

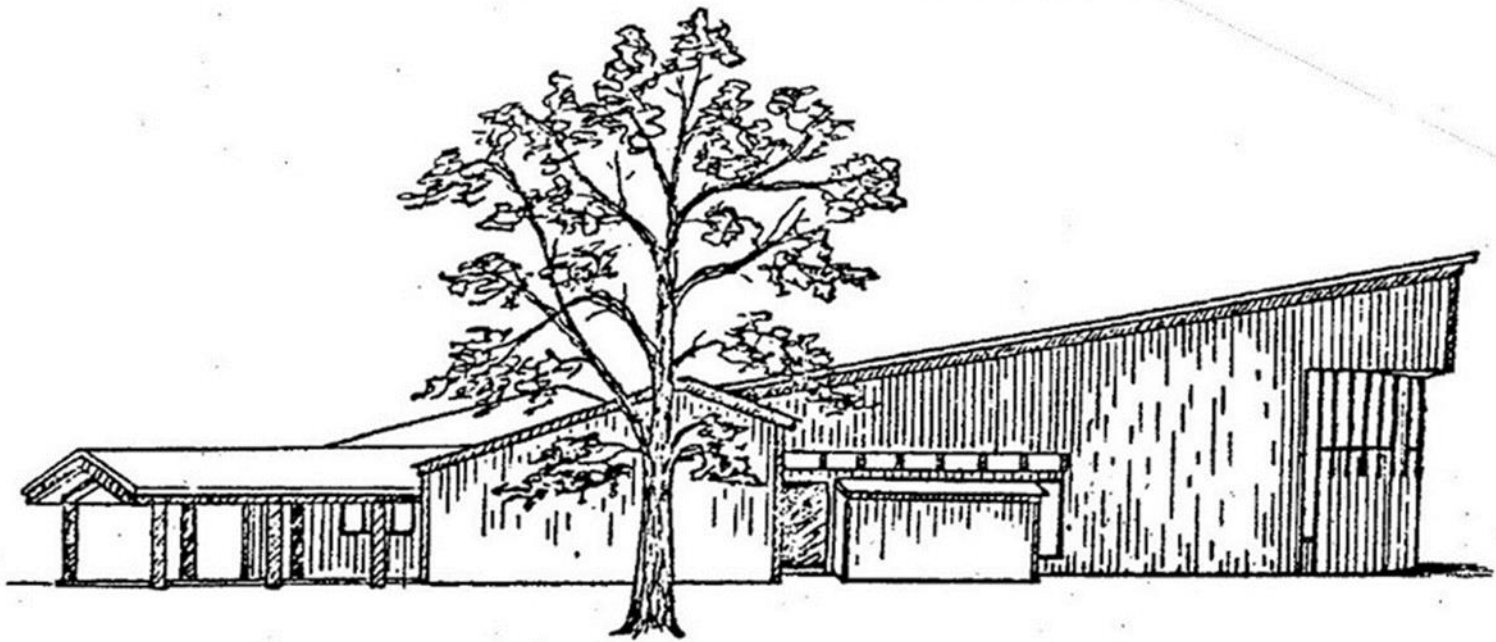
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“Palm Sunday”

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WELCOME!!! We extend a warm welcome to ALL joining us today. May we experience the love and mercy of God through His gifts of Word and Sacrament. **Please take the time to fill out the blue folder in each pew.** If you are 'visiting' us today, please introduce yourself to Pastor Krueger.

RESTROOMS, NURSERY, ETC Restrooms are located in the hallway past the sanctuary entrance. The nursery room is available through the Fellowship Hall. Hearing assistance devices are also available. If you need anything, our "Elder on Duty" and ushers are willing to help you.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – We rejoice in this blessed meal as the Lord Jesus Himself comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving us His true Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. St. Paul writes, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) Out of love and care for all who come to the Lord's Supper, we ask those not instructed in the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, and / or doubts the 'REAL presence' of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak with the Pastor before the service.

PRESERVICE MUSIC *(Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.)*

OUR "PALM SUNDAY" SETTING

Today is a very special day! This is most certainly true not only because it is "Palm Sunday" and the beginning of "Holy Week," but today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing – the Word that delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. Today, this Word of God reminds us of our King of kings who humbled Himself by becoming "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8).

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

Let us ever walk with Jesus.

To see the depths of His love, to behold the gift of His forgiveness, to gaze upon the heights of His grace, and the magnitude of His mercy.

We walk with Jesus to the Holy City of Jerusalem.

We walk with Jesus as He rides on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Once more we lift our voices with the ancients and say,

"Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

"HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA" (Lutheran Service Book 443)

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, Who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.**

**The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state
nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing;
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice
and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the He who comes in Your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING -- 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL -- Mark 11:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

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!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

NICENE CREED

"ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR" (The Hymnal 173)

**All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's Royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!**

**The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
and mortal men and all things created make reply:
the people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.**

**To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises – accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!**

SERMON THEME -- "The Road We Travel With Jesus" -- Mark 11:8-10
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WE RETURN OUR TITHES AND FIRSTFRUIT OFFERINGS TO GOD OUR FATHER

*If you have not done so, please register your attendance in the booklets in each pew.
Pass them along to others sitting with you. They will be collected following the service.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor ends each petition, "Lord, in Your mercy."

