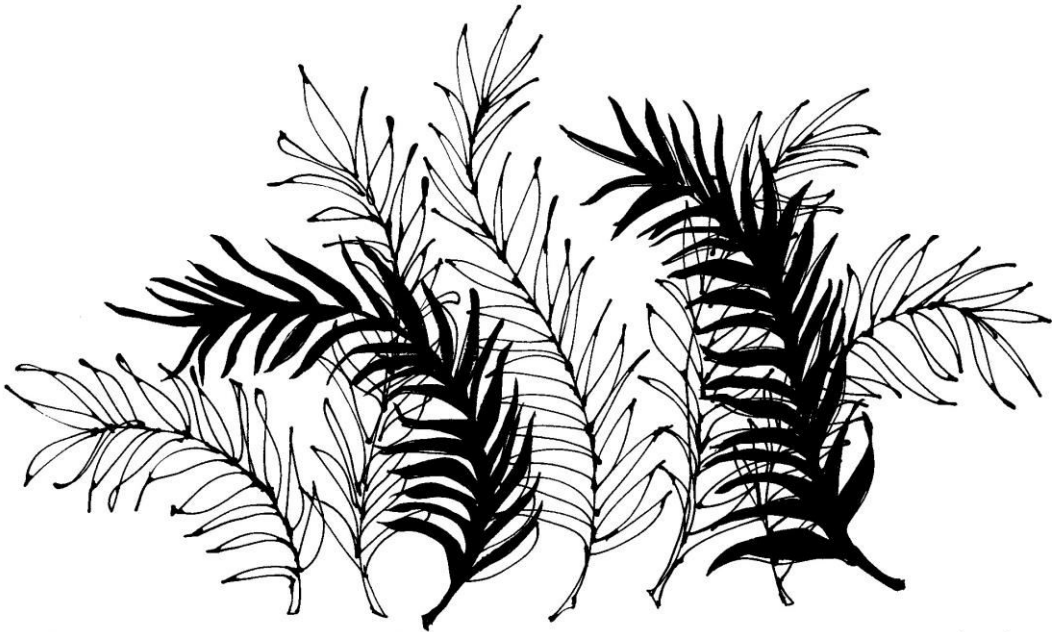


March 29, 2026

Welcome to our Guests

Thanks for joining us! We are gathered here to be strengthened in the faith through the Word of Jesus, the Son of God, who came to forgive and save us. If there is anything we can do to better serve you, please let us know.



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Palm Sunday

Theme: *“Look Up to See Your King Who Humbly Comes to Save You, Fulfilling God’s Plan to Rescue Mankind!”*

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week – the most intense week of our Christian Year. Palm and Passion Sunday have been celebrated in the Christian Church since the 4th Century. Some 1,600 years ago believers in and around Jerusalem would retrace Jesus’ route from the Mount of Olives back into the city for worship on that day.

“Hosanna!” is the shout of praise so familiar to Palm Sunday worshipers. It literally means *“Save us now, we pray!”* Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to do just that.

Traditionally, branches of palms are included in the service, often in procession, as we recall Jesus’ riding into Jerusalem, his path strewn with palm branches by those who shouted praises to their King.

Yet we also recall what Jesus was entering Jerusalem to do. For within a few short days, the shouts of *‘Hosanna’* would be replaced with cries of *‘Crucify him!’*

Palm Sunday prepares us to watch again the passion (suffering and death) of our Lord – the Lamb of God, offering himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world.

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Choir Anthem: *King of Kings by Naomi Batya & Sophie Conty (LAPPY #167)*

Opening Hymn: #133 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty, v. 1-5 (after v. 1, bring your palm up to the altar & drop it)*

Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Dear friends in Christ, for the five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord’s sacrifice for sin. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered into Jerusalem in triumph to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, die, and rise again. Let us remember with devotion His glorious entry, which culminated at the empty tomb; and let us follow Him in spirit with a lively faith. For united with Him by our Baptism, we share in His resurrection and new life. *“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”*

C: “Hosanna in the highest!”

M: Let us pray. / God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem, and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted “*Hosanna*,” and spread their clothing and palm branches in His path. Accept our praise today, and listen to our prayers as we also rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn #131 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, v. 1,4-5

Palm Sunday Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus ... went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, *"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?'* tell him, *'The Lord needs it.'*"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" *"I tell you,"* he replied, *"if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."* (NIV)

Prayer of the Day

M: 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. As He was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path, so may we always hail Him as our King, and follow Him with perfect confidence, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

Our Response: Hymn #130 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*, v. 1-3

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing being made in human

likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day: We join together to sing *Psalm 24 Sing Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* from our BLUE WELS worship Supplement on p. 42.

Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10 (*sermon text*)

“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous & victorious, lowly & riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim & the warhorses from Jerusalem, & the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea & from the River to the ends of the earth.” (NIV)

Sermon on Zechariah 9:9-10

“Look Up to See Your King!”

Our Confession of Faith: The 2nd Article of the Apostle’s Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, 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.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death, and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day #716 *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet* (from our BLUE WELS Supplement)

Offering

Visitors: We are very glad you are worshiping with us tonight. Please don't feel obligated to give an offering. ALL: Please greet and introduce yourself to those worshipping around you.

Prayer of the Church for Palm Sunday

By pastor

The 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.

