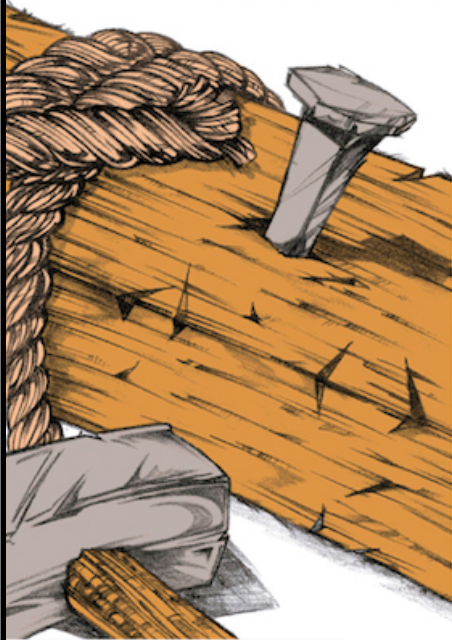


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

**He humbled
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death on a cross.

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**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2021**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD *(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 24 (pew bible, p.491)
- ◆ The Hymns: 442, 441, 525 (1-4), 525 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Zechariah 9:9-10, Mark 11:1-10
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 118

Sermon Text – Philippians 2:5-11

WHAT KIND OF A KING IS JESUS?

1. A King who humbled Himself in love to serve us.
2. A King now exalted and worthy of our highest praise.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (525, stanza 5)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Zechariah 9:9-10

9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 118

P Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:
C **His love endures forever.**
P The LORD is my strength and my song:
C **He has become my salvation.**
P Shouts of joy and victory:
C **Resound in the tents of the righteous.**
P I will not die but live:
C **And will proclaim what the LORD has done.**
P I will give you thanks, for you answered me:
C **You have become my salvation.**
P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD:
C **From the house of the LORD we bless you.**
P The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us:
C **With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession.**
P Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:
C **His love endures forever.**

Second Lesson – Mark 11:1-10

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” 4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people

spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” 10 “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

Sermon Text – Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [NKJV]

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A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist: Suzannah Miller; Usher: Ed Chiappetti

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (3/28)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Breakfast served by the men
Thu	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sun (4/4)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Easter Sunday Worship (no Sunday School or Bible Class)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sun., April 11, 9:30 am
Spring Clean-Up Day: Sat., April 24, beginning at 8:00 am
Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sun. April 25, 9:30 am
Elders' Meeting: Sun. May 2, 8:30 am

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners of St. Paul are invited to bring flowers (lilies or other spring flowers) for dressing up the altar area next Sunday. If you have questions, contact altar care and flowers chairman, Lisa Sprengeler.

IN OUR PRAYERS: James and Amy Ross (son-in-law and daughter of Don and Ruth Claeys) who are recovering from Covid symptoms. <> Lisa Sprengeler, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

COMMUNICANTS OF ST. PAUL, PLEASE NOTE: Lord's Supper will be celebrated in April one week later than is customary, on Sunday, April 11.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: We are looking for someone to fill the position of Sunday School Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year. Mike Sprengeler, who has served faithfully in this capacity for many years, is stepping down. If you are interested in serving the Lord in this way beginning next fall please inform the pastor or President Ed Chiappetti. If you would like more information please speak with Mike or the pastor. (Note: All adult members of St. Paul are eligible to serve as the Sunday School superintendent.)

MISSION OUTREACH IDEAS: Copies of the "Tacoma Outreach Menu" were recently distributed to our membership, with a request to have everyone look it over and circle outreach ideas for our congregation to consider implementing. (Extra copies of the "menu" are on the shelf under the tract rack if you did not receive one.) Please return your menu, with ideas circled, to the pastor or President Chiappetti by Sunday, April 21. Suggestions from our members will be discussed at the Quarterly Voters' Meeting on April 28 with a view towards implementing one or more in the coming year. Thank you!

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS MARCH 29 – APRIL 3

Mon Zechariah 9:9-10 A good reason for keeping our minds and hearts open to God's Word in the Old Testament is to discover and digest how God kept His people attuned to the New Testament. This passage proves our point, as do many of the Psalms. Psalm 72, for example, lays out Jesus' career—to save for all time, generously, over the entire planet, for all sorts of humans in all their needs, compelling their devotion to Him for all their blessings. Blessed be the LORD, our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!




