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(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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Palm Sunday

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Prayer: “All glory, laud, and honor, To You, Redeemer King, To whom the lips of children, Made sweet hosannas ring. To You before Your passion, They sang their hymns of praise; To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.” Amen. (Hymn #131, v.4)

Morning Praise

(The Hymnal, page 45.)

The Hymns: 131 – 133 – Insert – 125, v. 4 – 130.

Organist: Linda Nottling.

Worship Note: We will sing “The Lamb” in place of the “We Praise You, O God” after the sermon. The song is printed on the insert sheet and comes from “Christian Worship – Supplement.” We thank Ruth Nottling, Lori Schlavensky and Karla Zimmerman for playing the flute accompaniment. Large print copies are available on the back table.

Psalm 24, page 73.

The Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9, 10 – Several hundred years before the event, God announced Palm Sunday through His prophet Zechariah. “Your King comes to you” – riding on a donkey! He came in humility, yet with power. He came to bring us salvation, forgiveness, eternal life in heaven.

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 – Paul puts our Palm Sunday celebration in its proper perspective. We should not be fooled by Christ’s humility. Our Savior is true God – yet how He humbled Himself for us, even died for us. So great is His love! And now – so great is His glory!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40 – Palm Sunday provides a good picture of Christ and His kingdom. Our King knows all things and keeps His word. He came to save His people. His people obey their King, joyfully serve Him, publicly praise Him.

The Sermon: Isaiah 45:22-25 -

God's Holy Week Invitation

- I. To repent and be saved.
- II. To take comfort in God’s faithfulness.
- III. To serve and share our Savior.

This Week at St. John's

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Sr. Choirchimes
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Maundy Thursday	3:15 & 7:00 p.m.	Worship (Holy Communion)
Good Friday	1:30 p.m.	Worship (Holy Communion)
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Set up for Easter breakfast
Sunday	7:00 & 9:30 a.m.	Worship
	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Easter breakfast (No S.School/B. Class)

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Our greeters are Shirley Parks (early); John and Kathy Schmid (late).

Last Week: 248 (86+162) gathered around God’s Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 149 received Holy Communion. 22 came to Sunday School. There was no Bible class due to fellowship time. 102 (76+26) people used our Lenten Vesper services. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,574	\$287,812
Received	\$8,655	\$269,366

This includes \$3,125 for school tuition and \$80 for our debt fund. We also received \$20 for our Organ Fund and \$256 from the L.W.M.S. door collection. Our treasurer has had to borrow \$7,000 in the past month to keep us current on our expenses. Please give this your prayerful and personal consideration.

After our services we will see a brief video update from Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

Hospitalized: Please keep Bob Jenkins (UW-Madison) in your daily prayers.

Holy Week Services: Please note above our schedule of special services this week and use them to grow closer to your dear Savior. Please also note the special times for our Easter services. Parents please note the singing schedule: Maundy Thursday – small group sings both services; Good Friday – Junior Choir sings; Easter Sunday – Sr. Choirchimes play early and Junior Choir sings late.

Door collection: To express our thanks and support we will take a door collection today for our student teacher Rachel Steinbrenner. She will return to Martin Luther College after Easter.

Gifts: This past week our church and school each received a gift of \$81,303.67 from the estate of Sam Lidtke. Sam’s will specifies that the money “not be used for operating expenses but for new capital expenditures or projects.” We thank God for leading Sam to do this – and we thank God for giving Sam and us the gift all the money in the world could never buy – eternal life in heaven through our Lord Jesus.

Easter Lilies: If you have an Easter lily or plant that we can use for our Easter altar, please have it here by 1:00 p.m. this Saturday. Thank you.

Easter Breakfast: ALL are invited to our Easter breakfast next Sunday between the two services. We are planning on two seatings to accommodate those who come to the early or late services. Please be sure to check the sign-up sheets in the entry way to show how YOU can help with the breakfast. **NOTE: Please have all food here before 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.**

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