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PALM SUNDAY

"According to the Father's Plan"

Whoever you are...

Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...

YOU are WELCOME here!

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome and Introduction of Today's Theme

Pastor: Annually, the church and the world over traces Jesus "triumphal entry" into the city of Jerusalem. A donkey and colt symbolize Jesus' rule, humble and lowly. Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus is glorified king and humiliated servant. We wave palms in celebration of today as Jesus comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Jesus' broken body and outpoured love. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Opening Prayer

Pastor: This Palm Sunday, we reflect on the love of Jesus Christ, divine and human in nature, He was led to the slaughter without sin to pay for ours. How wonderful is our Savior. Let us pray together. Jesus in Heaven, we don't deserve the sacrificial gift of Your death in our place. We don't deserve the eternal hope of glory. Yet, You've freely given us this gracious gift of salvation and suffered in our place. It is because of Your goodness and love that we stand here today. We are Yours, Lord. We worship You. In Jesus' holy name, we pray, Amen.



WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Pastor: This time of year, it is so easy to get caught up in the festivities of the upcoming Easter holiday. But so often we forget the real reason for Easter. We go about the motions of attending an Easter service, mindlessly fasting a certain food or item for Lent, or overloading our minds with plans for the holiday, and we forget. We forget about Jesus. We busy ourselves with everything else, because we know the remembrance of his death is coming, and death is difficult for us. The death of Jesus was necessary for the forgiveness of our sins. Let's set our hearts and minds on Jesus above, and repent of the sins we are guilty of committing. Our Savior was a humble servant before the Father, so let us follow His example and humble our hearts before Him and confess our sins.

Time of silence

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness. We thank You for Your unwavering love and forgiveness. Help us to walk in Your ways and not turn back to our old habits. Thank you, Lord. We are new creations, forgiven and free. We are still before the Lord and know that Your promise and our hope in Jesus will bring us to His eternal glory someday. Amen.

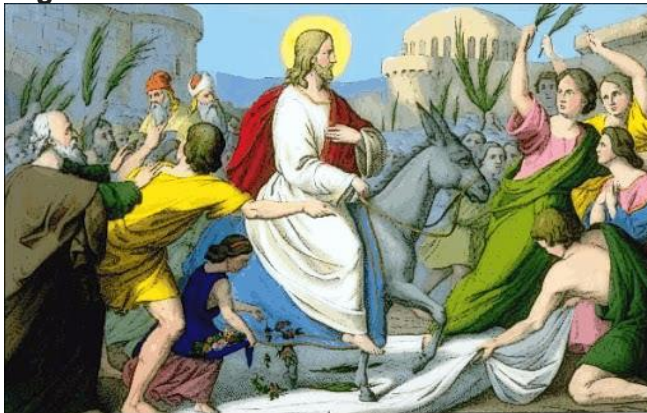
GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message: "According to the Father's Plan"



WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Pastor: Apostles' Creed –

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: The Prayers

Lord's Prayer:

**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.

Benediction

Pastor: May the Lord shine upon You and be gracious to You, and in return, may You take on the attitude of the Ultimate Servant, Jesus, and shine His light on others and be gracious to them out of the wellspring of life that only Jesus can give.

Pastor: Stay well – stay healthy-practice social distancing and shelter in place, but most importantly know that you are loved by God, always.

May the peace of Jesus come over you now. Go in His grace and love and hold nothing against anyone. Forgive freely as you've been forgiven freely. Love generously and serve with humility. Amen

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Birthdays - Blessings to those who have celebrated birthdays since our “shelter in place” has begun:

Today - Charles Kiene

Thursday - Bryan Wells

Worship Services – Until further notice, all worship services will be streamed live at:

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The service will also be available on our website, **www.plcmarin.org**, on Monday without any need to go to Facebook. Just go to the front page, scroll to the bottom, and click on the video. It is that easy!

Weekly Devotional Helps

April 5 – April 11, 2020

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.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – April 6

Psalm 36:5-11

Isaiah 42:1-9

Hebrews 9:11-15

Tuesday – April 7

Psalm 71:1-14

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Wednesday – April 8

Psalm 70

Isaiah 50:4-9a

John 13:21-32

Thursday – April 9

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Friday – April 10

Psalm 22

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Hebrews 10:16-25

Saturday – April 11

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Romans 6:3-11

John 20:1-18

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Sunday Of The Resurrection**

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10

Commemorations

April 6 - Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists: These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

April 9 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945: Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.