

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

My God, my God, why have you _____ forsaken _____ me? Why are you so far from _____ saving _____ me, from the words of my groaning? In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you _____ delivered _____ them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. — Psalm 22:1, 4-5

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of _____ Zion _____! Shout aloud, O daughter of _____ Jerusalem _____! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having _____ salvation _____ is he, humble and mounted on a _____ donkey _____, on a _____ colt _____, the foal of a donkey. — Zechariah 9:9

Therefore God has highly _____ exalted _____ him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of _____ Jesus _____ every knee should bow, in _____ heaven _____ and on _____ earth _____ and under the earth, and every tongue _____ confess _____ that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the _____ glory _____ of God the _____ Father _____. — Philippians 2:9-11

Most of the crowd spread their _____ cloaks _____ on the road, and others cut _____ branches _____ from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were _____ shouting _____, “_____ Hosanna _____ to the Son of David! _____ Blessed _____ is he who comes in the name of the _____ Lord _____! Hosanna in the _____ highest _____!” — Matthew 21:8-9



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Palmarum — Palm Sunday

2018

INTROIT

Psalm 22:1, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Psalm 22:19-21

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

Glorify 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.

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DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 73:23b-24, 1

You hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #441 — Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The First Article of the Creed with Explanation

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps, with its culmination being Holy Week. Holy Week begins on Palmarum (Palm Sunday) and extends through the Triduum (“three holy days” – that is: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday).

Upon the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday Service, the Altar will be stripped, the Sanctuary decorations will be removed, and the Processional cross will be carried out.

From last Sunday (Judica) through Holy Week, all the crosses in the sanctuary are veiled. This is done because we do not deserve to look upon the cross. We are not worthy of the Sacrifice. The cross is our greatest and most cherished symbol. So it is partially taken away from us for a short time, that we might better appreciate it when it returns. But the cross is not taken away completely; it is not removed. It is only covered. We can see outlines of the cross, but its beauty and details are fuzzy. This represents the reality that our grief prevents us from seeing clearly until Easter. For faith always views the cross in the light of the empty tomb.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 118:19-29

Who is the rejected stone that becomes the cornerstone?

Jesus Christ — This was accomplished by Jesus being betrayed and turned over to His enemies (rejected), crucified, and put to death. His death on the cross is for our salvation, making Him the cornerstone.

Optional Reading & Discussion Question

Read Psalm 31:9-16

What commandment does verse 14 reference?

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 87 (pages 102-103) and question 110 (pages 117-118)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Zechariah 9:9-12

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on what kind of animal?

A donkey and its colt

What does verse 11 mean?

The Lord made a covenant (promise) with His blood to give us eternal salvation. Jesus sacrificed Himself (shed His blood) for the transgressions (sins) of all believers. We are justified (found innocent of our sins) through Christ by faith alone.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 12:12-19

What did the people in Jerusalem do when they heard that Jesus was coming? And, why were they in Jerusalem?

They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” (verse 13). The people were in Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover.

What part of the Divine Service is verse 13 of the Gospel lesson sung?

The Sanctus — Holy, Holy, Holy (found on LSB pages 161, 178, 195, 208, and 217 during the Divine Service and hymn #961)

Optional Reading & Discussion Question

Read Matthew 21:1-9

What is the importance of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and its colt?

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet [Zechariah 9:9], saying: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” (verses 4-5).

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Philippians 2:5-11

How did Christ humble Himself and serve us?

Christ is God. He emptied Himself and became man — taking on all our weaknesses. Jesus was still able to remain sinless (hold God's Law / The Ten Commandments) and obedient to the point of death (died on the cross for our sins).

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 127 (page 130) and question 141 (page 137)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the First Article of the Creed with Explanation and Palmarum?

God provides everything (body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses; clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have) for us, including His precious Son to die for us.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.