

Serving Today, April 2, 2023

Preacher & Presider: Pastor June Wilkins

Ushers: Gary & Leslie Heavener

Communion Assistants: John & Joyce Prange

Altar Guild: Paulette Stefanik

Musicians: Phyllis Rowe, David & Tami Kuhlmann,
Dulce Jubilo Bell Choir, Doug Felten

Prayers Needed

Elsie Meccariello, Carla Holm

Christ Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the ELCA

Pastor: Rev. June Wilkins

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Christ Lutheran Church

April 2, 2023 ♦ 10 am Worship

Palm / Passion Sunday



OUR WORSHIP BEGINS OUTSIDE

+Welcome and Announcements

+Responsive Greeting and Invitation

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your King comes to you; He is triumphant and victorious,

Humble and riding on a donkey, On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

+PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL – Matthew 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead 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, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

+BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The assembly raises their palm branches as the branches are blessed

Let us go forth in peace, **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The congregation processes, following the cross into the sanctuary

+Opening Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* **ELW 344**

+ Greeting

+ Prayer of the Day

Homily *Rev. June Wilkins*

Prayer of Confession for Palm Sunday

+Hymn *Were You There?* **ELW 353**

+ Prayers of Intercession

+ Peace *The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace*

MEAL

Offering *Beautiful Things* David & Tami Kuhlmann

+ Post Offering Song *Jesus Remember Me*

+Offering Prayer

+Great Thanksgiving / Words of Institution

+Lord’s Prayer

+Invitation to Communion

As we join with the family of all believers in celebrating Holy Communion, we believe that Christ is present in this meal, and when we receive it, we receive God’s grace, abundant love, and forgiveness.

Everyone is invited to share communion at Christ regardless of age, denomination or background. Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the pastor know.

+ Communion Blessing

+ Prayer After Communion

SENDING

+Benediction

+ Sending Hymn *There in God’s Garden* **ELW 342**

+ Closing Reading *Philippians 2:5-11*

+ Dismissal