



Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's Word for this Week

Palm Sunday gets its name from the palm branches that people spread to make a path of victory for Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. Expectations were high. The victory over sin and death, however, would be won for us by His own suffering and death. On Palm Sunday, the crowd hailed Jesus as king. Yet Jesus was sad on His way down the Mount of Olives on the donkey, because Jerusalem did not recognize God's coming to them. Bottom line: Jesus is more than the crowds knew. He is Lord of all. He is King of the world. He wore a crown of thorns for us and for all people. No one expected the things that happened, but it all came together for our salvation.

Before Worship

Take time for prayer and to review the lessons and the service notes. For personal preparation for Communion, see Red Hymnal: p.156.

General Information

The restrooms are located in the fellowship hall. Visitors – welcome, and please take a moment and sign the guestbook in the fellowship hall. If you need special assistance for communion, please notify an usher and/or the pastor.

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T-Loop Hearing Assistance

If you have a hearing aid with a T-coil, you can connect it to the T-Loop device installed throughout the church building. Headsets are available for anyone needing hearing assistance. Personal earbuds can also be used with a head set. See Kris Martinson if you need assistance.



WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

413 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 413



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Stand

Opening Blessing

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

And also with you.

Palm Sunday Gathering

On the first Palm Sunday, people lined the streets as Jesus rode into the city. Anthems filled the air as men, women, and children raised their palm branches as a sign of victory and peace. Today we worship that same Jesus who rode into Jerusalem on His way to win salvation for the world.


**Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
**Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before Him with joyful songs.**


412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CW 412 sts. Ref-1


Refrain




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.

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Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the Lord is good and His love endures forever.
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CW 412 sts. Ref, 2

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high,



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and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.

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Some of the Pharisees in the crowd did not want the people to praise Jesus.

They said to him: “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

But Jesus replied: “I tell you the truth, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out!”

How can we be still? How can we remain silent?

Let the earth sing and the heavens rejoice!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord!

He comes to bring us forgiveness and eternal salvation.


Peace to us all and glory in the highest!

Amen.


412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CW 412 sts. Ref, 3


Refrain




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.



3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;



Refrain
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

We praise You, O God, for the great acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not been perfect followers of Him. In fact, often we have acted more like His enemies than as His disciples at times. For all our sins, Lord, we repent and ask for Your forgiveness – knowing that we have it in His blood, and because of what our great King has done. As He was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in His path, so may we always hail Him as our King and follow Him with confidence; the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. In the grace of forgiveness we gather to worship Him.

THE WORD

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9–10

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 24

read responsively

Welcome the King of glory, each tribe and nation!
He is the LORD Almighty, bringing salvation.

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for He founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in His holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
they will receive blessing from God their Savior.

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is He, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—He is the King of glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1–3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Seasonal Verse for Lent

John 12:23

The hour has finally come; the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1–10

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

411 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

CW 411 sts. 1–3, 5



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes to see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

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Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

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Sermon

Zechariah 9:9-10 *“KING of the Unexpected”*

Offering

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up 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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to save us all from our sins. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your Holy Name and join their glorious song:


412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CW 412 sts. Ref, 4


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,




to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.



4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

Refrain



to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love You made us the crown of Your creation. In mercy You planned our salvation. In grace You sent Your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give You thanks that Your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made His dwelling among us, that He willingly placed Himself under law to redeem those under law, that He humbled Himself by becoming obedient, even to death on a cross, that He has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive Your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to His eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to You, O God our Father, and to Your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

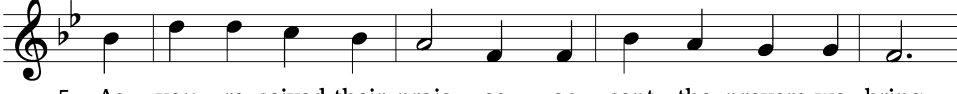
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All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.



5 As you re-ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



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O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra-cious King.

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Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution

Our Practice of Close Communion

In line with Scripture, Grace Lutheran Church follows the practice of close communion. In 1 Corinthians 1:10 we are told, “I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.” That unity takes work to establish (courses are available), and 1 Corinthians 10:17 highlights the powerful unity we express by communing together: “Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.” Therefore (just as the early church did) we invite forward only those who are in full agreement with the teachings of our church. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather it is a call for all visitors to examine and judge the teachings of our church body in light of God’s Word. We therefore welcome confirmed members of our synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and members of our sister synod (ELS) to partake of the Lord’s Supper with us today. We humbly, respectfully, and lovingly ask that visitors speak with our pastor after the service if there are any questions about our doctrine or practices.

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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Song of Simeon

CW 951

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Closing Prayers & Thanksgiving

... We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with the saving gifts of Word and Sacrament. We pray that through them you will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

414 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

CW 414



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn;
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake



with ban - ners and with drums, no sound of mu - sic's
 with palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 the palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 the cross and all its pains and chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: the King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn: the King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt he pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



no bells in tri - umph ring, no cit - y gates swing
 as loud ho - san - nas ring, or else the ver - y
 the streets with tu - mult ring, as Pi - late to the
 till heav - en's raft - ers ring, and all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week 2024

Blessings on your Holy Week this year! The midweek classes (Genesis and Revelation) are both on hold this week.

