

A photograph of a palm frond against a clear blue sky. The frond is green with some yellowing at the tips, and it is positioned diagonally across the frame. The text "Rejoice! Your King comes!" is overlaid in yellow at the bottom.

Rejoice!
Your King
comes!



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Palm Sunday

Welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Family Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Choir: 8:00 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class: 10:15 a.m.

Today's Worship

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..." (Heb. 12:2).

Greeting:

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: In the five weeks of Lent, we have been preparing for this week, for the events of our Lord's death and resurrection. The great and wondrous mystery now lies before us as we enter with Christ with palms and hosannas before He confronts the cross. Everything in Lent points to this week. As we commemorate how our Lord entered to the welcome of palms and hosannas, we also remember His death, which gives us life, and His resurrection, through which we dwell with Him for all eternity. The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

We gather outside for the procession with palms

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Cong: And with your spirit.

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

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Prayer (Unison):

O God, who through Your prophets foretold our King's coming: we give You thanks for fulfilling Your Word, and we pray that You would use these palms to remind us of the day He entered Jerusalem. Bless us who bear them and grant that we may rejoice in His salvation in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:19-29

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness, I will go through them, and I will praise the LORD.

C: This is the gate of the LORD; through which the righteous shall enter.

P: I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

C: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

P: This was the LORD'S doing;

C: It is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

C: Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: We have blessed You from the house of the LORD.



P: God is the LORD, and He has given us light;
C: Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

P: You are my God, and I will praise You;
C: You are my God; I will exalt You.

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
C: for His mercy endures forever!

P: This is the Word of our Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Let us go forth in peace
C: In the name of the Lord.



Hymn 725: *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

1. No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat—"The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"

2. And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near—The King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"

3. What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"

4. Now He who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains
 And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.
 Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,
 And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

Confession and Absolution:

P: Blessed Lord, who always comes among Your people for good,

C: we confess to You that we are conceived and born sinful and both by nature and choice have turned away from You. We have enthroned self-interest and pride as our kings, and they have ruled us as tyrants. We have failed to acknowledge Your rightful lordship in our lives. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit turn our hearts this day to worship and follow Jesus, the one true King of kings and Lord of lords.

P: The King has won your freedom. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The arrival of the humble King: Mark 11:1-10

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'"

And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Our confession of faith:

Pastor: Like the planting of a seed, Christ gave Himself to death and burial that He might be raised and bring new life to all mankind. Living in this trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C: Our doctrine, faith, and confession is as follows:

The divine and human natures in Christ are personally united. So there are not two Christs, one the Son of God and the other the Son of Man. But one and the same person is the Son of God and Son of Man....

So we believe, teach, and confess that Mary conceived and bore not merely a man and no more, but God's true Son....

We also believe, teach, and confess that it was not a mere man who suffered, died, and was buried, descended into hell, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and was raised to God's majesty and almighty power for us. But it was a man whose human nature has such a profound, indescribable union and communion with God's Son that it is one person with Him....

We believe, teach, and confess that the Son of Man really is exalted. He is (in deed and truth) exalted according to His human nature to the right hand of God's almighty majesty and power....

Christ is and remains to all eternity God and man in one undivided person. Next to the Holy Trinity, this is the highest mystery, upon which our only consolation, life, and salvation depends. (Formula of Concord, Epitome: VIII).

Hymn 442: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Sermon: Zechariah 9:9-10

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; the battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.’”

Rejoice Greatly! Your King is Coming

I. A different kind of king

II. A different kind of kingdom



Children: *Antiphonal Hosanna*

Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(minute of silence)

P: Gracious Father, we join with all believers, past and present, who enter Your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise as we begin this Holy Week. With humility and faith we walk with our Savior as He journeys to the cross for our salvation.

So we pray:

C: help us to trust in Him.

P: Giver of every blessing, You alone are the One who exchanges the rags of our sin for the robe of Your righteousness. Because of the innocent blood of Christ offered for us on Calvary's tree, we receive Your cleansing and pardon. By Your grace alone we, through faith, receive the benefits of Jesus' death and resurrection. As we look to our Savior during this week of His passion:

C: help us to trust in Him.

P: Sovereign Lord, all nations will bow down to You on the day of Your glorious return. Until that day of resurrection we know that You reign over all things in heaven and on earth. Guide the nations of the world to walk in peace. Bless our community, state, and nation, raising up godly leaders among us. As we confess our Savior and King before the world He died to save:

C: help us to trust in Him.

P: Restorer of the broken and Physician of both soul and body, look with mercy upon those who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, recovering, or awaiting surgery and other medical procedures. We pray for the family of Paul Long, father of Tamara Mueller, who was recently taken from this earth. Comfort those who mourn with your promise that whoever believes in Jesus will rise and live forever. Grant all who are burdened with trials Your merciful presence, healing, and comfort in their lives. Commending them and ourselves to Your care, we pray:

C: help us to trust in Jesus, who died and rose again so we may receive Your righteousness.

P: We ask for this grace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, O Father, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Because of the Father's faithfulness, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.
C: **This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 832: *Jesus Shall Reign*

May love for the Lord give us the humble mind of the Savior:

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Thanksgiving

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, for in Him You fulfilled Your covenant of salvation for us. Send us now, we pray, to invite others to sing their "hosannas" and to follow Him, our Savior and Lord.

