



**April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday**

### **As We Gather**

On this Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. There He was welcomed by worshipers who had paved His pathway both with palm branches and articles of their clothing, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." And we continue with the sermon series for the Sundays during Lent entitled, "Words from the Upper Room". Our theme for today is: "Fortified with Courage".

### **Welcome**

**Hymn:** LSB 442 "All Glory, Laud, And Honor "

### **Invocation:**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

### **Opening Sentences**

**Pastor:** Hosanna!

**People:** **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**Pastor:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People:** **Hosanna in the highest!**

### **Prayer**

**All:** Lord God, our Father, as on Palm Sunday a multitude of people welcomed our Savior by casting their garments before Him, so enable us in this hour of worship to honor and praise Him; to learn of Him and His passion; and to receive inspiration and power from His Word; so that, in a spirit of humility and sincerity, every knee may bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; to the honor and glory of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins to our gracious and merciful God.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession.)*

**People:** Gracious Lord, we confess that we are born sinful and both by nature and choice have turned away from You. We have enthroned self-interest and pride as our kings, and they have ruled us as tyrants. We have failed to acknowledge Your rightful lordship in our lives and in our society. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit turn our hearts this day to worship and follow Jesus, the one true King.

**Pastor:** The King has won your freedom. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Litany for Palm Sunday

Pastor: O Christ, our Lord, this is the week You rode humbly into the city of Jerusalem.

**People: Make us ready to humble ourselves in our dealings with other people.**

Pastor: This is the week You cleared the temple of greedy and dishonest men.

**People: Give us courage, O Lord, to always uphold what is honest and just.**

Pastor: This is the week You washed the disciples feet.

**People: O Lord, may Your example cause us to be ready and willing servants.**

Pastor: This is the week You instituted the Lord's Supper.

**People: O Christ, may we always remember You and Your redemptive work in our behalf.**

Pastor: This is the week You carried Your cross to Calvary. This is the week You died for all men everywhere.

**People: O crucified and risen Lord, help us to realize that because of this great week in Your life, salvation is now ours through faith in You; and fill us with joy as we sing:**

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sing;  
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.  
"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With Heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, Your Son, Jesus, is the King of righteousness and salvation, yet on this day He rode into Jerusalem humbly on the back of a donkey. Grant that we may behold in the cloak of His humility the glory of His divine majesty; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10 (*Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is foretold by Zechariah.*)

<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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11 (*Paul urges us to have the same mindset as Jesus.*)

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> 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 acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 19: 28-40 (*Luke's account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the nineteenth chapter.  
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" <sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn:** LSB 527 "O Savior Precious Savior"

**Sermon:** John 16:5-7 Fortified with Courage"

### **The Apostles Creed**

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

### **Offerings**

### **Prayers of the Church**

Pastor: As people redeemed by the King who entered Jerusalem on a donkey so that He could leave carrying a cross, let us pray:

Heavenly Father, as Your Son humbled Himself for our salvation, give to each of us and to every member of Your Church a confident faith in Christ's Passion for us, so that during this Holy Week and throughout our lives we would humbly entrust ourselves and all those whom You place in our lives to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Your Son promised that when He was lifted up, He would draw all people to Himself. Turn unbelievers from their false gods to You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. Give wisdom to our congregation as we serve as Your ambassadors in this community and guide us in our efforts to meet needs and make a difference in people's lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, in love for us Your Son became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Teach us to look to You in every temptation so that drawing strength from You, we may resist Satan and our own sinful desires, stand up against the forces of evil and live faithfully as Your redeemed people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, come to the rescue of all who are sick, injured, or dealing with various health issues [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Help them, heal them, comfort them and encourage them in the way that You know to be best for each of them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*(Any special petitions will be included here.)*

Pastor: Into Your gracious care, heavenly Father, we place ourselves and everyone for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

**Hymn: LSB 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

### **Closing Prayer**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, during this Holy Week, You call Your people from around the world to follow You through Your Passion, death and resurrection. Bless all the special services this week and all those who provide special music, who read Your Holy Scriptures, who proclaim Your suffering, death and resurrection, who come to worship. Grant that Your flock will be well fed and Your glory revealed to people throughout the world. This we ask for Jesus' sake.

**People: Amen.**

### **Benediction**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

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

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**Church  
News**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of April 13, 2025**

**Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO**

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**Family for the Week:     Garrett Dean**  
**Zion, Prairie City, MO**

**Prayers of Peace and Comfort**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

**Prayers for Health and Healing:**

**Teresa (Teri) Ediger – (Prayers for health and healing for surgery on Good Friday)**

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**Complete Prayer List:**

**Temporary**

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)  
Bob Brents – (health and healing)  
Treaasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Roger Harris – (Wendy's Dad – health and healing from flu)  
Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Deborah Knotts – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)  
Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing from flu)  
Alissa Loveland – (Bob & Rachel Sanford's daughter healing-accident)

Tabitha Packwood – (health & healing)  
Steve Parker – (friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing surgery)  
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)  
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)  
Robert Sick – (Ardella Frerich's granddaughter's husband)  
Bill Thompson – (health and healing)  
Bryan Velasco – (friend of Bernie Thomas – health and healing)  
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend)

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**Long Term**

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)  
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)  
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)  
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)  
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)  
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)  
Jane Goodman – (health & healing)  
Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)  
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)  
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing from cancer)

Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)  
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe –health & healing, cancer)  
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health & healing, cancer)  
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother – health)  
Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)  
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Gary Lampe – (Pastor's brother – health and healing)  
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)  
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)  
Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson healing)  
Barbara Jean Wilson –Friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

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**THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Women's Bible Study in Freistatt – 1:30 pm</b> <b>St. John's Holy Week services at 12:15 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Apr. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. John's Holy Week services at 12:15 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Apr. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b> <b>St. John's Holy Week services at 12:15 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Apr. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b> <b>Maundy Thursday Service with Communion -</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>

Friday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday Service 6:30 pm
Saturday	Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bauer Family Reunion - 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	EASTER 8:45 am – Easter Breakfast 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study in Freistatt – 1:30 pm

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**Birthdays:** Joan Myers-Apr. 17; Tabitha Packwood-Apr. 18  
**Anniversaries:** None

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**April**

**Greeters**

**04/13: Emily Ernest & Sue Doss**  
04/20: Bill and Joanne Michel  
04/27: Charlie and Edee Chambers

**Ushers**

**04/13: Rob Springer**  
04/20: Charlie Chambers  
04/27: David Lampe

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**Portals of Prayer** for April-June are now available.

**New Member Church Directory:** We will be printing a new church directory in April. We will have a proof sheet for review of information. Please review the sheet and make any corrections as needed. You may also text me at 417-489-0413 or email changes to [chambers120@gmail.com](mailto:chambers120@gmail.com). Also, if you want a new picture, txt or email a selfie that you wish to include in the directory.

**St. John's Monett special Holy Week services:** The members of Grace are invited to attend special Holy Week services at St. Johns, Monett, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 12:15 pm. Each service will center around the reading of the passion Story from one of the Gospels.

**The LWML Spring Gathering will be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at Stockton, Missouri.** Registration begins at 2:30 pm. The gathering begins at 3:00 p.m. Additional information is on the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, ask Edith.

**Assignment of new pastor calls by Synod will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>.** The service will be broadcast and you will be able to watch on line, Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p m. <https://Cal.edu/live>  
You might want to check in early and get your phone or computer setup before the service.