On Good Friday we'll have a service that begins in the upper room with Jesus, we'll have communion, then dive into the darkness of Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday we rejoice together in the empty tomb! We'll have Bible Class before worship at 9 am. Please bring flowers if you can, and sign up for the brunch (after worship) too if you can stay and celebrate with us.

Grace Outreach Event

We're planning another event for children and families this spring – a Grace Fun Day. It's planned for Saturday, May 4th. Please speak with Mike if you want to be involved.

Easter For Kids

Rebecca is planning a special MWM for Easter on April 4 at the regular time (10am-11am). If you know people with kids or have a place you can post an advertisement, please let her know.

Bible Classes

Please consider participating in one (or more) of our weekly classes – Genesis on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm / Revelation on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. The monthly Parables class on the last Friday of the month (10:30 am at Grace) with the men's and women's lunch out to follow at 11:30 am.

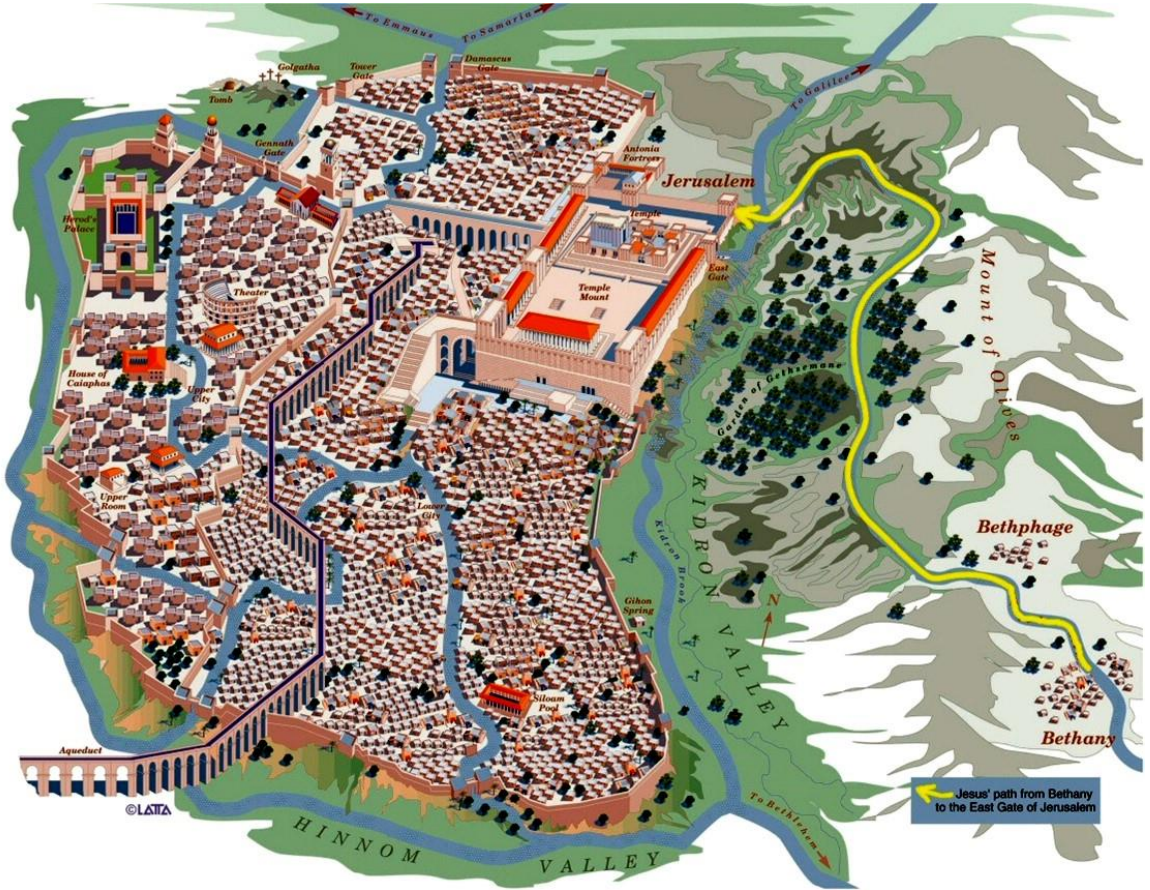
A Look at our Church Library

On Giving Advice to God - Part 1 & 2

Wanting to strengthen your devotional life? Are you looking for something meaty that challenges your spiritual growth? "On Giving Advice to God" Parts 1 & 2 by Daniel Deuschlander is available in the church library for you to check out. Developing the theme "The Wisdom of God and the Foolishness of Man", the author reminds the reader how far God's wisdom goes beyond our human thoughts and understanding. Part 1 takes us from Advent through Ascension, following along the church year and the familiar accounts of Scripture we've come to anticipate year after year. The insights you are sure to gain will deepen your understanding and appreciation for God's wisdom and magnanimous love! Part 2 takes us through Pentecost and beyond. Once you get into it, you may even be tempted to buy a copy for your own personal library because you will want to come back to this again and again - one read through is not enough! It makes a great couples' devotion too, and offers plenty of discussion opportunities each time. Your devotional life will never be the same!

Upcoming Schedule

Today	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Palm Sunday Worship
Mar. 27	all day	Genesis Bible Class on hold
Mar. 28	all day	Revelation Bible Class on hold
Mar. 29	6:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
Mar. 31	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Easter Sunday Worship
Mar. 31	11:00 am	Easter Brunch



**THE KING HAS ARRIVED IN
JERUSALEM
EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!**