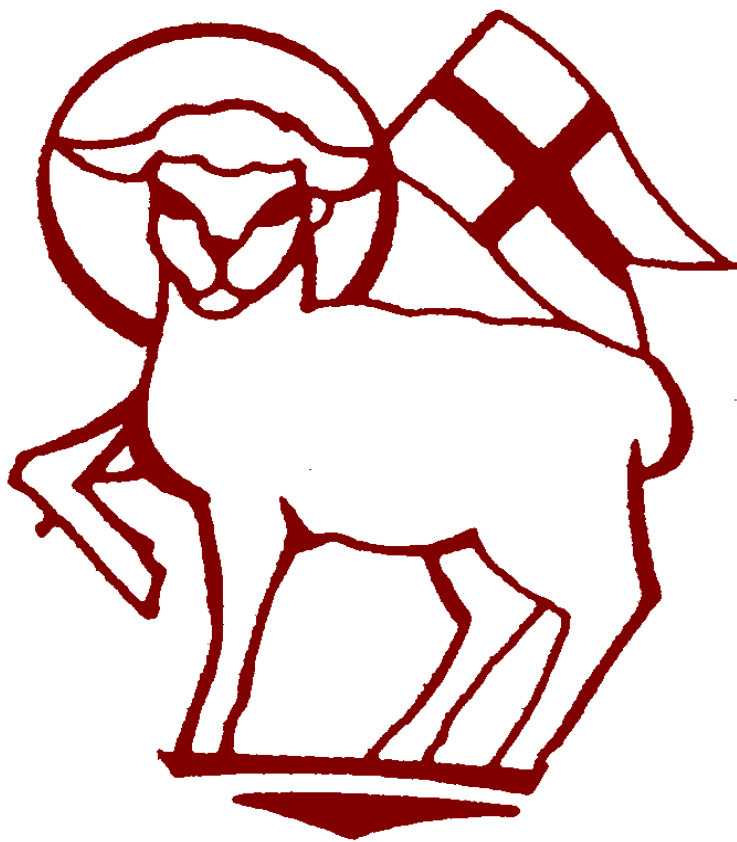
C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing hymn 441: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*



Announcements

Holy week services

Maundy Thursday: The Maundy Thursday Communion service begins at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday: We will hold our customary Tenebrae service. *Tenebrae* is a Latin term meaning, “*shadows, darkness.*” This service is an ancient form of worship dating from the fourth century. The tone is somber as candles are extinguished, and the sanctuary is gradually darkened to remind worshipers of the three hours of darkness which blanketed the entire earth during Christ’s crucifixion as He suffered the punishment of being forsaken by God for our sins. The darkness of Good Friday prepares us for the brilliant dawning of Easter. **The Good Friday Tenebrae begins at 8 p.m.**

Easter Sunday: Our Easter song service begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by a brunch served by the men of the congregation. The food list is posted on the cupboard doors.

Remembrance lilies: We would like to decorate the altar with lilies on Easter Sunday in celebration of Christ’s resurrection and in memory of loved ones who have died in the Lord and who, in light of Christ’s resurrection, will surely rise again in glory at His return. If you would like to provide a lily in memory of a loved one, let Pastor know and he will include the names in the Easter bulletin.

Activity committee: The current committee is asked to meet in the activity room following the service today.

New activity committee for April-June

Caleb and Abby Gerbitz (contacts)
Fred and Stephanie Goodrie (contacts)
Andrew Albrecht
Deanna Bajannen
Adam and Jady Brown
Hunter Davis
Richard and Amber Davis
Pastor and Sue Eichstadt
Andrew and Madeleine Gerbitz
Joanna Gerbitz

Joel and Kris Gerbitz
Bryon and Heidi Nelson
Brian and Brittney Naumann
Abigail Plockelman
Mike and Jennifer Plockelman
Alex and Hannah Saunders
Josh and Sarah Serba
Ellan Vannoy
Kenny and Michaela Winters

From the treasurer

February offerings were \$1,861 over budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds increased by \$857. Offerings for the fiscal year are \$27,917 under budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds has decreased by \$8,700.

CLC calls...

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has received a call to Berea Lutheran Church and School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Redeemer Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA, plans to retire from the teaching ministry at the end of this school year.

Looking Ahead...

♣Tuesday:

11:00 A.M: New Perspective, Franklin, service.

♣Wednesday:

10:00 A.M: Villa of Greenfield service.

♣Thursday:

7:00 A.M: Adult class.

6:30 P.M: Maundy Thursday Communion service.

♣Friday:

8:00 P.M: Tenebrae service.

♣Next Sunday:

9:00 A.M: Easter song service.



Bible Readings:

3/24	Joshua 14-15; Luke 4:33-44
3/25	Joshua 16-18; Luke 5:1-16
3/26	Joshua 19-20; Luke 5:17-39
3/27	Joshua 21-22; Luke 6:1-26
3/28	Joshua 23-24; Luke 6:27-49
3/29	Judges 1-2; Luke 7:1-30
3/30	Judges 3-5; Luke 7:31-50



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March Ushers

Caleb Gerbitz
Fred Goodrie
Matt Weibye

March Slideshow
A. Saunders

Cleaning Team 3/29-4/5

B/L Blue
D. Blue
O. Docter
I/K Stewart
C/A Gerbitz

Maundy Thursday Ushers: D. Mueller/D. Traub **Slides:** E. Williams

Tenebrae Ushers: E. & BJ Nelson
Slides: J. Albrecht

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings*:	\$12,010.45	\$294,995.10
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$324,807.97
Over (Under) Budget:	\$3,630.24	(\$29,812.87)
Sunday School:	\$2.09	\$91.24
MDF:	\$255.00	\$1,555.00
Kinship:	\$100.00	\$1,717.56
MSAF:	\$35.00	\$1,024.75

*Includes March e-giving through 3/17: \$5,720.45
Attendance Last Sunday: 126