Closing Prayer

M: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never ending love by giving Your Son Jesus Christ into death for us. He emptied Himself and became obedient to death - even to the death of the cross. Give us grace to share in His suffering and death, so that we may be united with Him in His resurrection. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #100 *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth, v. 1-4*

Today's Door Offering: Last chance to give for the LWMS Mission projects: *'Ministries to Families'* in Home Missions, & *'Ministry in Europe'* for World Missions.

Sunday AM Bible Study: is held downstairs after the service concludes. Coffee and goodies to get you through until lunch will be provided. Today we look at:

Life's BIG Questions – God's TRUE Answers!

Lesson 7: Where Can I Find Real Rescue in My Daily Struggles?

If you have Insurance Products with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans: March 31st is the last opportunity to designate any Thrivent Choice Dollars your products may have generated. Information sheets are available on the back counter which tell you how to designate your choice dollars by phone or online.

Our Church's Basket for Luther High's *Big Knight Silent Auction*: If you are donating item(s) for this basket, please have them at church by Easter Sunday. If you have questions, contact Natalie Siok. Thank you.

WHO CAN YOU INVITE TO JOIN US FOR GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SERVICES THIS YEAR? The ancient rite of Tenebrae celebrated on Good Friday evening is a very *powerful* service! Using the imagery of light and darkness, it retells the account of Jesus on the cross and why he is there, focusing on the 7 important statements Jesus made there and what they teach us about him and our life in him. It is not soon forgotten and gives you plenty to think about! Then on Sunday morning we get '*the rest of the story*' as Paul Harvey loved to say. We learn what Easter means and what it says about Jesus and us! We even get a FREE tasty breakfast! Who do you know that needs to experience those services – who do you know whose faith is absent or weakening? Invite them to join you for those services next week. It *will* make a difference; for God promises '*My Word does not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it*' (Isaiah 55:11).

This Week's Holy Week Schedule of Worship Services:

Maundy Thursday Men's Breakfast Bible Study at Perkins in Winona, 7am
Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 6:30pm;

Good Friday *Tenebrae Service of Darkness* – **Special start time: 7 PM;**

Easter Sunday, April 5th, 9AM; Pancake breakfast following the service (a gluten free option will be available).

Happy Birthday: Alex Zaugg (Today) / **Anniversary:** None (?)

Serving Us This Month with Our Thanks:

April Ushers: Joel Meyerhoff, Al Siok, and Mark Wieser

April Church Cleaning: Cheryl Harvey by 4/5; Michelle Felten by 4/12; Bonnie Husman by 4/19; Amy Woodard by 4/26.

April Bulletin Sponsors: Kendal & Cheryl Harvey in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary; and also Mary Stampka & Donna Groth in memory of the anniversaries of Robert & Lois Hass and Robert & Donna Groth.

Looking Ahead:

Family Bible Study at Kurt & Kris Swogger's: begins again on Wednesday, April 8th, 6pm at their home located at 23371 Lamoille Rd. Join as you can for this relaxed opportunity which will meet every other Wednesday and starts with a meal (main dish provided, bring a dish to share *if possible*) followed by a short bible study of Idols We Never Knew We Had. This is all about fellowship, fun, and food for body and soul!

Spring Women's Bible Study: will resume on Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm here at church as of April 13th. The next book we'll study is Rev Matt Ewart's Unshakable: Finding Your Identity in Who God Says You Are. **Sign up in back of church TODAY** so we can order books for everyone and insure they are here in time for our start date.

Luther High School's BIG KNIGHT: Their Annual Fundraiser, supporting students at LHS with tuition assistance, is Saturday, April 11th 5:30-9 PM at Celebrations on the River. Registration is open if you would want to attend or donate money to the event; copy the link into your browser: <https://secure.qgive.com/event/bigknight2026/>

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Spring Rally: will be held on Saturday, April 18th at St. Paul's Church in Onalaska, WI. Registration & refreshments begins at 8 AM; Devotion at 9 AM; Main Guest Speaker will be Rev. Jeff Mahnke, Western District Mission Board Chairman, *presenting on 100 Missions in 10 Years*. There will be mission displays and a short business meeting, with lunch served about Noon. Mark your calendar to attend, ladies (**Men are welcome, also!**) Natalie Siok is POC for any LWMS questions (natalie.siok@gmail.com, 612.968.2528).

LWMS 63rd National Convention: will be held in Madison, WI June 25-28, 2026. Registration is open. Register online at **63.lwms.org**. Paper registration forms and info are available in our entryway. Natalie Siok is POC for any LWMS questions (natalie.siok@gmail.com, 612.968.2528).

St. Lukes Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS), Pickwick MN

Service Times: Thursdays: 6:30 PM Sundays: 9 AM w/ Bible Study at 10:15 AM

Communion is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month.

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St. Luke’s Lutheran Church of Pickwick accepts the Bible as the inspired inerrant Word of God. We believe that God created the entire universe in six natural days out of nothing by his almighty Word. We believe that humankind fell into sin and is totally corrupt, dead in trespasses and sin, and doomed to hell. We believe that God out of love for us humans sent his own Son who became human, lived a perfect life in our place, and suffered eternal death for us. We believe that God the Holy Spirit uses this Gospel message in Word and Sacraments to create faith in us and thus make Jesus’ saving work ours. St. Lukes Evangelical Lutheran Church is a gathering of Christians that exists to teach and preach the Word of God in all its Truth here among us and to all the people of earth, and to worship God and serve our neighbor in love as Jesus calls us to. We’d love to have you join us! Talk with Pastor Neumann, as he will be starting a class soon for those interested in learning more about the main doctrines of the Christian faith!