

*“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”
Hosanna in the highest!”*



PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Lord Jesus, on this Palm Sunday, we praise You with our hosannas and welcome You as our Savior and Lord! In Your mercy come to our aid, O God of our salvation, that we may enter this Holy Week with gratitude and reverence as we recall the mighty acts through which You have given us eternal life. In Your name, O Savior, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME to all who worship with us this Palm Sunday! May the message of God’s love in Jesus Christ strengthen and encourage you in your Christian life. Visitors, we are pleased to have you with us this morning! If you are without a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider Hope. Worship with us again soon!

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

With great celebration the throngs welcomed Jesus that first Palm Sunday, but they didn’t comprehend that His gift of life would come at the cost of His own death. We know that Jesus was not a helpless victim but a willing Savior who was determined to pay the price of our redemption.

The palm served as a symbol of royalty and independence in the days of King Solomon, and they were used by Jesus’ followers as symbolic of their hope for the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

INVOCATION (Please stand)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The great crowd that came for the Feast heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet Him shouting:

C: *“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!”*

P: Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,

C: *“Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming seated on a donkey’s colt.”*

P: We welcome our coming King with shouts of Hosanna!

C: *“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!”*

HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: With the Palm Sunday crowd, we cry to You, O Lord:

C: Hosanna! *“Save us now,”* we pray.

P: Save us now for we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions.

C: Save us now for we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P: Save us now for we have not loved You with our whole heart.

C: Save us now for we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: Save us now from selfish desires that do not honor You or help our neighbor.

ALL: Forgive us when our exuberant praises and personal devotion to You fade and our attention to worldly things take us over. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, have mercy upon us, forgive us and renew us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to walk in Your ways and live in the love, forgiveness and eternal glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ became obedient unto death on a cross so that through faith in Him, you might receive life and salvation. In His name – the name that is above every name – I, a servant of Christ, and by His authority, announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

THE INTROIT (Insert)

COLLECT OF THE DAY (Insert)

HYMN “My Song Is Love Unknown” # 430

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 9:9-12
The coming King of Zion.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11
Jesus willingly and purposefully gave up everything for us.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Riding on the Road to Jerusalem"

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11
Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading of the Gospel . . .

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED – The Second Article

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!

HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” # 442

SERMON *“Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!”*

PRAYERS

- P: The King of kings comes. In this strange mixture of triumph and impending agony, on this Sunday of the Palms, we see from the vantage of the passing years not what the shouting crowds supposed nor what the agents of the Passion quite intended. But we discern what heaven wrought: the King comes to shouts of praise and acclaim.
- C: We wish, dearest Lord, just once to let our inhibitions go and offer You our heartfelt homage with happy abandon. A palm branch, a coat, anything that we can strew before You in Your path, and ourselves to kneel in humble devotion.
- P: For You are King of all people. In royal beauty bright and in ugly, gory shame, You are the Sovereign who saves and leads His people.
- C: You are our Prince of Peace. Your loyal followers walk in the train of one who conquers all our enemies and provides for all our needs.
- P: You move with majesty into the battle. The enemy’s hordes are entrenched against You. How poor and pitiful the forces of good in contrast to the power of those evil principalities You march to conquer!
- C: But You are our strong deliverer. You will prevail though the cost be death and the very depths of hell. We follow You forever and raise our voices and banners in Your honor and Your triumphant victory in our behalf!
- P: Special Intercessions . . .

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (All)

A PRAYER AS WE ENTER HOLY WEEK (All)

O merciful Father, Your Son endured triumphs and terrors in Jerusalem. As we journey through this week of our Lord’s Passion and death, may Your Holy Spirit turn our hearts to You, the Author and Giver of new life. Give steadfastness to all Your people this Holy Week, and give us insight to meditate faithfully upon its truths. Renew us and uphold us with Your Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

TABLE PRAYER (All)

Receive our heartfelt thanks, Heavenly Father, for all Your blessings – the food we share, this fellowship we enjoy, our time together – and make us mindful of all who lack such daily gifts that we may joyfully share our blessings with others. Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” # 441

POSTLUDE



April Holy Communion Schedule
Holy Communion will be celebrated on
Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday, and
Sunday, April 23 and 30.

Serving in God's House Today

Our Pastor:	Rev. Gary Albert
Acolyte:	Isaiah Perlewitz
Elder on Duty:	Gene Hojan
Greeter:	Gary Chapman
Altar Guild:	Darleen Behling
Reader:	Bob Vogt
Organist:	Jolene Albert

Rite of Fellowship Cards – We ask our members and guests to please complete a Fellowship Card and then pass them toward the center aisle. The cards will be collected right after the **Welcome** at the beginning of the service. Thank you!

Weekday School and Confirmation Instruction Classes will **NOT MEET** on **Wednesday, April 5**. Classes resume on Wednesday, April 12.

Easter Fellowship will follow our joyous worship service on Resurrection Sunday. Ham and potatoes will be provided. **Please bring a dish to pass.** Thank you!

Church Council will meet on **Sunday, April 16**, following Fellowship. Council members are asked to attend.

Spring Election for Wisconsin Residents is this coming, **Tuesday April 4**. Of crucial importance is the Supreme Court election. All elections are important, but the future of Wisconsin is at stake with this election. Elections have consequences; this one most certainly will. Be sure to vote!

Bible Collection - We will continue collecting Bibles for *Bible Runners Ministry* which makes them available to people who do not have a copy of the Scripture. There is a box in the entryway for placing your donations. Thank you for your support of this special project!

April Newsletters are in the mailboxes this morning if you didn't pick yours up last week.

Spring Cleaning/Garage Sale - If you are doing some spring cleaning and have items you would like to donate, please keep Hope's garage sale in mind. Hope will be participating in the Land O'Lakes city-wide garage sale on Saturday August 5th. Household items, seasonal decorations, tools, toys, games, outdoor activities, craft items, office supplies and many other items are appreciated (but no electronics, furniture or clothing). A date for drop off of your items will be published as the event gets closer. Please do not bring things to church yet. If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Vicky Holbrook at 906 544-2099. Thank you and happy cleaning!

Birthday wishes go out this week to Dave Neumann (Saturday, April 8). May God bless you in the coming year!

Prayer List – Please keep the following in your prayers: For those dealing with health issues: Jan Bathke, Julie Baxter, Sallee Gehrt, Bethany Goers, Kristine Hoessel, Laurie Johnson, Jean Trispel, Tom Behling, Mike Bruning, Willie Crawford, Gary Gehrt, David Gunderson, Duane Heikkinen, Rick Lapp, Paul Schultz, & Dave Steffen. Our homebound members: Florence Ninko, Jill James, & Augusta Santy Specht. For our mission partners: the Bakers in Mongolia, the Cortrights.; the Olivers in Taiwan, the Lehmanns in Puerto Rico, the Cundiffs & Bombaros in Latvia. For our seminarian Daniel Bueckman. For all who govern at the federal, state and local level. For our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. For peace in our world and nation.

A Measure of Our Love

Attendance at March 26th Worship Service: 54

Offering Envelopes: \$1,235.00 (Loose Plate Benevolent Fund): \$57.00

In case of emergency or hospitalization, please contact Pastor Albert at home in Marshfield at 715-384-2855, or on his cell phone at 715-323-8874. You may also e-mail him at gmalbert@charter.net. Please inform us if you are going to be homebound for a period of time.