

HOSANNA! THE KING OF ISRAEL!



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

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Reader This Week: Marlene Dreier-Rangnow

Reader Next Week: Caden Jander

Acolytes This Week: Jeri Ficklen

Acolytes Next Week: Michele Motley & Seth Wendel

Altar Guild This Month: MayDell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: John Swannack

Large Print Bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Stand p. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #108 *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

p. 78-79: KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you. (*sung*)**

P Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, you have sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to take upon our flesh and to suffer death on the cross, that all humanity should follow the example of his humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience and be partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

³⁶For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷Then he will say, 'Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! ³⁹“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.””

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 118:19-29

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰**“This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter.”**

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²**The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³This is the LORD'S doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Hosannah, LORD, hosannah!
LORD, send us now success.

²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷God is the LORD; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸**“You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

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 emptied himself, by 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.

Stand p. 83 GOSPEL VERSE: “Return to the Lord”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:1-23:56

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 22nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (*sung*)

¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put {Jesus} to death, for they feared the people. ³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd. ⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?”

¹⁰He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this. ²⁴A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. ²⁸“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.” ³⁵And he said

to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." ³⁶He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." ³⁸And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough." ³⁹And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." ⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness." ⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw

him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not."⁵⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean."⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times."⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him.⁶⁴ They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"⁶⁵ And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.⁶⁶ When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said,⁶⁷ "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe,⁶⁸ and if I ask you, you will not answer."⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God."⁷⁰ So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am."⁷¹ Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate.² And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."³ And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so."⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."⁵ But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.⁷ And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him.⁹ So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer.¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in

splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. ¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him.” ¹⁸But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas” — ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²²A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. ²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and

offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” ⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. ⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*sung*)

Sit SERMON
HYMN: LBW #121 *“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”*

Stand p. 85: APOSTLE’S CREED
p. 85: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
p. 86: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 86: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”
p. 87: OFFERTORY PRAYER
p. 88: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
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Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 92: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”
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Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/20	Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 3/21	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Tue 3/22	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 3/23	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6-8 p.m. Youth Group Sunrise Service practice
Thurs 3/24	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 3/25	Office Closed Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
Next Sun	Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service/Pancake Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Resurrection Egg Hunt 10:15 a.m. Easter Worship

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.



Wednesday, March 16, 2016
Attendance: 29

Sunday, March 13, 2016:
Total Offering: \$1,635.00

Attendance: Worship- 75 Sunday School- 18 Children, 15 Adults

St. John's Mission of the Month:



Mission of the Month of March: **Warriors Weekend**

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veteran based causes.

-500 Veterans from around the United States are selected to participate.

-Military bases around the country select those who come for the weekend.

-There are about 300 wounded vets who are flown in from these military bases.

-One need is for funds before the event is so they have enough monies to purchase airline tickets. The average cost of an airline ticket is \$400.00 each and is paid for in March.

For more information, please go to their website at:

www.warriorsweekend.org



Youth News

If any youth (Grades 2-5) would like to attend Camp Chrysalis this summer, please talk with Dawn Otto.

If you are older than 5th grade and have not been contacted about camp, please see Dawn also.





Youth Group will meet this **Wednesday, March 23rd** from 6-8 p.m. They will be assigning parts & practicing for Sunrise Service. They will also meet on **Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m.** to practice & decorate the cross with flowers. It is important that the youth try their best to be there both days. Thank you!

MS150 Bicycle Ride

The BP MS 150 is the largest non-profit event of its kind in North America with 13,000 cyclists, 3,000 volunteers and countless supporters and spectators. It is a two day bike ride beginning in Houston and cycling to LaGrange, then from LaGrange to Austin. The ride totals over 150 miles. Beth Reinecke is riding in the MS150 this April and needs your help. If you are able, please consider donating to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. The link to her page is below. Thank you in advance for your support. <http://bndfr.com/485zR>



Acolytes



Please sign up for the 2016 year. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We currently only have one Sunday filled for April. Thank you to those who have signed up.

Let's Keep Our Cemetery Looking Nice

With spring rapidly approaching, and Easter right around the corner we encourage everyone to please attach flowers firmly to headstones so they are not deposited all over the cemetery when spring winds come. Also, if you see litter in the cemetery, please help us by depositing it in the available trash containers.



Thanks,
Property Team

Palm Sunday today March 20th, Youth will carry the palms in.
Maundy Thurs. Service will be on March 24th at 7:00 pm.
Good Friday Service will be on March 25th at 7:00 pm.
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be at 7:30 am, following will be a pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall.
Resurrection Egg Hunt will start at 9:15 am.
Easter Worship will be at 10:15 am.



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)

Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - Deployed to Afghanistan

Russell Copeland - Reserves, preparing to deploy

John Otto - USMC, Norfolk, VA

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, preparing to deploy

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, USS Philippines

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, preparing for Boot Camp



Please Pray for: Lisa Kincart

Adam Womble

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg and Bette Jo Haun

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

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Palm/Passion Sunday

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion (Year C)



The Gospel for today starts off with the evil plot to kill Jesus that was conceived by the religious leaders and Satan working through Jesus' disciple, Judas. Before that will come to pass, Jesus spends precious time with his followers, giving them instructions for the days to come and preparing them for the future of the movement. This will be the last time Jesus will eat of this meal until all is fulfilled.