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Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.

March 29, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Three with Holy Communion, *LSB* p. 184

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Stand

Invocation

Exhortation

LSB 184

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

Absolution

LSB 185

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 22:1, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 19, 21

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis (Omitted during Lent)

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

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 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia (Omitted during Lent)

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, 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!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Sermon: You Are Guilty! I Die!

Matthew 21:1-9

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

+ CONFIRMATION OF EMILY +

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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Proper Preface

Sanctus

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Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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Sit

Distribution

The Dismissal

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Distribution Hymn: 687 Thine Forever, God of Love

Stand

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A single white rose has been placed on the altar by Brian and Dorothy in memory of their daughter and granddaughter, Hannah, who died suddenly in an accident one year ago on March 26

Please place your offerings in the plate at the back of church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

***for healing and strength** for Mark, Becky, Helen, Cara, Elaine, Sarah, Art and Gladys, Linda, Delbert, Brian, Dawn, Susan, Robert, Jace, Mary, and Dorothy

***for comfort** for the family and friends of Paul and David

***of thanksgiving** for Mark’s successful surgery

***for steadfast faith** in the heart and mind of our newest communicant member, Emily

***for all members of the military, police, and firefighters including Jace and Ryan**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH

Organist Diann Scherle

Sunday School Teachers

Amanda Roedl, Sunday School director and 5th through 8th grade;
Kaley Roedl, pre-school through 4th grade; Joy Meyer, handbells.

Officers

Dennis Phegley, chairman; Deb McCutcheon, secretary; Diann Scherle, treasurer; Jill Phegley, assistant treasurer; Brian Liefer, Jonathan Mehring, and Tim Schrader, elders; Matt Roedl, Jeff Schlueter, and Byron Schlueter, trustees.

TO CONTACT PASTOR WINTERFELDT

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TO SHARE INFORMATION

Church Council: Dennis Phegley, chairman; Brian Liefer, elder; Jonathan Mehring, elder; Timothy Schrader, elder.

Church Bulletin: By Wednesday afternoon, send email to church address (stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com) or give Deb a written note at church.

Church Facebook Page: Directly message *StJohnEvLutheranChurchRumaIL*, send an email to the church email address (above), or ask Amanda to have your information posted.

FOR MORE ONLINE INFORMATION

Church Facebook Page: *StJohnEvLutheranRumaIL* for Sunday School activities and church news updates.

Church Website: Check the website for the week's bulletin, a calendar of church activities, and links to all things LCMS. Look for us at www.stjohnlutheranruma.com.

Pastor's YouTube Channel:

If you are unable to attend services or want to listen again to a particular sermon, go to "jwinterfel" on YouTube where Pastor posts a recording of each week's service. You will also find video recordings of each of the six Bible Presentations for 2026.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

By purchasing our Ladies Aid Apple Butter for only \$5 a pint or \$8 a quart: The Ladies Aid uses the money to buy items for our church and for area food pantries. They also donate to COSHLS and LWML. See Pearl May or Marlene Ling to buy a jar. **The shelves are restocked with fresh apple butter!**

By working with the Sochowski family as Susan recovers from a stroke. At our request, Mark has provided a list of concrete ways we can help. A copy of the list is available on the pew in back of church.

By leaving non-perishable food items in the back of church. The Ladies Aid/LWML members are collecting for area food pantries.

By donating toward our Lutheran Heritage Foundation Mission Project for 2026... This year's project will once again project will once again focus on children in Ghana. Every \$5.00 donation provides a beautiful hardcover Bible storybook for children in the Kusaal language. **Write Ghana in the memo line of your check or on an envelope with cash.** We will send collected money to LHF at the end of each quarter in 2026. *Check out Diann's bulletin board display just outside the Fellowship Hall for more information.*

By donating to Trinity Lutheran School to help pay teacher salaries. A letter from Trinity explaining the need is posted on the

bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can mail your donation directly or put it in an envelope marked Trinity Lutheran School and leave the envelope in our collection plate. Jill and Diann will forward the money.

By bringing altar flowers: You are welcome to provide fresh flowers for a special occasion or just because. Check the sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall to see what months are available. Please let Deb know by Wednesday afternoon so she can acknowledge the gift and occasion in the bulletin.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School students will meet in their classroom immediately after the worship service.

TODAY is the last day to order Easter Lilies for the altar. See Jill.

Tuesday, Mar. 31: The last day to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to the charity or charities of your choice. You can direct dollars online or by calling your Thrivent representative. If you direct dollars to our church, let Jill know which account you want your dollars to benefit.

Wednesday, April 1: The **last day to register** for this spring's Lutheran Older Adult Retreat at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, IL. This year's theme is "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!" Guest speakers will explore how we can live out our calling as Christians in our daily lives. The retreat is Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 and 16. Registration fee for workshops, meals, and entertainment is \$135 per person. See the bulletin board for more information.

Thu., Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion at **St. John's** beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Apr. 3: Good Friday worship at **St. Peter's** beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 5: Easter Sunrise worship with Holy Communion **at St. John's beginning at 6:30 a.m.** There will be an Easter Egg hunt after the service, and Sunday School teachers and parents will serve breakfast.

Sun. Apr. 5: Easter Morning worship with Holy Communion **at St. Peter's beginning at 10 a.m.**