

This Week's Words for Meditation

Death to Life

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

John 12:24

Anyone who likes to garden or comes from an agricultural background understands this image. It is always amazing to think that something so lifeless as a seed—dried up, hard, dead—can, with God's help, grow into a vibrant, green, living plant.

Jesus here is describing what must happen to Him for life to blossom. He was to become dead. Alive, during His ministry on earth, He had many followers. They flocked to Him, witnessed miracles, and listened to His teaching. Yet while still alive, He was abandoned by all but a few of His followers, and He died nearly alone.

But in that death, and the glorious resurrection that followed, the seeds of His ministry, by all appearances dead, were brought to life in faith and grew to a vibrant, living church.

I often start my garden in the basement in pots under a grow light. This gives me a good opportunity to watch the change in the lifeless seeds. And they give me a good lesson in faith. Some never grow. But some, and often the hardiest of the bunch, grow and come out of the soil with the husk of the seed attached to a leaf or a stem. They grow well and are alive and vibrant, but there is a reminder of their death that grows with them.

We, too, grow with a reminder of our death. We have died, but we have been reborn. In our Baptism, and with the seeds of faith that Christ has planted in us, we live and grow in Him. Yet we remember our death. Not only our death in Christ, which He accomplished for us, but our death to sin. And in that death, there is life—everlasting life in Christ.

Jesus, in Your death You give us life. Thank You for the seed of faith that grows in me, and may I help to plant seeds in others. Amen.

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WORSHIP THEME: "WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?"

Welcome Visitors! To all who enter the doors of this church, we extend a special greeting. It is our sincere desire that you will find warmth and fellowship here, and that God may give you a beautiful Sabbath day. Please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex, giving your address (including apartment number) and zip code. Please come and worship with us again!



A Note About the Lord's Supper: The LORD's Supper will be offered at our 10:45 service this morning. If you have any doubts or questions about your ability and worthiness to receive His Body and Blood in the LORD's Supper (Holy Communion), speak with Pastor before coming forward. Please Note: Should anyone be unable to partake of the wine, we will have a small amount of cups filled with grape juice available in the center of each communion tray for your use. Also, please note that gluten-free wafers are available in a small bowl on the wafer plate for anyone with a gluten allergy.



Palm Branches are placed to the glory of God in honor of Palm Sunday!

TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-service Music and Prayer Time (Please observe a quiet time prior to the service to allow for private prayers and meditation.)

Worship Note: The Palm Sunday experience was quite different than the Good Friday experience. Can you imagine Easter? God has plans for us that we can't always predict.

+ WELCOME AND GREETING +

The Palm Sunday Processional (10:45 a.m.)

"Hosanna"

Chancel Choir and Sunday School Children

Opening Hymn: #549LSB "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (v 1,5,7)



*All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of- all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lo-rd of all.*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of- all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lo-rd of all.*

*Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of- all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lo-rd of all.*

The Invocation (p. 151) (Spoken)

For God so loved the world,
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON
that whosoever believes in Him
WILL NOT PERISH
but have eternal life!
SO WE COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP WITH GREAT PRAISE,
THE FATHER, AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT! AMEN.

The Collect for this Day

The Lord be with you.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.
Let us pray, Sovereign God You have founded Your reign in the human heart through the servanthood of our Lord and Savior Jesus. By Your Spirit keep us in the great and joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord; and with their lives praise Him as Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER! AMEN.

+ TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS +

Almighty God, through whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

GOD OF MERCY, WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE.

(A time of personal reflection as we stand before God)

WE REPENT OF ALL OF OUR SINS, SINS THAT ARE KNOWN AND SINS THAT ARE UNKNOWN. WE ARE TRULY SORRY AND ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. WE WANT TO AMEND OUR LIVES AND TO SEEK HELP IN MENDING THAT WHICH IS BROKEN. WE ASK FOR STRENGTH TO TURN FROM SINNING AND TO SERVE YOU IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord God forgives us all our sins. May the Almighty God strengthen you with all goodness and keep you unto eternal life.

AMEN.

+ FORGIVEN, WE NOW ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE! +

Introit of the Day: Psalm 139:9-16 (Read responsively)

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ IF I SAY, "SURELY THE DARKNESS SHALL COVER ME,
AND THE LIGHT ABOUT ME BE NIGHT,"

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

¹³ FOR YOU FORMED MY INWARD PARTS;
YOU KNITTED ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ MY FRAME WAS NOT HIDDEN FROM YOU, WHEN I WAS
BEING MADE IN SECRET, INTRICATELY WOVEN IN THE DEPTHS
OF THE EARTH.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them,

THE DAYS THAT WERE FORMED FOR ME, WHEN AS YET
THERE WAS NONE OF THEM. AMEN.

