

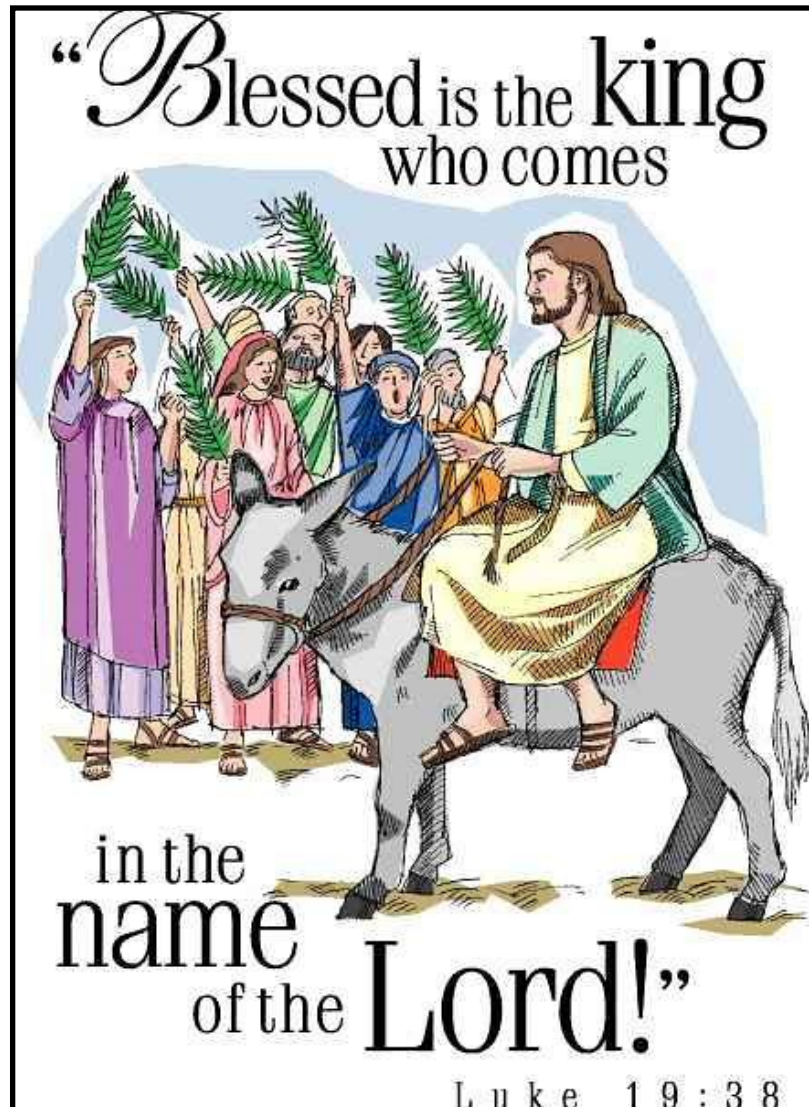
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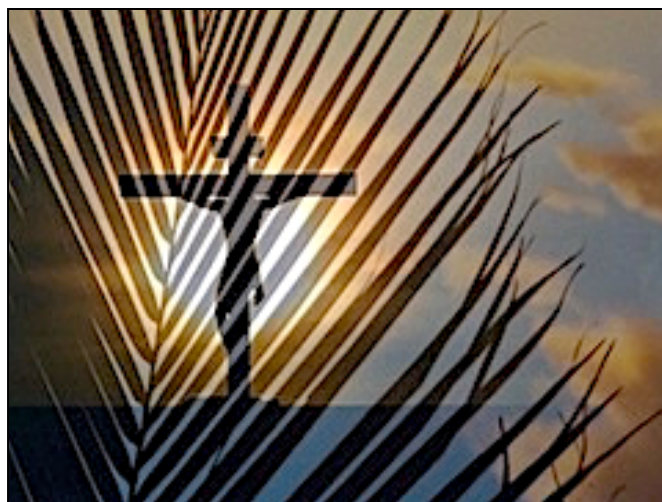
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Palm Sunday – April 13, 2025

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests! The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 2" as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. This service is based on pages 5-14 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes, or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today
Organist Suzannah Miller
Ushers Mark Harmeister, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 45 (pew bible, page 503)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 442, 441, 525 (1-4), 525 (5)
- ◆ Children's Song: "Make Songs of Joy" (to be sung after the First Lesson)
- ◆ Responsive Reading: From Psalm 24
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40

Sermon



Text – Zechariah 9:9-10

Theme – *"Zechariah's Extraordinary Palm Sunday Prophecy!"*

(A CLC Ministry by Mail Sermon)

The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.

