



A Little Underwhelming

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

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KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall.

Service of the Word

Palm Sunday is the climax of our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal. These praises foreshadowed the victory which Jesus was to win over sin, death, and the devil. With repentant hearts we join our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, confident of his everlasting rule and greeting him as our eternal King. May we follow him with confidence from Holy Week to Easter and from earth to heaven.

PALM GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28–40

Jesus rides into Jerusalem as a king, but he rides on to die. In that way, he brought about the promised eternal reign of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

HYMN

Hosanna to Our King! | Sunday School

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:45AM SERVICE)

CONFESSION OF SIN

- P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to you, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended you, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word, and deed, so that you could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity. Therefore we come before you with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.
- P: O merciful God, you still grant us in this hour to be reminded of your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of your Word, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, and implore you, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification: Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.
- C: We therefore pray you, O Lord, through your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HYMN

Lord, Have Mercy



O God the Fa - ther in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.



O God the Son, Re - deem - er of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O God the Ho - ly Ghost, true Com - fort - er, have mer - cy up - on us.

ABSOLUTION

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Thine Image | #593

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was celebrated by those who scattered their garments and branches in his path, may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5–11

The Christ who entered Jerusalem in great humility is also the Savior who will be victorious and reign over all creation.

⁵You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.

⁷Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,
⁸he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

⁹Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor
and gave him the name above all other names,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna | #279

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 shall 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor | #277

SERMON

A Little Underwhelming | Zechariah 9:9-10

Zechariah describes the coming of the Messiah using the image of the king triumphantly returning to Jerusalem from battle, having established his rule over the nations.

⁹Rejoice 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.

¹⁰I 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.

OFFERING AND PRAYERS

Were You There? | Roy Broberg

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

HYMN

Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty | #280

PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that—in the power of our Redeemer’s death—we may day by day put off sin and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ’s name. Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we give you our heartfelt thanks that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Announcements

PRAYER REQUESTS? Please contact Wanda Warnke at 612-529-1497.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 395 worshiped on Sunday, and 100 worshiped on Wednesday.

OFFERING LAST WEEK

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$16,154

Received Last Week: \$16,986

Average Needed Year to Date: \$662,314

Received Year to Date: \$710,220

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by the Healy family in memory of Florence Healy.

BAPTISMS

Reid Daniel Primus and Violet Joy Koehnen will be baptized this morning during the 10:45 AM service. Reid is the infant son of Derick and Becca Primus. Sponsors are Steve and Liz Smith & Jeremy and Ranae Primus. Joy is the infant daughter of Kory and Anne Koehnen. Sponsors are Derick and Becca Primus. May God keep these children in their baptismal grace and His tender care.

CALL NEWS

Lauren Farquhar has accepted the call to teach grade 8 and upper grade math at King of Grace School. Pastor Wiechmann has returned the call to serve as pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Ohio.

BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY APRIL 25

The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring another blood drive on **Thursday, April 25** from 1:00 – 7:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: **KingOfGraceGV**.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

King's Daughters invite you help pack meals at Feed My Starving Children (401 93rd Ave NW/Coon Rapids, MN 55433) on **Friday, April 26** from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. FMSC welcomes volunteers ages 5 and older. Please consider participating in this service project that provides nutritious meals to hungry children worldwide. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the Fireside Room.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: FUND REQUESTS?

Is your Board or Committee seeking funds for projects that were not covered by your current budget? If so, please submit a Fund Request to the church office and the Endowment Committee will consider it as we disburse earnings from the KoG Endowment Fund.

Request Due Date: April 28, 2019

Funds available for distribution: \$3,000 - \$5,000

Please include the following:

- Name of individual or group requesting the gift
- Requestor contact information (phone, email)
- Requested amount
- Clearly stated & detailed purpose & goal to be accomplished by the gift
- Timeline for implementation (if gift is approved)

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

As you stand in awe of the many blessings God has given you over the past year, please consider a donation to the King of Grace Endowment Fund (cash, stocks or securities). Earnings from this fund are disbursed each year based on qualified requests from KoG boards, committees and/or individual members. Thank you!

Some of the disbursements over the past few years include

- King of Grace kitchen supplies
- ELS World Outreach – facilities repair for pro-life facility in the Ukraine
- West Lutheran High – new STEM academic program funding
- New ELS Catechisms for KoG members and parents of confirmands
- King of Grace security locks for school doors
- King of Grace C3 Youth Group

KING OF GRACE 5K AND FUN RUN

Join us at King of Grace on **Saturday, May 4** for a 5K race and a 1K fun run. The 5K starts at 9 AM, and the 1K begins at 10 AM. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. The 5K registration fee is \$25, which includes a race t-shirt, electronic timing, and post-race refreshment. Registration is required for the 5K event. Please see the link on the school website. There is no registration necessary for the 1K. All of the money raised from this event will go toward installing air conditioning in the lower grade classrooms.

VOTERS' MEETING

King of Grace's annual May voters' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 at 7PM. Action items include approving next year's budget, electing board and committee members, and extending teacher calls.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Summer is right around the corner! King of Grace offers a **summer program** for school-age kids entering K-6th grade. Please talk to Bonnie Nielsen if you would like any information or you can email bnielsen@kog-els.org.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR JAPANESE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

- ~ Short term! 8/5 to 8/26
- ~ Host homes can be couples, families, singles
- ~ Students study at Bethel University Monday - Friday
- ~ Stipend & transportation help provided
- ~ Planting seeds of faith for 25 years

Interested? Please contact Deb Anderson: djamwa@aol.com or 763.522.5051

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Good Friday 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday 8:15 am and 10:45 am (Easter Breakfast 9:30 am)

Calendar

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| Today | 9:30 am | Congregation Budget Update with Church Council |
| | 1:00 pm | King's Kids at Wild Woods Waterpark |
| Tuesday | 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm | Jesus Cares |
| | 6:30 pm | Pioneers |
| | 6:30 pm | Board of Youth |
| Thursday | 6:30 pm | Maundy Thursday Service |
| Friday | 6:30 pm | Good Friday Service |
| Saturday | 8:30 am | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday | 9:30 am | Easter Breakfast |

Preacher.....Rev. Ben Wiechmann | **Liturgist**..... Rev. Erv Ekhoﬀ
Special Music.....Sunday School | **Director**..... Emily Wiechmann
Brass.....Deb Anderson, Joe Ringen
Offertory PianistRoy Broberg | **Organist**..... Karen Merseth

Counters Today Brian & Jennifer Pederson, Claire Joubert
Counters ThursdayRandy & Julie Voelker, Paul & Arlene Fuller
Counters Friday..... Gina Thomforde, Collin & Emily Bredeson
Counters Sunday.....Gerry Reason, Lon Rogness
Usher Captains Today.....John Vomhof, Sr., John Woodington
Usher Captain ThursdayTom Studanski
Usher Captain FridayCurtis Merchant
Usher Captains SundaySteve Kopacek, Loren Braun
Video Team Today Katherine Guillaume
Video Team ThursdayGerry Reason
Video Team FridayJason Luxford
Video Team SundayKirk Guillaume (8:15 AM), Gerry Reason (10:45AM)
Coffee Clean Up Today School Board
Coffee Setup and Clean Up Next Sunday..... Youth
April Altar Guild Alice Ringen, Barb Cummmings