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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ today as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we invite you to join us every week as part of God's family in worship.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

8:00am

**HYMN: #161 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**INVOCATION:**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P. Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

C. SEE, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU, RIGHTEOUS AND HAVING SALVATION.

P. Gentle and riding on a donkey,

C. ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.

P. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C. HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

**PRAYER: (Spoken together)**

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. Amen.

**SONG: "Hosanna"**

1. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King.
2. We love You, We love You, We love You, Christ our King.  
We love You, We love You, We love You, Christ our King.
3. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King.  
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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:4-9a

4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. 5 And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 6 A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. 7 The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." 9 You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11

5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above

every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *(Spoken together)*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own and live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

**HYMN: #55 “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”**

**SERMON: Philippians 2:5-8 "What's your Attitude?"**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed on the back of the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**SONG: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart. In my heart, In my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving, In my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving, In my heart. In my heart, In my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving, In my heart.
3. Lord, I want to be more holy In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy In my heart. In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy In my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus In my heart. In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus In my heart.

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**THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP**

*(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)*

**PRAYERS**

**PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER:**

P. We have heard today of Christ's humility, suffering, and death for us.

C. THROUGH GOD'S HOLY WORD, WE HAVE NOW BEEN CALLED TO HAVE THE SAME ATTITUDE AS CHRIST JESUS.

P. But we have not had the same attitude as Jesus,

C. WE HAVE SINNED, AND FOR THAT SIN DESERVE ETERNAL PUNISHMENT.

P. Yet in God's mercy, He sent His only Son to redeem us.

C. FOR THE SAKE OF WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR US THEN, WE CALL UPON YOU LORD FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. AMEN.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SONG: “Holy Holy Holy - Hosanna” (Mt 21:9)** Verse: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.

Chorus: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. *(Repeat verse)*  
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*THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION:* *The Bible teaches under the bread and wine of Communion Jesus gives His real body and blood to assure us of forgiveness. (Mt 26:26-28) It also teaches in receiving this meal together, we are by that act professing a unity of faith with the church at whose altar we commune. (1 Cor 10: 16-21) While Communion is meant as a blessing, we can however misuse it to our harm. Those who eat without repentance or recognizing the presence of Jesus' body and blood sin against the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27-29). Also, when fellowship at this meal is practiced with others who hold beliefs contrary to God's Word, the church is weakened and the truth God tells us to guard is compromised. (Ro 16:17, 2 Thess 3:14) In an effort to avoid these sins and follow God's Word, before communing anyone we first seek to teach them about Christ's meal, and have them make a public profession of their agreement with us in the faith. As a matter of loving spiritual care then, not judgment, we invite to commune with us today confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) who have received instruction, and by current membership in one of these sister churches confess a unity of faith with us here at St. Paul's.*

*NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE:* *Out of consideration for those who have difficulty with alcohol a few glasses in the center ring of each Communion tray contain non-alcoholic white wine.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(Spoken together)*

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.

**BLESSING:**

P. Go in the peace of your triumphant Savior.

C. WE CELEBRATE HIS WORK OF FORGIVENESS AND GRACE EACH DAY!

P. Go in the peace of your God who takes you as His own!

C. WE HAVE HEARD THE GOOD NEWS! AS WE MOVE CLOSER TO THE EASTER CELEBRATION WE WILL SHARE THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST WITH OTHERS.

P. The Lord be with you now and forevermore.

C. WE GO NOW TO SERVE IN HIS NAME. AMEN.

**HYMN: #160 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF APRIL:  
APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service

**Philippians 2:5-8**

**"What's Your Attitude?"**

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1. What kind of attitudes are we suppose to have as God's people?

2. How did Jesus show humility as our Savior?

3. How did Jesus display an attitude of service?

4. Jesus was willing to obey even when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Why did Jesus have joy in giving up his life for us?

6. How do Jesus' attitudes as our Savior help us?

7. What is the Holy Spirit doing in us today?