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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT PALM SUNDAY

Welcome to Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Snacks and drinks are available for everyone after the second service.
- ❖ Help us be more welcoming by signing the guest registers in each row.

Please Note: To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience:

- ❖ A Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship.
- ❖ In the entryway, Busy Bags are provided for all the children during worship. There are coloring books, toys and snacks provided in each of the bags.



WORSHIP THEME

For 1700 years, the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival which opens Holy Week. The word “hosanna” is a Hebrew word which means, “Lord, Save us!” The crowds cried, “Hosanna”, at Jesus entrance into Jerusalem and this is still the cry of Christians today. The Lord has saved us! Hosanna! Hail the King who humbly comes to save us.

Notes for worship:

- ❖ All hymns from *Christian Worship (CW)* are in the red hymnals in front of you unless printed in this service folder.
- ❖ All hymns from *Christian Worship Supplement (CWS)* are in the blue hymn books on the end of each of the pews.
- ❖ Everything else will be printed in the worship folder.

PASSION SUNDAY

Introduction

The service of **Passion Sunday**, beginning with the procession with palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms which were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,*” clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the Messianic King. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry, “*Crucify!*” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the Passion narrative sets before the people of God all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week—the most important week of the church year.



CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C(ongregation): **And also with you.**

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today, we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry into Jerusalem that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into his Holy City, grant that we may ever hail him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:1-11

M: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew chapter 21.

C: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵“Say to Daughter Zion,

‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **In the name of the Lord.**

We will have the children of the congregation participate in a palm processional during the singing of the first hymn. All the children of the congregation are invited to gather in the back of the sanctuary to participate in this processional. The procession will go down the left aisle of the sanctuary, across the front, back up the right aisle, and finally down the center aisle. The children will place their palm fronds on the floor of the front steps in the center aisle. They will then return to their parents.

During the procession, the congregation will sing the following hymn:

OPENING HYMN, CW #131, "ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR"

PLEASE STAND



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael
 san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels
 san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews
 san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion
 san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,

And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the
 Is prais - ing you on high, And we with
 With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and
 They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now
 Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of

Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one,
 all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 prayer and an - them Be - fore you we pre - sent,
 high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise,
 ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-56, alt.
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN (76 76 D); Melodice Taschenre, 1584-1635, alt.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who sent Your Son to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in His patience and also have our portion in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

HYMN, CW #98, "JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW" (vs. 1)

**Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

PART ONE: MATTHEW 26:1-35

The plot to kill Jesus and the celebration of the Passover

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ²"As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ⁵"But not during the festival," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

⁶While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, ⁷a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

⁸When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. ⁹"This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

¹⁰Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

¹⁴Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests ¹⁵and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’ ” ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

²³Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²⁵Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus 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.”

²⁷Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink from this

fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

" 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

³³Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

³⁴ "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

³⁵But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

HYMN, CW #312, "LORD, JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED" (VS. 1)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.**

PART TWO: MATTHEW 26:36-56

Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane and Judas betrays Jesus

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

⁴⁰Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. ⁴¹“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

⁴³When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵² “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

⁵⁵In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

HYMN, CW #472, "RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY" (VS. 1)

**Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken.
For the foe, Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping.**

PART THREE: MATTHEW 26:57-75

Jesus is under trial and Peter denies Jesus.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

⁵⁹The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward ⁶¹and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶²Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶³But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

⁶⁴ "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.
⁶⁶What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him
⁶⁸and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

⁷⁰But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

⁷¹Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷²He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

⁷³After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

⁷⁴Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

HYMN, CW #117, “O DEAREST JESUS” (VS. 3)

**Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,
This I do merit.**

PART FOUR: MATTHEW 27:1-26

Jesus' trial before Pilate

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ²So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴"I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."

"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

⁵So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

¹¹Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

¹²When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" ¹⁴But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

²⁰But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor.

"Barabbas," they answered.

²²"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked.

They all answered, "Crucify him!"

²³"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

²⁴When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

²⁵All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

HYMN, CW #105, "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED (vs. 1)

**O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory
Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call you mine.**

PART FIVE: MATTHEW 27:27-56

Jesus' crucifixion and death.

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). ³⁴There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is jesus, the king of the jews.

³⁸Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴²"He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

⁵⁰And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵²and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

HYMN, CW #125, "WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS" (VS. 1 & 3)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

Part Six: Matthew 27:57-66

Jesus' burial.

⁵⁷As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴So give the order for

the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

⁶⁵“Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

HYMN, CW #105, “O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED” (VS. 5)

**What language shall I borrow
To thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow,
Your pity without end?
Oh, make me yours forever,
And keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.**

SERMON THEME:

First the Cross...then the Glory!



THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND

THE APOSTLES CREED

(Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word.)

**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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Please sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews and pass it to those sitting next to you.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We join the first Palm Sunday worshippers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior.

M: Through you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

C: Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

M: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord.

C: Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations.

M: Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death and the devil.

C: Move us to dedicate all that we are and have to your glory.

M: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection.

