

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022

11:00 AM

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

We stand and face the rear of the nave.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT

P 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; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter. C Glory to You, O Lord.

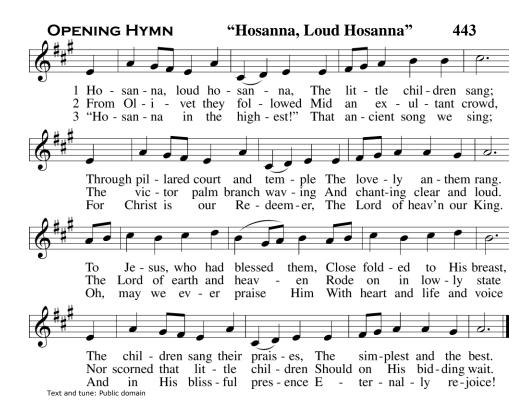
The Gospel is read.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.



OPENING VERSES

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna in the highest.

- P All hail to Jesus, the King of our lives! Lift up your hearts and rejoice in Him!
- **C** He came from the very throne of God, but He gave that up to suffer a criminal's death on the cross.
- P But God raised Him up that the ends of the earth may bow before Him as their King!
- C Jesus Christ is Lord! Hosanna!
- P In Him is forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.
- C Have mercy on us, Lord! Bless us with Your peace! Hosanna! Hosanna!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *1 Thessalonians 5:23* P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.

- C Eternal God, we confess that we were born sinful and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and renew Your Spirit within us that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.
- P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

We sit.

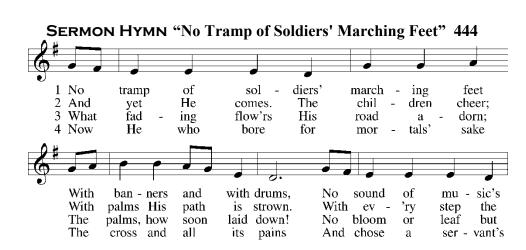
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.		Deuteronomy 32:36–39 Pew Bible pg. 222
Anthem	"Behold the King'	' Joseph M. Martin

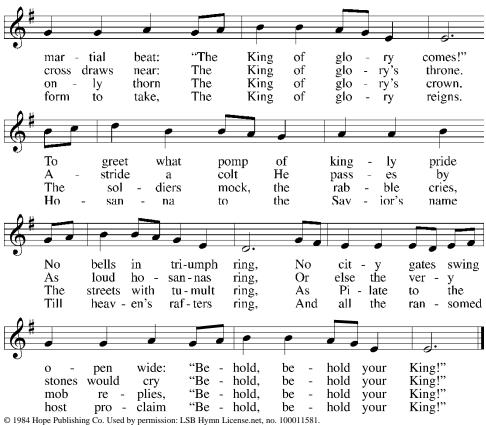
EPISTLE LESSON

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

Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible pg. 1248





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SERMON

"Palms Are Cheap!"

Pastor Michael Geml

BAPTISM OF HELEN ANN WESTFALL

Holy Baptism is God's loving work for us. Through water and His Word, our God, makes an everlasting promise to us. Here He places His name on us. Here He calls Himself, "Father," because in Baptism He claims us as His children. Here we are connected to Jesus, "the Son" who has rescued us from sin and death. The Bible teaches that in Baptism we are united with Jesus in a most special way. We are joined with Him in His death and raised anew by the power of His resurrection. Thus, God's work in Baptism forgives our sins and gives us the promise of eternal life. In Baptism, we receive "the Holy Spirit" to believe and trust this promise until we reach His welcoming arms in heaven. Thus God's work begun in Baptism is ongoing through the Holy Spirit as He daily forgives our sins, daily gives us renewal and strength to live as holy people and daily He fills us with hope to see by faith our home with God in everlasting life. Hear now some of these promises of God expressed in His Word:

"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." *Galatians 3: 26-27*

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." *Titus 3: 4-8*

Remembering God's saving of Noah through water, St. Peter points us to the saving power of Baptism:

"This water (of the flood) symbolizes Baptism that now saves you also - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God." *1 Peter 3: 21*

P These are the promises of the Lord.

C We believe them and are glad to hear them again.

Helen, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we Baptize.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?C I do renounce them.

- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C Yes, 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.

P Helen Ann Westfall, do you desire to be baptized? Helen: Yes.

Helen Ann Westfall, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit; who has forgiven all your sins; and who has adopted you as His daughter, strengthen you with His grace until you see His promise complete in life everlasting. God's peace go with you forever. Amen.

(A Candle is presented in remembrance of the light of Christ)

- P Through Baptism God has added Helen to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His Kingdom.

We stand. **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

PREFACE

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

P Lift up your hearts.C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to come among us, bringing His salvation, has fulfilled the vision of the prophets and the hopes of Your people. We thank You for calling us in this time and place and for inviting us to Your holy Table. Joined together in the name of our Lord and in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

We sit.

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We stand. POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the gift of forgiveness won by Your Son's offering on the cross and for the strengthening of our souls and bodies by His body and blood. Go with us now, and keep us steadfast in Your Word through the blessed days of this great and Holy Week and to our eternal life with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

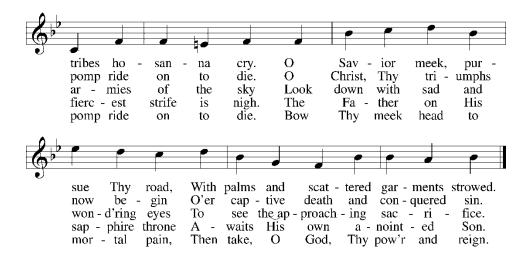
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ${\mathbb T}$ give you peace.

C Amen.





Postlude