

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

Sunday, April 14, 2019: Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday

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INTRODUCTION

The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

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

ALL: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, ... Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

P: Reading from the Gospel of Luke, the 19th chapter:
When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they

were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that 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 heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered into the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

ALL: In the name of the Lord.

GATHERING SONG *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (ELW 344)

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens –
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not
be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them
confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is
consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are
consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they
avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all
around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to
take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my
enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14--23:56

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Borning Cry* (ELW 732)

PRESENTATION (ELW p. 227)

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Winston Edwin Goldberg baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Winston to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,
bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten

Commandments,

place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,
so that *he* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *him* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Winston and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 229)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (ELW p. 230)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God...

Amen.

BAPTISM (ELW p. 230)

Winston, I baptize you in the name of the Father,*
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Winston* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Winston, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME (ELW p. 231)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Create in Me* (Hymn 186)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition of the prayer will end: Hear us, O God,
Please respond with: **Your Mercy is great.** [At ending: **Amen.**]

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Were You There* (ELW 353)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME TO THOSE VISITING



If you're visiting, we're glad you chose to worship with us. Please sign our guestbook in the narthex. Times for services rotate monthly between East & West churches.

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE



WEST: has early service at 9:00 am

BOTH: 10:00 am West JAM / East SS & TLC

EAST: has late service at 11:00 am

Apr. 18 - Maundy Thursday at EAST at 7pm

Apr. 19 - Good Friday service at WEST at 7pm

Apr. 21 - 7am Sunrise service at East ... 9am Easter service at West

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Acolytes: Kale R. & Landon B. (Apr. 14)

Altar Guild: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

April: Sonya Mansfield & Darlene Myhre

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN HOUSE birthday celebration for Bernice Giesler's 100th birthday at Field Crest tomorrow, April 15, from 1:30-3:00 pm (*her actual birthday*). Bernice is originally from West and taught in Hayfield Elementary for almost 50 years, so many of you may know her. NOTE: Still happening despite recent weather!

If you wish to donate Easter lilies at church...



“in-memory of” a loved one... please inform Gina Moser, by tomorrow at the very latest, if you want them to be listed in the Easter bulletin. *Please drop-off lilies at your church the day before Easter.*

ONE EASTER SERVICE at each church this year: East will have the Sunrise service at 7:00 am (no breakfast), and West service will be at 9:00 am.

HELPING U.S. Flood & Tornado Victims: Join Thrivent in assisting victims of the devastating Midwest flooding (in the Midwest), and of the recent tornadoes that ripped through the South: Info sheets on how to donate are at back of church. *Please pray for all of those affected.*

EAST SPRING DINNER will be April 28 and you're invited! Meal by Circle 4. Serving: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, garlic bread and bars. Cost: \$9-adults, \$4 kids years to 10 years old, and free for kids under 4 years old.

Contributions

(Lent 04/03) Current \$130 and Benevolence \$219.
(04/07): Current \$2,301 and SG Window \$10.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

04/14	<u>PALM SUNDAY</u>
9:00 am	West Worship- <u>No</u> communion (JAM sings)
10:00 am	East SS & TLC West Easter Egg Hunt put on by LL East coffee (by Quilter Group)
11:00 am	East Worship- <u>No</u> communion
Mon.	9:00 am-Noon Pastor Paul at office Noon <u>Deadline to submit Easter lily donation info</u>
Tue.	10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Wed.	----- <u>NO</u> classes for confirmation

Thur.	9:00 am-Noon Pastor Paul at office 1:30 pm West WELCA hosts Field Crest birthday party (supply birthday cake or cupcakes) 7:00 pm BOTH at EAST - <u>Maundy Thursday service</u>
Fri.	----- Pastor Paul's day off-work 7:00 pm BOTH at WEST - <u>Good Friday service</u>
Sat.	Noon <u>Deadline</u> to submit reports/info for May newsletter
04/21	<u>EASTER DAY!</u> <i>Everyone is welcome to attend at either church:</i> 7:00 am Easter Worship & Communion at East - this will be the Sunrise service (<u>No breakfast</u>) 9:00 am Easter Worship & Communion at West

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- Apr. 23 (Tue.):**
 - 10:00 am Circle 4 Bible study
 - Noon Circle 4 meeting/then quilting
- Apr. 24 (Wed.):** BOTH Confirmation at EAST
- Apr. 25 (Thur.):** 6-8:00 pm West women's craft night at Larsen's "Look Within" pottery studio, \$10 for those making pottery (*bring snack/beverage*)
- Apr. 28 (Sun.):**
 - No communion at West
 - **EAST SPRING DINNER** by Circle 4 (*see announcement for more details*)
- Apr. 30 (Tue.):**
 - NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY at office (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, and 10:00-collate)
 - 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

LOCAL & SYNOD EVENTS

****See bulletin boards for any posters about these events****

During April: Church Basement Ladies play in Mantorville. See bulletin board for dates/times/cost (NO show on Easter Sunday)

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Jenny Schwanke's adopted son, Royce; Ashley (Pyfferoen) Hunzeker, Sylvia Torstenson, Dawn Otteson (*friend of Distad's*), Sharon Peterson, Dean Andreason, Paula Ferdinandt-Rud, Emily Nagel (*girlfriend of Schultz's grandson*), Braxton Raymond (*nephew of Shannon Meier*), Maryann Schultz, Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Sharon Boelter, Dale Boelter, Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*). **West Prayers:** Sylvia Torstenson, Dennis Waskosky (*father of Karen Hanson*), Russ Skov, Kelly Keckhafer, Ardean Bjornson, Boyd Pew, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Robert Beaver, Danny Linbo, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson and Julie Boyum*).

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VISITS FOR OUR MEMBERS

If you know of anyone who may like a call or visit from the pastor or another member, please contact an East deacon:

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Glenda Mueller: 696-5753.