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Prayer: Almighty Father, giver of life and health. I pray for all who are sick and suffering. Grant that in the midst of pain they may be comforted by Your presence and sustained by Your love. If it be Your gracious will, restore them to health. In Jesus Name I pray. AMEN (C.W. pg. 138)



Our Heavenly Father’s Business at St. John’s

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday Worship Service – Canceled Due to COVID-19 Precautions.

Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday Worship Service w / L.S. – Canceled Due to COVID-19 Precautions.

Friday, April 10 – Good Friday Worship Service – Canceled Due to COVID-19 Precautions.

Easter Sunday – April 12 – 8:00 a.m. Worship Service – Canceled Due to COVID-19 Precautions – Extended BAN until April 13.

Easter Breakfast – Canceled Due to COVID-19 Precautions.

Easter Sunday – April 12 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Canceled Due to COVID-19 Precautions – Extended BAN until April 13.

Monday, April 13 – 6:45 p.m. Deacon Meeting; 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Practice Social Distancing.

Sunday – April 19 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 9:15 a.m. Young People’s Society Meeting; 9:30 a.m. Family Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Please sign up. Keep in mind that with the changing events due to DOVID-19, this may be canceled and pushed to a later date. Those who have signed up will continue to have their names moved forward to the next date as necessary.

Coffee Hour After Service – Canceled Due to COVID-19 Precautions.

Dear Guests! – We pray that you will be able to join us again after the COVID-19 issue is past. If you would like to learn more about The Holy Bible, or would like to become a member, please contact the Pastor either via phone or e-mail:

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Wherever You May Be – Look For Mission Field Opportunities

Order of Worship – The Common Service Without L.S. – pg. 15

Opening Hymn **C.W. 249 / TLH 20** sung by the Congregation -

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/249>

- Invocation (Liturgy pg. 15)

- Confession of Sins

- Absolution

- Prayer and Praise (pg. 16)

- Prayer of The Day (pg. 17)

First Lesson – Zechariah 9:9-10

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+9%3A9-10+&version=NIV>

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 24 (NIV) (Liturgy pg. 73; Read or Sing as Desired)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,

The world and all who live in it;

For He founded it upon the seas

And established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

He will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Lift up your heads, O 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, O 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Second Lesson – Philippians 2:5-11

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-11&version=NIV>

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 21:1-11

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21%3A1-11&version=NIV>

Apostle's Creed – (pg. 19) <https://wels.net/about-wels/what-we-believe/creeds/>

Sermon Hymn: **C.W. 131 / TLH 160** by the Congregation

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/131>

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:8-11

Sermon Theme: Are You Willing To Spread Your Cloak Before The Lord Jesus?

Vs. 8 – A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Vs. 9 – The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna (Save I pray) to the Son of David!” Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Vs. 10 – When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, - Who is This?

Vs. 11 – The crowds answered, This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.

GREETING: Jesus says: heaven & Earth will pass away, but My Words will never pass away. (Matt. 24:35)

It seems as though there is no end in sight for this COVID-19 issue.

How long must we endure? How long can we continue to live like this with the “stay at home” directive, with the uncertainty, the fear, the anxiety and all the other emotions that go along with it?

As we see the death toll rise, and the number of cases increase at a rapid pace, it seems like the date for the BAN and Stay At Home policy will keep on being extended due to this very contagious disease.

This year we - together with many Christians - are celebrating Palm Sunday with empty houses of worship – across the nation.

On Palm Sunday we see Jesus as He is riding into Jerusalem on a colt, the foal of a donkey as prophesied by God through the prophet Zechariah.

“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.” (Zech. 9:9 NIV)

The END is drawing near for the earthly ministry of Jesus.

He has spent 33 years upon this earth.

He was born of humble birth. Of the Virgin Mary, in a stable where His bed was a manger.

During His earthly Ministry Jesus is quoted as saying: “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.” (Lk. 9:58 NIV)

Now on Palm Sunday, we see Jesus Who we know is God, equal with the God the Father and God the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19; Jn. 10:30; Jn. 14:26), Jesus is riding into Jerusalem not on a gallant white steed, but instead humbly on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Jesus is riding into Jerusalem to die, just as He had been instructing His disciples during His earthly ministry when: “He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again.” (Mk. 8:31 NIV)

The END of Christ’s Work on this earth was coming to its completion.

My father-in-law who served in World War II had a saying when bad things would happen.

He would say: “This too shall Pass.”

We do not know how many weeks, months or years this COVID-19 issue will continue, only God knows.

But God in His Holy, Inspired, Infallible, and inerrant Word as revealed in the Holy Bible, God has given us some information that we know for certain.

Jesus says: “Do Not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; Trust also in ME. In My Father’s house are many rooms / (Mansions – KJV); if it were not so, I would have told you. I AM going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.” (Jn. 14:1-3)

