

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

### *Rethinking Real Strength*

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Opening Hymn .....412, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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**Prayer of the Day:** 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.

#### FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)..... Psalm 24H

#### SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation (*Bottom of Page!*)..... Page 161

Gospel Acclamation Verse: *The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*

#### GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day .....411, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

SERMON..... "Sing a Song of Hosanna" Mark 11:1-10

Offering Hymn .....729 v. 3, "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

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Hymn ..... 413, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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Closing Hymn ..... 928, "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

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### FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

**The prophet Zechariah foretold a king who is both infinitely strong and perfectly humble. He would enter Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey.**

*Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.*

*As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit. Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope. This very day I declare that I will restore double to you.*

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-3

**Jesus demonstrated strength by enduring the cross. He did so for the joy set before him: redeeming us from our sin.**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.*

### GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-10

**The almighty Son of God demonstrates real strength by humbly riding into Jerusalem knowing he will soon be put to death.**

*As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.'"*

*They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.*

*They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEAD USHERS:** Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz; next Sunday: Ronald Knueppel/Randy Sellnow

**ORGANISTS:** The **April** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

**CALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** At the call meeting which was held last Sunday, a divine call was issued to Mrs. Lori Andrews of Slinger, Wisconsin. Mrs. Andrews is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education along with her teaching license at Concordia University. Please keep Mrs. Andrews in your prayers as she deliberates her call to St. Matthew's.

**LWMS FREE-WILL OFFERING:** **TODAY** we will be taking a free-will offering to help support the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). Cash or checks will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to: **LWMS**. We hope many of you will consider supporting the missionary efforts of the LWMS!

**EASTER LILIES:** If you wish to order a lily (or lilies) to be placed in church for the services on Easter Sunday, please sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. Lilies will be purchased only for those who sign up! After the Easter services, the lily is yours to take home and enjoy. The cost is **\$12.00** per plant. The last day to order is **TODAY!**

**PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE:** Please note the dates and times for our upcoming special services: **Maundy Thursday** (communion worship services), **March 28, 3:15 PM -and- 7:00 PM**; **Good Friday, March 29, 1:30 PM** worship service; **Easter Sunday, March 31, 7:00 AM -and- 9:00 AM** worship services.

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** On **Sunday, March 31**, between our **7:00 AM -and- 9:00 AM** worship services, we will be hosting an Easter breakfast. **Dean & Suanne Ebert** are our coordinators. Scrambled eggs with ham, breakfast sausages, pancakes and French toast will be provided, but we will need donations of food items to supplement the meal. If you would like to provide something, please sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board. We will also need volunteers to help set up, clean up, and prepare food that day. You may sign up to help in that way as well. Thanks, in advance, to all who help in any way!

**LWMS SPRING MISSION RALLY:** We will be hosting the LWMS Spring Mission Rally right here at St. Matthew's on **Saturday, April 13**, from **8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**. It will be co-hosted by St. John, Woodland. The speaker and topic will be: **Juan Escobar** who is a seminary student from Doral, Florida. Originally from Colombia, Juan will present on Latin American missions and Academia Cristo. He will also talk about how a basketball camp at Divine Savior changed his life.

On the LWMS bulletin board in the hallway by Mr. Lorge's classroom there is a sign-up sheet to attend the rally. On the **SCHOOL** bulletin board in the main hallway there is a sign-up sheet to help set up, greet, serve, and clean up, as well as to donate baked goods. Registration for the day will begin at **8:30 AM** with the rally beginning at **9:00 AM** and concluding at **12:30 PM**. Those planning on attending are asked to bring non-perishable food items or cash as a donation for the *Seminary Food Pantry*. Donations will also be taken at registration for the *Working Fund*. If you would like more information about this rally, please speak with **Becky or Abby Schulz**.

**WELS NIGHT AT THE BREWERS:** Back and better than ever, WELS Night at the Brewers is returning for 2024! Plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on **Friday, July 12**, to watch the Brewers take on the Nationals. Tickets for WELS members and guests continue to receive a discount of up to 50% and are reserved together in all three seating categories. Ticket prices are **\$23** (Field Outfield Box), **\$17** (Loge Outfield Box), and **\$10** (Terrace Infield). Individual tickets are available **NOW** and can be purchased online at [brewers.com/wels](http://brewers.com/wels).

**WE THANK** the students in Gr. 3-4 for their joyful song today!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Lenten Services: 46/31; Sunday: 113

**Offerings:** Lenten Services: \$841.00; Sunday: \$5,383.00  
*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,239.00)*

**Special Funds:** Church Refurbishment: \$610.00; St. Matthew's School: \$10.00

**Memorials:** In Memory of Audrey Belling: \$10.00 (*St. Matthew's School*); In Memory of Audrey Belling: \$585.00 (*Church Refurbishment*); In Memory of Elaine (Gunst) Rex: \$25.00 (*Church Refurbishment*)



*We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the tables at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.*

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: **Palm Sunday** Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM  
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School ..... 10:15 AM

Thursday: **Maundy Thursday** Communion  
Worship Services ..... 3:15 PM/7:00 PM  
Adult Choir ..... 8:00 PM  
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Friday: **Good Friday** Worship Service ..... 1:30 PM

Sunday: **Easter Sunday** Worship Services ..... 7:00 AM/9:00 AM  
*(Breakfast served between services)*