Hymn: #441LSB "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (v 1,2,5)

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.

O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.

Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

The Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12 (ESV p. 797)



It is always amazing to see a prophecy that comes true. Indeed, all the foretelling or prophecies of the Lord through the prophets in the Old Testament are reliable about the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, named Jesus. This one foretells a King's entrance into Jerusalem and bringing salvation which is exactly what Jesus did.

⁹ 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.

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

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Rejoice in the Lord for He restores us!

HE SETS US FREE AND GIVES US THE BLOOD OF HIS
COVENANT! AMEN.

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV p. 980)

This is one of the most beautiful parts of God's Word. It is alot like a creed. It has much passion. Paul urges us to follow Jesus with great devotion in light of Jesus' sacrificial love for us.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so 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.

This is the Word of the LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Jesus humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death on the cross.

ALL HAIL KING JESUS, ALL HAIL IMMANUEL, KING OF KINGS!
AMEN.

Hymn: #443LSB "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!*

The Holy Gospel: John 12:12-19 (ESV p. 899)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

(SUNG) GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Already there was a crowd meandering down to Jerusalem from Bethany. Jesus and His disciples join the throng. The word had gotten out about His raising of Lazarus from the dead. Jesus was at the height of His popularity...for now.

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So 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!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

This is the Gospel of our LORD.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

When Jesus was later glorified...

THEN HIS DISCIPLES FINALLY UNDERSTOOD. AMEN.

The Children's Message (Parents are encouraged to bring children forward.)

The Message Hymn: #442LSB "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain: *All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Bless-ed One.* Refrain:

*The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. Refrain:*

*The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. Refrain:*

*To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Refrain:*

*As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.*

The Message for the Day: "What's Going to Happen Next?"

The Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed: (SPOKEN) (p. 158)

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN OF HIS FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS, GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER, BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE; WHO FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND WAS MADE MAN; AND WAS CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED. AND THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE WILL COME AGAIN WITH GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, WHOSE KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.

AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO SPOKE BY THE PROPHETS. AND I BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CHRISTIAN AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, I ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN

The Gathering of Offerings for the LORD's Work



The Offertory Hymn: #933LSB "My Soul Rejoices"



*My soul rejoices, My spirit voices— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely
Mighty and holy— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His arm now baring, His strength declaring— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord! Here is the token All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!*

The Prayers of the Church

(after each petition, please respond with - "Hear our Prayer")

The LORD's Prayer (p.162) (SPOKEN)

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.

(8:00 a.m. service - please proceed to Benediction)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

The Order of Holy Communion (for 10:45 a.m. service)

Prepare to Receive the LORD's Supper/Holy Communion

When we come to the altar during the LORD's Supper/Holy Communion:
Our congregation requests the potential communion recipient be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

We invite you to read and understand 1 Corinthians 11:17-34,

Matthew 28:16-20 and Mark 14:23-25 for your understanding of the Holy Communion.

We receive Christ's Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of sins, united in the fellowship of faith and faithful in Christ, Christ's presence and peace.

The Preface (Responses are SUNG) (p. 160)

The LORD be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy LORD, Almighty Father, Everlasting God. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

(SUNG) HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POW'R AND MIGHT:
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA.
HOSANNA. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESS-ED IS HE WHO
COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE
HIGHEST.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p. 161)

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from

the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(SPOKEN) AMEN.

The Words of Our LORD (p. 162)

Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

The Pax Domini (p. 163)

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

(SUNG) A - MEN.

Hymn for The Agnus Dei: #550LSB "Lamb of God" (v 1 & 3)

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.*

Refrain: *O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain:*

The Distribution



The Communion Hymns: #471ELW "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.*

Refrain: *When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.* Refrain:

*Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.* Refrain:

#620LSB "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

*Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,
Offering pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the bless-ed feast."*

*Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.*

*Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the curs-ed tree.*

*God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.*

*Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.*

*Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.*

The Post-Communion Collect (p. 166)



Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(SUNG) A-MEN.

The Benediction (p.166)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

(SUNG) A-MEN

The Closing Hymn: #738LSB "Lord of All Hopefulness"

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

The Sending

Go in peace - Serve the LORD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Postlude (This ends the service.)



ENTER TO WORSHIP—DEPART TO SERVE

*We Invite Everyone
to Worship With Us
During the Lenten and Easter Season*



Every Sunday
8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18
with Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19
Special Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.
Dramatic "Mary" Monologue "I Remember"

Easter Sunday! April 21
Choirs & Trumpets!
8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services
Easter Brunch between services

