

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017 | Pastor Matthew Ude | Organist: Barry Hay

Pre-Service Personal Devotion

PSALM 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter. I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Service of the Word

Hymn 725 No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet

INVOCATION

- p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- c 🖪 A-men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- p Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true
 heart and confess our sins to God the Father, asking
 Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant
 us forgiveness.
- all Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

p 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.

🞜 A-men.

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Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Let us pray. Holy Father who sent Your Son in the humility of the form of a servant in order to be our King, call us through Your word to follow you in humility and lowliness, giving glory only to you; through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, forevermore.

c 🖪 A-men.

THE WORD

Isaiah 50:4-9a "The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me?

Philippians 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 12:12-19 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" 14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. 17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

- p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!
- c 「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

all 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 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

SERMON

John 11:17-27, 38-53 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard

Me. "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. "If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation." And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, 50 "nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

THE LORD PREPARES ALL THINGS THAT WE MAY HAVE LIFE

Pastor Matthew Ude

This text is all about preparation. The Lord brings the Jewish leaders to the final decision to crucify him. The Lord prepares the crowds for Palm Sunday. Most importantly the Lord prepares his disciples for death and life.

He prepares them for His coming death and resurrection with a threefold lesson about faith.

- 1. The Glory of God is found in the cross.
- 2. Faith will wait on the word of God.
- 3. The end result of the faith that waits is life.

c F Create in me a clean heart, O God. 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 me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn CW 131 All Glory Laud and Honor

Refrain: (sung before each verse)

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one.

2. The company of angels is praising you on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

4. To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted our melody we raise.

5. As you received their praises, accept the prayer we bring, O source of every blessing, our good and gracious King.

Offering and Offering Hymn: 441 vs. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be
 All that we have is Thine alone, A trust,
 O Lord, from Thee.

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PRAYERS AND THE 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.

THE BENEDICTION

- 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 🖪 A-men A-men A-men.

Hymn 161 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CALENDAR:

Today 4/9 Palm Sunday

9 am Worship Service 10 am Sunday School Voter's Meeting Choir Practice

Monday 4/10

6 pm Basketball in the Gym

 Tuesday
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 7 pm
 Elders' Meeting

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7:30pm Council Meeting

Thursday 4/13 7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 4/14 1:30pm Good Friday Service

Sunday 4/16

Resurrection Day 7am Sun Rise Service 8am Easter Potluck breakfast 9 am Worship Service

Envelope Committee

This Week:

Team #4: Wayne Draeger, David Draeger

April 16th:

Team #5: Archie Quade, Gary Quade

April Ushers:

Sundays, Maunday Thursday, and Early Easter Service: Gary Brown, Russ Brown, Jim Hanneman, Jacob Kearns

April 5th, Good Friday, Late Easter Service, and April 24th: Martin Hansen, Randy Strelow, Dave Schwandt, Evan Schwandt

Fruits of Faith April 2nd

Attendance:	102
Wednesday	44
General Fund:	\$3961
Mission Fund:	\$750

\$5 to School Fund in memory of Elaine Bernhagen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Guests and Visitors

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today and return to worship with us often.

Easter Breakfast

Next Sunday is Easter. We will be having an early morning service at 7am and a normal service at 9am with Easter breakfast in between. No Sunday School of Bible Class. The breakfast is potluck. Everyone bring a dish to pass around. If you can't bring a dish for some reason that's ok we want you to join us anyway.

Ann Sprengeler

Ann Sprengeler returned the call to Cheyenne, Wyoming

Arise and Shine Retreat

Registration for the 2017 Arise and Shine Retreat is now open! Please visit our website at www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com to register and to find more details about this year's retreat. Below is a sneak peak of what awaits you at Camp Jim this summer!

Dates: June 15th-18th (Thursday through Sunday)

Location: Camp JIM, Pillager, MN

Who: Anyone in their 20's or 30's (or close to it...we don't check IDs!)

Cost: \$140 for ages 12 and up/\$100 for 12 and under. Child care will be provided.

Faith Alive

A faith alive has a meeting scheduled for April 23 to:

1. Finish the bulletin board if it hasn't been finished yet

2. Begin planning on a float for the parade.

We were thinking of making the float match the VBS lessons for the summer. The VBS theme is "All Power in Heaven and Earth." The lessons will be 1) Stilling of the storm/Power to Protect 2) Feeding of the 5,000/Power to Provide 3) Healing of the blind man/Power to Heal 4) Raising of Lazarus/Power over Death 5) Curing of the Demoniac/ Power over Satan. Bring ideas to the meeting.

Highlights from the School Board Meeting

The school fund has a balance of \$2,302.25

Upcoming expenses include: 2017-2018 school year textbooks, Bible History Curriculum for K-2, and Sunday School Curriculum

Preschool Preview for those entering Preschool - April 24th

Kindergarten Round-up - April 28th

Confirmation Sunday will be May 21st

VBS will be July 24th - 28th, the VBS theme is "All Power in Heaven and on Earth"

The school board is recommending that the voters call a third full time teacher/ principal to teach the middle grades

School Cleaning

Help is needed for weekly school cleanings. The church pays \$10 per hour and it takes one person about 5 to 6 hours per week. If you are interested in helping out even if it is only one week a month, contact Marsha Brown @ (920) 570-1076

CALL NEWS

Miss Becky McKenney, Fort Atkinson WI, has returned the call to serve as the second teacher of St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View CA.

Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has called member Mrs. Becky Buck to be 3-4 grade teacher for next year.



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Thank you for worshipping with us today. We pray the message of our Savior's suffering; death and resurrection will lead you to see by the Spirit, that Jesus is the only way to salvation and eternal life.

Please come and worship the Savior with us again and sign our guest register as you leave today!

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