



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Arrival in Jerusalem – Mark 11:1-19

March 11, 2018

10:30 Service of the Word

Jerusalem was the religious center of the Jewish people. Within it stood the great temple, the house of God. While Jews believed God was everywhere the temple was God's promised dwelling place. It was to the temple that Jews turned for forgiveness of sins and for right relationship with God. We know the stories of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and his time in the temple. Today we take a fresh look at these old stories and discover new things to learn from them.

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Dialog (Excerpts from the prayer “Catch Me in My Scurrying” in Guerillas of Grace by Ted Loder, copyright 1981 Augsburg Fortress)

P: Catch me in my mindless scurrying, Lord,
and hold me in this Lenten season:

**C: hold my spirit to the beacon of your grace
and grant me light enough to walk boldly,
to feel passionately,
to love aggressively;**

P: grant me peace enough to want more,
to work for more
and to submit to nothing less,
and to fear only you...
only you!

**C: Bequeath me not becalmed seas,
slack sails and premature benedictions,
but breathe into me a torrent,
storm enough to make within myself
and from myself,
something...
something new,
something saving,
something true,
a gladness of heart,
a pitch for a song in the storm,
a word of praise lived,
a gratitude shared,
a cross dared,
a joy received.**

P: Catch me in my mindless scurrying, Lord,

C: and hold me in this Lenten season.

Gathering Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus
(For music see Hymn 338 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,**

**a home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and burdens of the day.**

**2. Upon the cross of Jesus,
my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears,
two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love
and my unworthiness.**

**3. I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.**

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869. Music: Frederic C. Maker, 1844-1927

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 84 (read responsively)

A: Your temple is my joy,
Lord of heaven's might.
I am eager for it,
eager for the courts of God.

**C: My flesh, my flesh sings
its joy to the living God.**

A: As a sparrow homing,
a swallow seeking a nest
to hatch its young,

**C: I am eager for your altars,
Lord of heaven's might,
my king, my God.**

A: To live with you is joy,
to praise you and never stop.

**C: Those you bless with courage
will bless you from their hearts.**

A: When they cross the Valley of Thirst
the ground is spaced with springs,
with the welcome rain of autumn.

**C: They travel the towns to reach
to God of gods in Zion.**

A: Hear me, Lord of might,
heed me, God of Jacob.

**C: God our shield, look,
see the face of your anointed.**

A: One day within your courts
is worth a thousand without.

**C: I would rather stand at God's gate
then move among the wicked.**

A: God is our sun, our shield,
the gift of honor and grace.
The Lord never fails to bless
those who walk with integrity.

**C: Lord of heaven's might,
blest are all who trust in you.**

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Mark 11:9b-10)

**C: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!**

Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-19

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to

take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

¹²On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found

nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴He said to it,

“May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; ¹⁶and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷He was teaching and saying, “Is it not written,

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’?

But you have made it a den of robbers.”

¹⁸And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. ¹⁹And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Lamb of God
For music turn to Hymn 54 in the Songbook Binder

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace.**

Grant us your peace.

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Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† THANKSGIVING †

Offering

Hymn of Thanksgiving *As the offering is brought forward the congregation sings:*

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.**

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Thanksgiving Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: we offer to you what is already your own: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Guide us so that we may use your gifts in the service of your will; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

A: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
(For music see Hymn 95 in the Songbook Binder)

**1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself.**

2. **We must walk this lonesome valley;
we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
we have to walk it by ourselves.**

3. **You must go and stand your trial;
you have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
you have to stand it by yourself.**

Text and music: American folk hymn

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **God's Work. Our Hands.**

WHAT? AFTER ALL THAT, JESUS JUST LOOKS AROUND AND LEAVES?



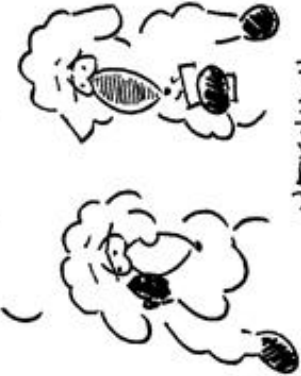
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TED - IT WAS LATE AND JESUS HAS A BIG WEEK AHEAD. HE'S GOT WORK TO DO.



THANKS TO E.M. IN MISSISSAUGA!

OH - I GET IT, HE WAS CASING THE JOINT.



MARK 11:1-11

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Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Karen and Jim Spawton
Acolyte	Jaden White
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Linn Griffo and Karen Spawton

Worship assistants for next Sunday, March 18, 2018

Greeters and Ushers	Bill and Katy Stimmel
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Altar Care	Beth Perda
Communion Assistants	Helen Crown and Sally Mansfield
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	Joy Lethbridge, Ella Schuller, Becky Nohe

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