Worshippers respond, "Hear our prayer."

Lord Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Merciful Father, You know us fully. We are quick to speak of faith but slow to live it out. We shout "Hosanna" as Jesus approaches as did the people of Jerusalem, but we do not want Him coming too close to us, not close enough to really see --

our greed, our grasping, our pride, and our pretense,
our envy and our strife,
our hard hearts and lackluster prayers, our willful disobedience, our ongoing sins of thought, word, and deed,
our harsh words, condemning judgments, our backbiting and badmouthing,
our never-ending and baseless excuses, and our fickle faith. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

(Silently reflect on your sins of commission and omission, confessing them to the throne of Almighty God.)

Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment, and death for you. Jesus was resolute to go to Gethsemane and Golgotha for you. That is why God our Father forgives completely the sins of those who place their love and trust in Him. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *(followed by singing the lyrics below acapella)*

**Be present at our table, Lord; be here and ev'rywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee.**

COMMUNION OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION WITH SINGING

"PRAISE BE TO CHRIST" (LSB 538)

**Praise be to Christ in Whom we see the image of the Father shown,
the first-born Son revealed and known, the truth and grace of deity;
through Whom creation came to birth, whose fingers set the stars in place,
the unseen pow'rs, and this small earth, the furthest bounds of time and space.**

**Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway and will upholds creation's plan;
Who is, before all worlds began and when our world has passed away:
Lord of the Church, its life and head, redemption's price and source and theme
alive, the first-born from the dead, to reign as all-in-all supreme.**

**Praise be to Him Who, Lord Most High, the fullness of the Godhead shares;
and yet our human nature bears, Who came as man to bleed and die.
And from His cross there flows our peace Who chose for us the path He trod,
that so might sins and sorrows cease and all be reconciled to God.**

“RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY” (LSB 441)

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin o’er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wond’ring eyes to see the-approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne awaits His own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy pow’r, and reign.**

“FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT” (LSB 664)

**Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God’s good grace;
lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not Who holds you dear;
only believe, and you will see that Christ is all eternally.**

“CHRIST, THE WORD OF GOD INCARNATE” (LSB 540)

**Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father, perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, light and life You bring to all;
light our path with Your own presence, grant us grace to heed Your call.**

**Christ, the living bread from heaven, food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given, nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven, fore-taste of the feast to be;
quench our thirst with living water springing up eternally.**

**Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant from the stump of Jesse’s tree;
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches to bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into You, O Savior; prune our hearts so we remain
fruitful branches in Your vineyard till eternal life we gain.**

**Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, never failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; let us hear Your voice alone.**

**Christ, the Way that leads unfailing to the Father's home on high,
Christ, the Truth that frees the captive, Christ, the Life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, sacrifice and great High Priest:
lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, there to share Your wedding feast.**

**(STAND) Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:
praise and thanks and adoration and unending worship be
to the Father and the Spirit and to You eternally.**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

PARTING BLESSING

Jesus invites all who believe in Him to follow Him -

into places of great suffering and into places of great love.

We will walk with Jesus during this "Holy Week" -

**to the upper room, to the Mount of Olives, to the Garden of Gethsemane,
to the courtyard, to Golgotha, to the tomb, AND to His resurrection
victory!**

Throughout this "Holy Week": may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

"LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS" (LSB 685)

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where He is there is no loss,
though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy;
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; help me there Your joy to know.**

**Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.**

**Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.**

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; where You live, there we shall be
in Your presence constantly, living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer for healing

HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Betsy Gill, Alfred Marquardt, Roger Marquardt, Karen Haag, and Traci Meyers.

OUR SHUT-INS -- Larry & Sally Zupan, Jerry Wenzel, Kay Helmuth

SERVING IN OUR MILITARY -- Dylan Kielcheski and Caitlin Kielcheski

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS -- Dreya Detry *UW-Oshkosh*; Sariah Frederiksen *UW-Green Bay*, Gwyn Hanson *UW-Stevens Point*; Katelyn Krueger *Saginaw Valley State University* (Saginaw, MI); and Samantha Pieper *UW-Whitewater*

CONCORDIA SEMINARY 'ADOPTED' STUDENTS -- Justin Brockman; Jedidiah McClellan; Grant Thiel; Joel Werner

OUR MISSIONARIES Pastor Camp (*Russian Ministry*)
Rev. Samuel & Erica Bobby and their family (*Latvia*)

PRAYERS REQUESTED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY – **Cassie Nygren**, **Joseph** (*brother of CarolAnn Krakau*), **Tom** (*Kelly Coan's brother-in-law recovering from heart surgery*), **Valerie Clemens** (*older sister of Kent Newby*), **Kelly Hogan** (*Elroy & Judy Storming's daughter*), **Brenda** (*daughter-in-law of Roy and Betsy Gill received result of NO Leukemia*), **Sandi Luedke** (*family of Kim Peterson who continues recovering from a 'double lung' transplant*), and **Oscar Froehlich** (father of Dennis Froehlich) who is receiving hospice care.