Today's Scriptures

Responsive Reading from Psalm 24

The King of Glory and His Kingdom

(Read responsively after the Confession of Sins and Words of Absolution)

- P The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof:
C **The world and those who dwell therein.**
P For he has founded it upon the seas:
C **And established it upon the rivers.**
P Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?:
C **And who shall stand in his holy place?**
P He who has clean hands and a pure heart:
C **He will receive blessing from the LORD.**
P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors:
C **That the King of glory may come in.**
P Who is this King of glory?:
C **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**
P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors:
C **That the King of glory may come in.**
P Who is this King of glory?:
C **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

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First Lesson – Philippians 2:5-11

Christ's Example of Humility

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.

Second Lesson – Luke 19:28-40

The Triumphal Entry

28 When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. 31 And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’” 32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?” 34 And they said, “The Lord has need of him.” 35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: “‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” 40 But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

Sermon Text – Zechariah 9:9-10

The Coming King

9 “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; the battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.”

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/13)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Palm Sunday brunch
Thurs	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sun (4/20)	9:30 am	Easter Sunday Worship

Extended Calendar

- Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 26, 8:00 am to noon
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, April 27, 10:45 am
- Annual Front Range Mission Festival Service: Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland (guest speaker: Pastor David Reim).
- West-Central Delegate Conference, hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND: Tues-Thurs, May 20-22
- Pastor-elect Sam Naumann Installation Service at Prince of Peace, Loveland: Sunday, May 25, 3:00 pm

Pastor Schuetze Is Conducting the Service this morning at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, as the vacancy pastor. Our thanks to Derek Barthels for conducting the service here at St. Paul.

In Our Prayers: Doug Tiefel who underwent a biopsy procedure last week to determine the cause of medical symptoms he has been experiencing. The Lord bless and keep him with His spiritual peace. <> We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members Ed Chiappetti, Lance Clark, Pat Newton, and Georgia Water in health challenges they have been dealing with. <> *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"* (Romans 12:12, ESV).

Lay Delegates Needed: This year's West-Central Delegate Conference will be hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Jamestown, ND on Tuesday-Thursday, May 20-22. Lay delegates are needed to represent St. Paul at this conference. Kindly inform President Ed Chiappetti or the pastor if you would like to serve in this way. Thank you.

Prayer Requests

- Your prayers are requested for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Church of the Lutheran Confession of Myanmar. A number of CLCM members recently suffered the loss of their homes (destroyed by fire) and were forced to escape to nearby villages due to the civil war that is racking their nation.
- Prayers are also requested for our Christian brethren of the Church of the Lutheran Confession of India (CLCI) who are facing increased persecution. The CLCI president and another CLCI pastor were severely beaten last week while on the way to church by six masked men. The motorcycle on which they were riding was stolen. Please pray for our CLCI brothers and sisters as they are facing more and more persecution for their faith in Christ and their faithful efforts to spread His saving Gospel.
- Please pray for peace and protection of the people living in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where we also have a mission field. Missionary Evensen wrote in an email recently: *"The fighting in the east border by Rwanda and Burundi is very intense. I just received a message from one of our pastors there reporting gunfire in his neighborhood and asking for prayers, stating that their situation is not good."*

Women's Retreat West: Berea Lutheran Church will be hosting this year's Women's Retreat West over the weekend of September 19-21, 2025. We will be at the Clubhouse Hotel and Suites here in Sioux Falls, SD. The theme for this year's retreat will be "Pieces of Jesus' Peace", based on a few passages of Scripture and drawn specifically from the words of Jesus in John 14:27. Stay tuned for more information in the bulletin announcements and at the Women's Retreat website: womensretreat.clclutheran.net

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 14-19

Mon John 12:1-19 Good and evil forces are at work as Jesus is given a dinner by Lazarus' friends, and Judas complains about wasting ointment on Jesus. Jesus rides a lowly donkey into the city where He will die.

Tues 1 Peter 4:1-6 The apostle urges us to have the same mind as Christ, who suffered to gain our victory, that we may not follow our fleshly desires but rather God's desires, even if it means suffering slander.

Wed Exodus 5:22-6:9 Moses asks the Lord about trouble still coming to the people, and receives the answer: I am the Lord. I have heard their groaning. I have remembered my covenant. I will rescue them!

Maundy Thurs Luke 22:8-23 Jesus delights to eat this Passover lamb with His disciples, and institutes a new "meal," giving His own body and blood together with bread and wine. Behold the Lamb of God!

Good Fri Revelation 5:1-14 The vision asks: "Who is worthy" to open the scroll and look into the counsels of God for the things that will be? Elders and angels say: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

Sat Exodus 12:1-14 The Lord prepares to rescue His people from Egypt, at the same time picturing the rescue of mankind from sin. It will be a memorial to the Lamb whose blood saved His people from death.