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

C: Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



Be Seated

HYMN. CWS #716, "NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET"

PLEASE STAND

FINAL PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace



BE SEATED

FINAL HYMN CW #133, “*RIDE ON, RIDE ON, IN MAJESTY*” (VS. 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**

WELS CONNECTION

The WELS Connection is a brief 5 minute video that highlights some of the work in which we are privileged to participate through our Wisconsin Synod. The ministries that are highlighted in this video are funded through our Congregational Mission Offerings. Please take note of the “WELS Connection Close-up” companion piece in your worship folder for additional information.

Copies of today’s sermon and last week’s sermon can be found on the table in the narthex on the way out of church. You can also find them on our website at www.northdalelutheran.org. In addition, all of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website. We also e-mail out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please e-mail Pastor Vann at pastorvann@tampabay.rr.com and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.



Announcements:

Bible Class: Today we continue our study of some of the important truths highlighted by the Reformation of Martin Luther in our Sunday Morning Bible Class. We encourage everyone to join us for this. Join us at 9:25 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS 2018 Registration Now Open: Registration is now open for our summer Vacation Bible School this coming July. VBS will be held July 16-20 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Children beginning at age 3 through going into 5th grade are welcome to join us. The price is the same as last year: \$30 online beforehand, \$35 at the door on the first day. You can find the registration at www.northdalelutheran.org. This is a great event in which to invite family and friends. All are welcome.

Principal Call Extended: Last Sunday, our voters extended a call to Mr. Dane Mattes from Trinity Lutheran School in Brillion, WI to serve as principal in our school and teach grades 7 & 8. Mr. Mattes will now take 3-4 weeks to decide where he can best serve in God's kingdom. You are welcome to contact Dane to share your thoughts with him about the ministry here at Northdale Lutheran. His email is danemattes@gmail.com. Please Dane and his family, Trinity Lutheran School and Northdale Lutheran in your prayers as we ask God to send someone to serve as our principal

Lynn Marggraf Received call: On Sunday, March 11, our Kindergarten teacher, Lynn Marggraf, received a call from Grace Lutheran School in Portland, OR to serve as a lower grades teacher. Please keep Ms. Marggraf in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve in God's kingdom.

Holy Week Worship: Holy Week is almost upon us. Here is our Holy Week Worship schedule so you can make your plans early:

Maundy Thursday: March 29, 2018. Communion Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: March 30, 2018. Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 1, 2018. Worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Easter breakfast (Potluck) starting at 9:15 a.m

Easter Sunday Sign Ups: Sign ups for Easter Breakfast and Easter Lilies are on the table in the mailbox room. Please stop by and sign up where appropriate.

Called Staff

Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven: 813-850-7520

Principal Mark Thiesfeldt: 941-209-0010

Aimee Hardman: 813-464-5113

Christopher Haring: 517-202-7283

Lynn Marggraf: 262-613-3020

Amy Vannieuwenhoven: 813-850-7520

This Week:

Monday (3/26): 6:30pm - Ministry Leadership Team

Wednesday (3/28): 6:30pm - Catechism

Thursday (3/29): 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday (3/30): 7:00pm - Good Friday Worship

Sunday (4/1): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship

9:15am – Easter Breakfast

9:45am - Kids Egg Hunt

11:30am - Fellowship

Serving Today

Music: Mark Thiesfeldt

Ushers: 8:00—Ruben/Mateo Gaviria

10:30—Dave/Barb Hartwig

Acolyte: 8:00—Mateo Amaya

10:30—Grace Mosakowski

Hostess: Barb Hartwig Team

Elder: Chris Teeples

Serving Next Week

Music: Mark Thiesfeldt

Ushers: 8:00—Ruben/Mateo Gaviria

10:30—Dave/Barb Hartwig

Acolyte: 8:00—Daniel Busch

10:30—Aryssa Kingsborough

Hostess: Jessica Kingsborough Team

Elder: Chris Teeples

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—26

10:30 a.m.—73

Total: 99

Yearly Average: 106

% of Members in Worship: 47%

Mid-Week Wednesday Attendance

2:00 p.m.—80

7:00 p.m.—17

Total:—97

Financial Information

Contributions for 3/14: \$710.00

Contributions for 3/18: \$2,230.75

Online Contributions for 3/18: \$1,675.00

Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$168,077.04

Contributions received to date: \$153,672.57

Ahead or (Short) through 3/18/17: (\$14,236.47)

2017-2018 Year to Date Actuals Through December 31

Total Income (Church and School): \$305,423.96

Total Expenses (Church and School): \$292,255.20

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$13,168.76

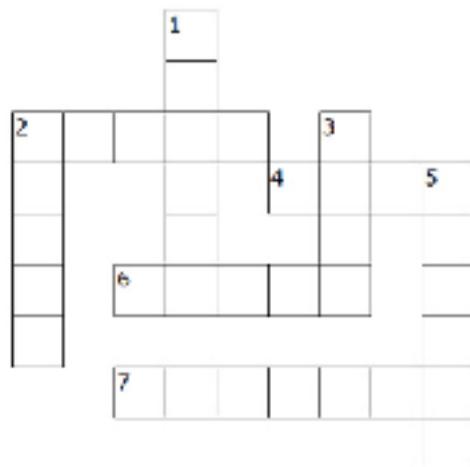
Kids Pages



The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

BRANCH
SHOUT

COLT
VILLAGE

ROAD
DONKEY

CLOAK
CROWD