



Welcome to Good Shepherd
Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Contemporary Worship Palm Sunday March 20, 2016

The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

The journey has finally taken Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem. Jesus was very popular with the people and so they welcomed him with hope and joy and love. They were amazed by his miracles and they believed that Jesus had come to rescue them from the Roman oppression. We know that the celebration changed quickly, but today we live in the moment of the triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude (violin & flute)

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk: Lilah Aas Synod Council

***Gathering Song:** PW 172 “Come into His Presence”

***Call to Worship**

P: We gather together,

C: Waving palms of joy,

P: Waving branches of peace,

C: Eager to see Jesus, anxious for his healing touch, hoping to receive a blessing.

P: We gather together,

C: Waving palms of joy,

P: Waving branches of peace,

C: Hoping we are ready to walk with Jesus through the night of anguish, the morning of waiting, the noon of despair, the hours of darkness.

P: We gather together,

C: Waving palms of joy,

P: Waving branches of peace.

All: Hosanna, Lord, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Song: PW 203 “In the Name of the Lord”..... Solo verse, Jan Helfritz

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but with humility as a servant king. Let us enter into worship with humble hearts as well, laying down before Jesus the cloaks of all we have done and left undone in our lives.

Pause for silence and reflection

P: Let us pray ... Loving God,

All: We are so much like the crowds on the first Palm Sunday; welcoming Jesus one moment with eager hearts and open arms and then turning away from Jesus the next moment. Too often we set our faith on a shelf because our pride keeps us from openly following Jesus. Forgive us, God, and help us stand with Jesus who comes in glory and in grace to save us.

P: Christ has come to save us. Hosanna in the highest! Hear now, loudly and clearly, Christ has come to forgive. You are forgiven. We give our thanks to God who comes to bring us grace, hope and life. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.



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Prayer of the Day

C: Hosanna to the Lord, King of all! We give you thanks that you reign over all. Reign over our lives, triumph over evil and teach us how to follow in your footsteps. In your name we pray, Amen.

Song: PW 82 “Hosanna”

Children's Message

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Psalm: 118:19-29 (read responsively)

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵**Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷**The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Announcement of Scripture Reading

P: A reading from the book of Mark, Chapter 11

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story ... Mark 11:1-11

¹When 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.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Song: PW 116 “Jesus Is Lord of All”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

*Statement of Faith

C: We believe in one true God, the creator and source of all goodness and love. We believe that Jesus is God's Son. He is the Lord, the Christ, the Savior. Because Jesus lived as a true human being he knows both the joys and sorrows of life. With his death on the cross he has defeated sin. With his resurrection he has overcome death. We believe that the Spirit of God is among us and involved in the life of the whole Christian church on earth. Through the Spirit of God we are forgiven, brought into relationship with God, and one day, we will be given everlasting life. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering: "That's Why We Praise Him" (worship team)

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Songs during distribution:

"I Come to the Cross" (worship team)

PW 112 "Lamb of God" (Congregation)

Post Communion Song: "To God Be the Glory" (worship team)

*Communion Blessing

***Sending Song: PW 111 "There Is a Redeemer"**

Dismissal: John 3:16-17

P: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but may have eternal life.

C: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson **Scripture Reader:** Nancy Elmer
Communion Helpers: Russ & Nancy Elmer, Ila Teskey **SS Teacher:** No Teacher

Birthdays-Mar 20-26 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)
20-Joel Kruger 22-Sue Seedorf Kathy Raimann Brian Niebuhr
19-Darin Magnuson 23-Marcella Garlow Brenda Rebelein 26-Bill Harnack
21-Spencer Niebuhr 24-Andrea Groskreutz 25-Ken Eckhardt Kameron Lutteke

Open House 90th Birthday - You are invited to a Open House 90th Birthday honoring Wilma Thisius, Sun., March 20th at the Wells Community Center from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

New Address - Bonnie Groskreutz, 5324 W 49th ST, Apt 203, Sioux Falls SD, 57106

March Food Collection - During the month of March we will collect food donations of vegetable oil, cooking oil, canola oil or olive oil. Smaller containers tend to be better for the food shelf. A grocery cart will be parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will all go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous February donations of meal "helpers."

Attention Crafty Quilters will not be quilting on Monday, March 28th see you again on Monday, April 4th.

Holy Week and Easter

March 20, Palm Sunday - Worship at 9:00 am followed by a Palm Sunday Brunch
March 23 - **NO:** Wed Meal, Worship, Wed School, PB&J Class, Confirmation or Contemporary Team
March 24, Maundy Thursday - Worship/Holy Communion
7:00 pm with 5th grade Holy Communion
March 25, Good Friday - No Community Service
Worship at Good Shepherd at 7:00 pm
March 27, Easter Sunday - Worship at 9:00 am

Mar 21 - Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11
Mar 22 - Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36
Mar 23 - Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32
Mar 24 - Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b
Mar 25 - Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1—19:42
Mar 26 - Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-18

Today, we march with Jesus into Jerusalem crying joyfully in loud voices, "Hosanna to the King!" But our cries soon give way to "Crucify him!" for our king has come to die. The king has become a servant to all. May the story of Jesus' passion be a reminder to us of our call to servanthood as well. God's blessing upon you this Holy week!





PALM SUNDAY Brunch

March 20, 2016

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Serving: Amish Breakfast Casserole

(Made with hash browns)

Crock Pot Oatmeal

Cinnamon Rolls

Fruit

Breakfast Punch

Coffee

Free Will Offering

Sponsored by the Women of the ELCA

Easter Garden for March 27th - We will again have an Easter Garden on Easter Sunday, March 27th. We would like a variety of spring flowers and Easter lilies to adorn the altar. If you would like to donate an Easter plant, please feel free to purchase and bring it to the church or have them delivered by Friday, March 25th. Let Andy know you are donating a plant by Tues., March 21st so she can publish it in the bulletin. Use the following form and place it in the offering basket or return to the church office. Flowers and plants may be picked up after the 9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship.

EASTER GARDEN FLOWERS

I plan to purchase an Easter plant and bring it to the church to add to the Springtime decorations:

Name _____ Phone _____

This plant is in memory of _____

This plant is in honor of _____