

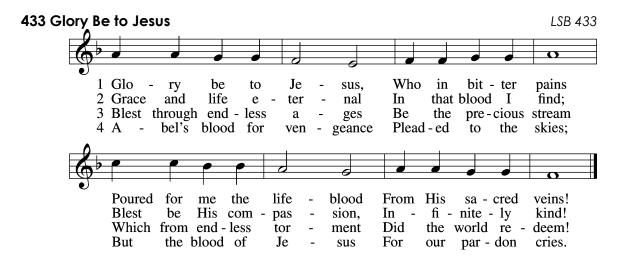
Palmarum – "Palm Sunday" April 5, 2020 8:00 AM



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Welcome and Opening Prayer



5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

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6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Divine Service Setting Four, page 203

+ Confession and Absolution +

Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, "To absolve of sin and wrongdoing" more specifically, to affirm God's forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.

Stand

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b [18:20] LSB 203

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saving: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23] LSB 203

- P 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.
- C Amen.

Sit



- **P** But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
- O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- P Save me from the mouth of the lion!
- **C** You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- P All who see me mock me;
- they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- **P** "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
- let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- **P** Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
- **C** and there is none to help.
- P But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
- O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- P Save me from the mouth of the lion!
- You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

+ Service of the Word +

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204

A Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy!" A brief prayer not only imploring God's mercy but rejoicing in it through Jesus Christ.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

"Salutation" is a word from Latin meaning, "to salute" or "to greet." "Collect" (KAH-lekt), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also "collects" the message of the day's Gospel reading.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

A The Old Testament Reading is from Zechariah, chapter 9.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud. O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he. humble and mounted on a donkey. on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off. and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Epistle Philippians 2:5–11

A The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 2.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1–9

- A The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

- **A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed LSB 207

Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds (short statement of belief) agreed upon by the ancient church.

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.

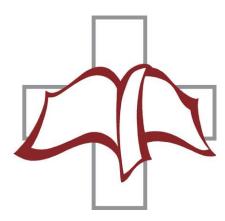
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit

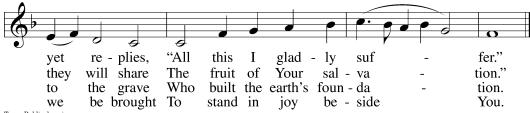
Children's Message

Matthew 19:14; Luke 18:16

A message especially for children from our Director of Christian Education, Amanda Adams.







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Sermon

Offering LSB 207

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If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office (office@christlcms.org) or call the office at (785) 266-6263. We will include them in next week's service, and also share them with our prayer chain if desired.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4 LSB 207

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us as individuals, a congregation, and a country. We petition that comfort and healing come to those who are ill or suffering (especially ...). Build up and strengthen us to minister to our friends and loved ones who are experiencing turmoil in their lives (we name before You...). Help us to hand over our own worries and concerns to You. Continue to spread Your Gospel and strengthen those who suffer persecution for calling Your Son Lord. Protect our armed forces and first responders and bring peace to their families, drawing them close to You. Bless our country and the leaders of our country, our state, and our cities that they may make good, wise and godly decisions. Bless the ministry and missions of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), the Kansas District of the LCMS, our congregation, Topeka Lutheran School and the Center for Young Children. Guide us in our lives to serve You in everything we do. In Christ's name we pray.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 209

- P Lord, hear as us we pray in Your name and as You have taught us:
- 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.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

(beh-neh-dih-KAH-moose), Latin for "bless we [the Lord]." We give thanks to God for everything He has done for us in Jesus Christ.

