



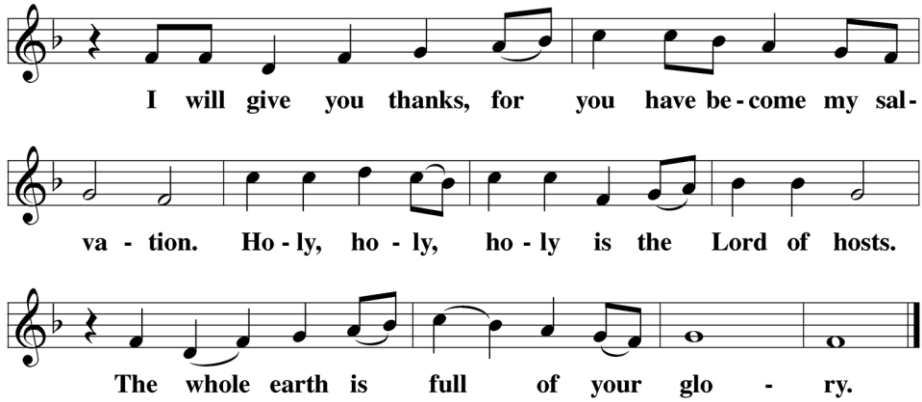
**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

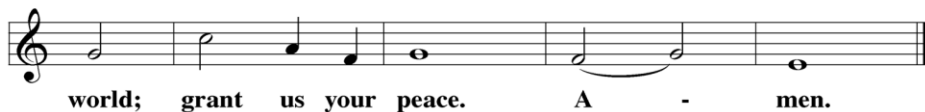


C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* | 315

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.
- 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
Another arm but yours to lean upon.  
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in your might, your might alone.
- 4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.
- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear.  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.  
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,  
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

## THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER

☒ Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



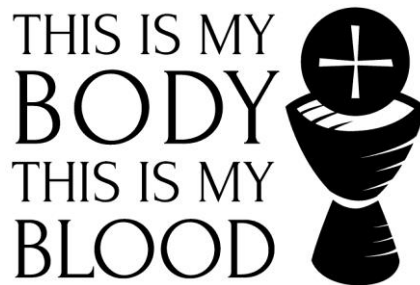
C: A - men.





## Communion Procedure

- Elders usher communicants into the center aisle, single file, 6ft. apart
- Communicants approach the Pastor who will be in the center aisle in front of the altar, one by one.
- Communicants receive and eat the bread, then receive and drink the wine from the Pastor who speaks the words "This is Christ's body given for you," "this is Christ's blood shed for you."
- After receiving the bread and wine together with the body and blood, communicants return to their seats, either to the right or left according to the side they came from. Empty cups are placed in the baskets as usual.
- After all have communed, the pastor speaks the words of dismissal and the Nunc Dimittis is sung.



## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** 10:30 AM Worship with Communion  
Elders Meet

**Thursday:** 6:30 PM Joint Worship at Grace with communion

**Friday:** 6:30 PM Joint Worship at Bethel with communion

### **Easter Sunday**

9:30 AM Breakfast  
10:30 AM Worship

There will be an Easter breakfast supplied by the Bethel Women's Guild. If you have questions or want to help speak with Judy Remmers.

Thanks to all who helped with the Easter invitation cards, the Youth Education Fair, and door hangers! May God bless all the invitations that have been extended.

If you want to provide flowers for the altar for Easter Sunday, please have them at church by Good Friday.

The next voters meeting is scheduled for April 11 after church. Work needs to begin on the proposed budget and nominations for officers and committee members. If you are interested in serving on the Church Council or Elders (male communicants), or on one of the committees (Education, Evangelism, Trustees- any member) let us know.

In our prayers:



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