

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & School”

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Pastor: Raymond Kimbrough

Principal: Jason Schapekahm

Welcome, Friend!

You Have Come To The Right Place!

Jesus Loves YOU!

WELCOME

Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again in the future.

For more information regarding St. Philip’s Lutheran Church,
please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373 or 414-254-6093.

For information on our K4 – 8th grade Christian day school please contact our
Principal, Jason Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.

Worship Theme

“His Final Steps Led to a Donkey”

Order of Service

Procession by children with palms and singing – “Riding on the Road to Jerusalem”

Opening Hymn: 870 – O Church, Arise

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(spoken)*

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Lord Have Mercy *(sung)*

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: Amen.

C: Amen.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

Oh Taste and See *(sung)*

L: Oh taste and see that the Lord is good

C: Oh taste and see that the Lord is good.

L: Blessed are they who take refuge in him

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L: Your word, oh Lord, is eternal.

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L: It stands firm in the heavens.

C: It stands firm in the heavens.

L: Your faithfulness continues.

C: Your faithfulness continues.

L: Forever

C: Forever

L: And ever

C: And ever

L: Amen

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor & Congregation: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(spoken)*

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet Zechariah foretold of a Savior King who would rule with gentleness and bring peace to the ends of the earth.

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses 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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 24 (selected verses)

Led by Junior Choir, congregation joins in Refrain

Refrain: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of Glory

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
they will receive blessing from God their Savior.

Refrain: Let the Lord enter, he is the King of glory.

Lift up your head, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty he is the King of glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain: Let the Lord enter, he is the King of glory.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

There is none greater than King Jesus. Yet there is none humbler than King Jesus.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn: 413 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

(Please rise for the final stanza.)

Sermon Theme: “His Final Steps Led to a Donkey”

- 1. To fulfill every last one of the Lord’s promises.**
- 2. To show us what kind of king Jesus really is!**

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:1-11

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that

went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Offering to the Lord

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

Online giving is also available from our website or click this link:

<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.

Prayer & 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

Congregational Response: A-men, A-men, A-men. (sung)

Riding on the Road to Jerusalem

H. Frombach, A. Brooke

Sung by K4 – 8th Grade Scholars of St. Philip’s Lutheran School

Jesus is riding on the road to Jerusalem.
He’s riding on the road to Jerusalem.
He’s riding on the road to Jerusalem.
Sing Hosanna to the King.

Palm branches on the road to Jerusalem.
Palm branches on the road to Jerusalem.
Palm branches on the road to Jerusalem.
Wave the branches to the King.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Sing glory to our King.
Hosanna! Hosanna! We praise the King of Kings.

We’re standing on the road to Jerusalem.
We’re standing on the road to Jerusalem.
We’re standing on the road to Jerusalem.
Sing Hosanna to the King.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Sing glory to our King.
Hosanna! Hosanna! We praise the King of Kings.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Sing glory to our King.

"Our Mission Statement"
(Our Purpose as a Church)

Our mission here at St. Philip’s Lutheran is outlined for us in Matthew 28:19: 'Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.' Making disciples includes proclaiming God's Word in its truth and purity, strengthening the faith of those under our care, and reaching out to the people of our community, (including our unchurched friends and relatives). Let us pray for and work together toward this goal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2023

Praise Band: Sarah Enstad, Erskin Henderson, Hayley Moldenhauer, Thomas Moldenhauer, Emma Schneck and Jack Wright. Thank you.

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Choirs: St. Philip’s Lutheran School Scholars and St. Philip’s Junior Choir.
Directed by Ms. Enstad. Thank you.

Next Week: April 9, 2023

Piano: Ms. Emma Schneck

April Calendar and Text Sheet is included with today’s bulletin.



WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP’S

- Wednesday, April 5** **Call Meeting 4:30PM – in person and virtual**
- Thursday, April 6** **Maundy Thursday Morning Chapel 8:15AM**
Maundy Thursday Worship w/communion 6:00PM
- Friday, April 7** **Good Friday Worship 6:00PM – Pastor Berg will preach**
NO SCHOOL – EASTER BREAK
- Sunday, April 9** **Easter Festival Worship w/communion 10:30AM**
- Monday, April 10 – Friday, April 14** **NO SCHOOL – EASTER BREAK**
- Looking Ahead:**
Friday, April 28 & Saturday, April 29 **St. Philip’s Lutheran School planning discussion**
with Grace in Action

OFFERING UPDATE

3/20/23-3/27/23	Week	March to Date	July to Date
Budget	\$3,490.57	\$13,962.26	\$138,584.91
Actual	\$3,202.70	\$12,816.00	\$134,992.22
Over(Under)	(\$ 287.87)	(\$ 1,145.86)	(\$ 3,592.69)

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<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.*

Calls Issued:

Mrs. Rebecca Hein to serve as a Lower Grade Teacher
Ms. Lisa Chamberlain to serve as an Upper Grade Teacher

Please keep these workers in your prayers as they deliberate the divine calls they now hold.



In Our Prayers

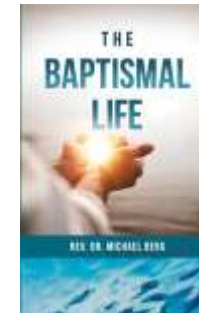
Please keep **Johnnie Patterson, Linda Abner and Joyce Vernon** in your prayers as they continue to deal with medical issues. We look forward to the day they can return to worship.

If you know of someone who should be added to our prayer request list please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373 or Mrs. Allard at 414-263-7614. We would love to be able to include others on this list as well.

OPEN ENROLLMENT – APRIL 1-20, 2023

The third open enrollment for St. Philip’s Lutheran School and the Milwaukee Parental Choice program for the 2023-2024 school year began April 1, 2023, and will continue through the end of the day on April 20, 2023. St. Philip’s Lutheran Church members with children or grandchildren who are between the ages of 4 and 14 are encouraged to contact Mr. Schapekahn, Pastor Kimbrough, Mrs. Allard or any of our teachers for more information. We have enrolled 85 students to date for next school year. We have seats available at all grade levels and would love to have our congregation children as students at St. Philip’s Lutheran School. For more information and/or to set up an appointment to enroll please call Mr. Schapekahn at 414-659-4688 or Mrs. Allard in the school office 414-263-7614.

<https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>



Written by Pastor Michael Berg

Water is everywhere in the Bible. Whether it's literal H2O or water as a motif, the pages of God's Word are saturated with the stuff. This water kept—and keeps—God's people alive not just physically, but spiritually as well. In this book, Rev. Dr. Michael Berg reflects on the power of water in Scripture, the impact of baptism, and how this precious sacrament connects believers to Christ. Readers will follow the "water story" of the Word as it winds through accounts both well-known (creation, the flood) and obscure (the Passover, Naaman) before ultimately bringing us before God in paradise. Additionally, each chapter offers astute connections to the baptismal sacrament and useful takeaways for a Christian life. The book ends with a commentary on the Order of Baptism that explains this rite in an approachable way for laypeople. Check out this brief [video](#) to learn more about *The Baptismal Life*.

We have several copies available in the church office if you are interested. Please contact Pastor Kimbrough or Mrs. Allard if you would like a copy to borrow.