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 212

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

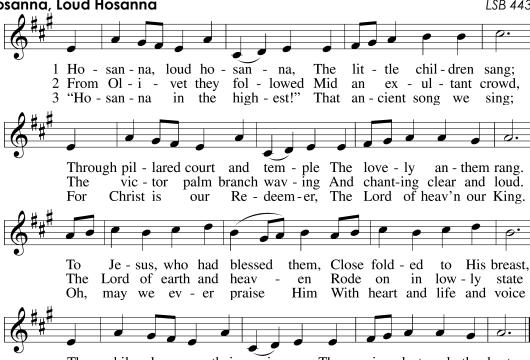
- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

Sit





chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim-plest and the best. Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid-ding wait. His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly in

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Acknowledgments

-- Announcements --

Celebrating

Birthdays: Kent B. (5th); Gary M., Collette R. (6th); Trevor B., Darleen C. (7th); Rod G., Cassidy W. (8th); Ruu C. (9th); Carley B., Betsy P. (10th); Eli M., Jeremiah O. (11th); Issac R. (12th)

Baptism Birthdays: Cody K. (5th); Natalie R. (6th); Abigail B., Darleen C. (7th); Gus H. (8th); Evelyn L. (9th); Phylis B., Diana C., Robyn F., Collette R. (10th); Phil B., Connie D. (11th); Matthew G., Charlie P., Barrett W. (12th)

Anniversaries: Milton & Joann W. (5th); Duane & Deanna S. (7th); Conrad & Linda J. (8th); Brian & Kelly G. (12th)

Need Help?

Are you self-quarantining at home and need assistance? We have a list of members who have offered to help run errands and make deliveries. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer, or if you would benefit from a helper. (Helping others in need is not a violation of Shawnee County's "Safer at Home" order.)

Phone Calls from the Elders

Did you get a phone call from our elders? If you answered 'no,' it's probably because we don't have your current phone number. (They attempted to contact everyone in our congregation.) Please contact the church office, and we will update your contact info.

Hymnals

If you would like a hymnal to use for daily devotions and worship from home, they are available to purchase (both print and digital) from cph.org, or you may borrow one from us here at church. To borrow a hymnal, contact Mel in the church office (785-266-6263 or office@christlcms.org).

Thrivent Cards

Thrivent members -- if you have unused Action Teams, please contact Amanda Adams (<u>dceadams@christlcms.org</u> or 785-266-6263). We are planning multiple projects to help us continue connecting as a congregation and keeping us in God's Word during this time of limited in-person interaction.

Devotions

Visit our website (christlcms.org/devotions) for resources you can use at home!

Men's Bible Study

Our Saturday morning Men's Bible Study group is continuing to meet via Zoom! If you would like to join them, please contact the church office for more information.

-- Announcements --

Zoom Meetings

If your Bible study group would like to utilize Zoom Meetings, please contact Amanda or the church office!

Offerings

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Prayer Chain

If you would like to join our e-mail prayer chain, please contact the church office (office@christlcms.org). It's something that you can still do from home that makes a big difference!

Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Linda F., Alice M., Luke H., Betty C., Julie J., Don L., Natalie J. (daughter-in-law of Liz J.), Brittian K.(grandson of Sondra K.), Lance L., Jerry M., Bob T., Jean B. (sister of Pauline C.), Kathryn B. (granddaughter of Robert & Marjean P.), Judy P. (Lynne D.'s aunt), Cassandra H., Glenn T., and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, the Schumachers in Ghana, and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for our next pastor as well as our guest pastors, Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of TLS and the Center for Young Children. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.

Last names have been removed for the bulletins posted online. For a complete list of members' birthdays/anniversaries or people in our prayers, please contact the church office. Thanks!

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9–12; Mt. 21:1–9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5–11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father" (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

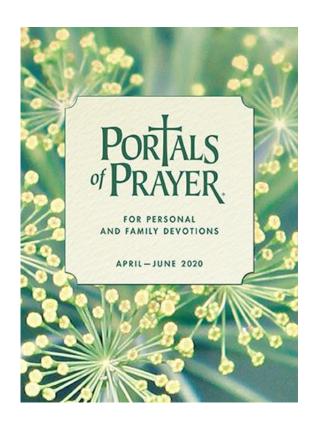
Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs: \$7,300 Offerings Received - Week of 3/29 \$4,196

Budgeted Needs (Jan-Feb) \$64,016 Offerings Received (Jan-Feb) \$51,906

Matt. 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

We have new Portals of Prayer for April through June 2020.



If you would like us to mail a copy to you, please contact the church office!

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