Tues Mark 11:1-10 Approaching Jerusalem from the east, they walked uphill in a gentle climb, taking breathers at Bethphage and Bethany. Not to make things easier for Him but to fulfill ancient prophecy, Jesus rode a juvenile donkey into the city, where devout people welcomed His arrival. [We expect to meet them again in heaven.] Less than a week later, others scoffed at Him and rejoiced at His departure on the cross. [We don't expect to see them again.]

Wed Philippians 2:5-11 The mind/attitude of Jesus amazes us—that He gave up so much for us in order to give us much more than we deserve. He left behind His lofty home and demoted Himself as low as anyone can get (7-8). For what purpose? In order to pay off our debt with His own precious blood, laid down on the sacrificial cross of Calvary. [Now change channels] Because Jesus paid the last iota, He earned reinstatement on Easter (9) and thus merits everyone's devout adoration – now and forever (10-11).

Thurs Exodus 12 The good reason for the Jewish sacred calendar beginning with Passover is that Passover marked the beginning of their new life under God's jurisdiction. Passover means just what it declares: the avenging angel would pass over those homes where occupants took God as His word and accommodated themselves to His directions. Read the entire chapter to see that they followed God's directives specifically, devoutly, worshipfully.

Fri Psalm 22 Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why ME? For what good reason are You turning Your back on ME, Your own beloved Son, when I'm down as low as I can get (6) and mocked as a failure (7-8)? I started out fresh (9-11), but now I'm close to death on this cross (14-18). Nonetheless, I am still relying on You to help Me (19-21), for which I will praise You both at home and abroad, now and forever (22-31).”

Sat Hebrews 4:14-16, 15:7-9 Jesus left Earth behind, but that does not mean He has forgotten us. He understands what we are up against, sympathizes with us, loves us, and is still serving our best interests. He invites us to keep connected, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

 Lord, have mercy upon us,
 Christ, have mercy upon us,
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
MARCH 22-27 (catching up from last week)

Mon Jeremiah 31:31-34 What a contrast! The old Sinai covenant imposed restrictions and penalties on Israel, which moved many of those sinners to rebel rather than surrender (31-32). The new covenant is not burdensome simply because it's a covenant of grace, and repentant hearts are thrilled to find that God has given them a heavenly inheritance and seats at the table among brothers and sisters in His family circle (34). Welcome home.

Tues John 12:20-33 These converts from heathenism to Judaism (20) were looking for the promised Messiah (21). That touched Jesus to the heart (23) and nudged Him to compose the death/life parable—to illustrate the miracle of conversion and the productivity of new spiritual life (24-26). God's salvation enterprise depended on Jesus to not get detoured from His mission (27), and He received His Father's backing all the way (28-33). Hallelujah!

Wed Hebrews 5:7-9 Why did the Father submit Jesus to such intense pressure in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:41-44) that He begged for relief? Because salvation depended on Jesus bearing the burden of the old covenant and remaining the obedient Servant of sinners. The debt could not be erased until it got paid off—which Jesus did to *perfection*. That's why He deserves honor as the *author of our salvation*. Thank You, dear Jesus.

Thurs Psalm 143 Although David's prayer fits Jesus in some points, it differs in others. When David's soul was distressed (1-4), he tried to compensate by recalling his blessings (5-6), but he still couldn't handle life (7). Then he pleaded with God to take control of his life (8), to cancel the negatives (9) and fortify the positives (10). "Please, LORD God, I really need YOU (11-12)!"

Fri John 12:34-41 These Jerusalem Jews acted as if Jesus was letting them down by not providing more proof of His identity—even though He had given plenty of proof. The trouble lay with themselves, for they had already closed their hearts against enlightenment (35-36). They were committed to their own prideful agenda, as their forefathers had done; God was disgusted with all of them. Note: Closing one's heart against Jesus will suffocate the soul, and even the best pastor/missionary/preacher cannot revive it.

Sat Acts 22:22-29 Pride in one's ethnic heritage begets bigotry, and these bigots endangered Paul's life (22-23), but being a Roman citizen saved him from arbitrary and illegal punishment. You see, a person who possessed Roman citizenship dared not be punished unless he had been found guilty via a fair court trial. Note: being *examined* (29) meant he could be whipped until he confessed to something. Lord, have mercy on Your children in these days of sore distress and wickedness in high places! Stay tuned.