



# Palm Sunday



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## 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

March 29

*As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.*

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***If you are new,** please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.*

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*Adult Bible Class: In the classroom side of the Cup*

*Teen Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade): In the Youth Room*

*Confirmation Class (8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade): In the Library*

*Children's Sunday School for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger:*

- *Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery*
- *The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room*

*Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): In the classroom side of the Cup*

*Sunday School Classes are regularly held at 10:15 a.m.*

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- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -  
March 29, 2026 • 11:11am  
Palm Sunday

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*Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.*

**GATHER OUTSIDE AT THE ANGEL STATUE**

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Congregation: Hosanna in the highest.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Raise palm branches for blessing.*

P: A blessing: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant us grace to follow our Lord. Bless these palm branches and those who carry them. May our lives be joyful and our faith be strong.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Congregation processes to the sanctuary. Festus and the children lead the way.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Bob Stelter

**PALM SUNDAY SONG**

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS**

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

**FIRST READING: Philippians 2:5-11** *Pew Bible, page 1,071*

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL READING Luke 19:29-38** *Pew Bible, page #959*

*Holy week begins with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey.*

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON** *Palm Sunday Was A Protest, Not A Procession*

Pastor Bob Stelter

**SERMON SONG** *The Lion and The Lamb*

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Merciful God,

**Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OFFERING SONG**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**COMMUNION SONG**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you In His grace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR SENDING OF OUR DEACON**

Debbie Pinchok, March 29 - April 11

**Congregation: Compassionate God, bless our deacons who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May this ministry be a sign of our love that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION FOR PALM SUNDAY**

Pastor: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Congregation: Amen**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Let It Rise*

**SENDING**

Praise Band Leader: Our mission?

**Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.**

Praise Band Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Vicki Adams
<b>GREETER</b>	Ladies of WELCA
<b>USHERS</b>	Matt Gray, Ethan Gray
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	Lisa Stelter, Shirley Hahn, Dawn Ellis, Deb Miller, Christina Landau
<b>PROJECTION &amp; LIGHTS</b>	Jennifer Berry

*The arrangements on the altar commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the donkey.*

*Please enjoy breakfast with family and friends today in The Cup, 10am—11am.*

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Maundy Thursday Worship & The Rite of First Communion, April 2, 7pm  
Good Friday Worship, April 3, noon & 7pm

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 5**

9am Traditional Worship  
10am Easter egg hunt & carnival  
11:11am Contemporary Worship

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## PRAYERS

*(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)*

### Members

Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Nathan Blackburn, Rob & Rhonda, Blackburn, Roger Brown, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Ian Cooper, Myles Cooper, Debbie Courtney, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Michelle Dionne-Kadowaki and family, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Peggy Jurkoic, Lin & Mike McKinley, Diane Lee, Debbie Palatinus, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Roberts family, the Saylor families, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

**Friends & Families:** App family, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Katie & Brandon Brown, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Hilda Chapel, Chris Clark, Meg Corrigan, Victoria Cox, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis Family, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Kevin Duskin, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Allison Galloway Kraft, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Wil Glafenhein & family, Angél Gobel, Matthew Green, Gutelius family, Blanche Hall, Hall family, Randi Hammer-BogeLynne Heffner, Nadine Heislbetz, Jeff Herbold, Joy Hymmer, Don Karlstad, Bob Kessling, AJ Kitchen, Barb Korsmo, Loyacano family, Dorothy McMahan, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Madelaine Patterson, Rev. Dan Pavaloa, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Julie Reed, Alyssa Powers Rivers, Jim Russell, Sarah Rye, Salles families, Laney Savilsky, Marilyn Savilsky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, baby Ruth Sommerfeld and family, Leora Stewart, Baby Ruth Sommerfeld, Brody Taylor, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Doug Trout. Sheli Voorhees, Micki Weith, Janet Wengert, Townley Whalen, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Diane Yonke, Gary Yonke, Taylor Ystebroe, Mark Zalesky, Zehner family, Nan Ziegler, Adelaide, Alex Kate & her mother, Alexander, Angel & Ben, Ann Marie, Basham, Carolyn, Cehree & family, Cheri & George, Dallas, Darcy, Jim, Jodi, Judy, Julie & Kevin, Karen, Kevin, Kim, Laura, Lucy, Max, Micki, Peter, RC, Sandra, Shannington, Sharon & family, Touranne *and those we name to You.*

**Joy:** Shirley & Ben Campbell celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on April 1.

**Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of:** Jack Park, James Stephens.

**Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends:** Amanda & her children, Sasha & daughter, Savannah & Devon, Max, Patti Morgan & family, Charlie & Weston, Chris, Josefina, Long Ho, Betty, Tiffany, Nita & family, Amanda & me, Ted & Sandra, Charline, Tommy, Kristi & Trent, Tom, Paul, Robby, Retha, Mary, Sally, Pryors, Mytohia & family, Christine & family, Happy, Patricia & children, Sherry & Mike, Taissi, Denis, Daniela, Mark *and those known to God.*

**Salvation Army** Marcus, Leah, Asha, Christy, Ellra, Stephanie, Faye, Cherese, Jazayla, Jazarah, Sasuke, Jervice, Gary, Tom, EL, Rick, Jonathon, Darren, Jacob, Gary *and those known to God.*

**Concern & Assistance:** Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

**Partnerships:** Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

**Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially:** Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

*The arrangements on the altar remind us of our penitential sacrifice  
and determination during the Lenten season.*

# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY, MARCH 29

*PALM SUNDAY*

**9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service

**10 a.m.** Pancake Breakfast

**10:15 a.m.** Sunday School, Coffee & Donuts

**11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service

**5 p.m.** Celtic Worship

## MONDAY, MARCH 30

**12 p.m.** Via de Cristo Reunion

**6 p.m.** Generosity Team Meeting

**6:15 p.m.** English Language Class

## TUESDAY, MARCH 31

**1:30 p.m.** Bible Study Class

**6 p.m.** Evening Prayer

**7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

**4:00 p.m.** Evangelism Team Meeting

**5:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, APRIL 2

*MAUNDY THURSDAY*

**7 p.m.** Worship with First Communion

**7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

## FRIDAY, APRIL 3

*GOOD FRIDAY*

**9:30 a.m.** Cole Center Caregiver Community

**11:30 a.m.** Tennessee Authors Guild

**12 p.m.** Good Friday Worship

**7 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

**7 p.m.** Good Friday Worship

## SATURDAY, APRIL 4

**11 a.m.** Al-Anon

## SUNDAY, APRIL 5

*EASTER SUNDAY*

**9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service

**10:00 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival

**10:15 a.m.** English Language Class for Advanced Learners

**11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pancake Breakfast TODAY after first service**
- **Spring Flower Arrangements**
  - Designate a flower arrangement with a note for a loved one or special intention. Suggested donation is \$15 for memorials and honorariums.
- **Walkways Closed April 7-11**
  - The concrete walkways will be replaced. Between these dates, please use other entrances.

## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, John 12:20-36, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32

**Thursday:** Exodus 12:1-4, 5-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Friday:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, John 18:1-19:42, Hebrews 10:16-25,

**Saturday:** Genesis 1:1-2:4, Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26  
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13, Psalm 46

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

## FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: **\$ 14,229**

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# HOLY WEEK

*Worship Services*

## **April 2 | Maundy Thursday**

7 p.m. Remembrance of the Last Supper and the Rite of First Communion.

## **April 3 | Good Friday**

Noon and 7 p.m.

## **April 5 | Easter Celebration**

9 and 11:11 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.

