

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude
Ringling of the Church Bell

Procession of the Palms - Youth Sing

Welcome
Read Vision Statement

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

***Call to Worship:** Confirmation Student, Gabby Rohlik
L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna in the highest!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation:** Confirmation Student, Gabby Rohlik
Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise Him with our lips, but that we may follow Him in the way of the cross. As we remember how Christ the King entered Jerusalem to the sound of joyful shouts, increase our faith and listen to our prayers, so that we may praise You every day by living always in Him. Create in us a humble heart as we strive to be more like You. In Your name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #196** *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

***Call to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Loving God, on this day, Your son entered the rebellious city that later rejected Him. We confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. Our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us. Helps us to lay at Your feet all we have and all we are, trusting You to forgive, to heal, and to receive us as Your own. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

***Response: #581** *"Gloria Patri"*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Moment for Children: Quentin Markfort

Unison Prayer of Illumination

O Lord, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path You set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31:9-16

L: 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

P: 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

L: 11 I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

P: 12 Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

L: 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

P: 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

L: 15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

P: 16 Let your face shine up on your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their

cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9
The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”
10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11 The
crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Sermon: Quentin Markfort

*Hymn #314 *“Longing for Light, We Walk in Darkness”*

*The Apostle’s Creed: (page 35 in hymnal)

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

L: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

God’s Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

***Responsive Hymn:** #606 *“The Doxology”*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him
above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Offertory Prayer**

Almighty God, on that first Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into the city where He soon would
die. Just as His disciples and the crowds blessed His entry, spreading garments and
branches, so we’ve come to lay at Your feet these gifts - symbols of all we have and all we
are. May this offering be our non-verbal “Hosanna” as we bless Your beloved Son, the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. **Amen.**

*Hymn #198 *“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday

Quentin Markfort

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2026 Per-Capita: \$47.00 per person

Rummage Sale ~ Mark your calendars... Our Annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 30-May 2. More information to come!

March Ushers: Head Usher: Leon King

Ushers: Nick, Katherine & Eloise Brozek, Mark Oja, Ryan, Lindsey & Knox Kramer, Julie Fiala

April Communion Servers: Head Server: Stephanie Klavetter

Servers: Scott & Laura Kohler, Mike Bentson, Nancy Miller, Dan Tiffany, Rhonda Joldersma

March Deacon of the Month: Adrienne Danielson

Today's Greeter: Nancy Miller

March Money Counters: Rick Hauge & Dan Tiffany

April Money Counters: Michael Joldersma & Julie Fiala

Office Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11am-2pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 11am-2pm

Friday: 8am-2 pm

Pray for The Following

Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently passed away: Wayne Mann

Wayne passed away on March 25. Please keep Wayne's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Wayne's funeral will be Friday, April 3 at the church.

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

April Birthdays: April 3rd: Judy Curtis, 5th: Bunny Nolting, Diane Davis, 7th: Amanda

Milhausen, 11th: Kay Jensen, 16th: Matt Tiffany, Mike Bentson, Linda Boyer, 19th: Elizabeth

Hagen, Gene Schultz, 20th: Don Dagner, 21st: Leon King, 29th: Kathy Peterson, Eliza Bentson

April Anniversaries: 13th: Michael & Rhonda Joldersma, 25th: Butch & Faythe Amberg,

27th: Gene & Becky Schultz

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:

Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Gerry Hess, Jim Curtis, Shayla Shaw*

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, March 29:

Palm Sunday

9:00 am: Sunday School/Confirmation

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Quentin Markfort

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - Sharpe Family

Monday, March 30:

5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts use of Church

Wednesday, April 1:

8:00 am: Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

3:00 pm: Bible Study

4-5:15 pm: NO YOUTH CLUB

Thursday, April 2:

7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service - Quentin Markfort

Saturday, April 4:

Use of Church

Sunday, April 5:

Easter Sunday

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Andrew Stephens

Wednesday, April 8:

8:00 am: Bible Study

3:00 pm: Bible Study

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

5:00 pm: Deacon Meeting

Sunday, April 12:

9:00 am: Sunday School/Confirmation

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

Beth Buckwalter-Miller

Following Worship: Friendship Dinner

Packing Weekend Food Bags: Tiffany Family

Monday, April 13:

5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts use of Church

Wednesday, April 15:

8:00 am: Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

3:00 pm: Bible Study

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!