

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a ESV

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Philippians 2:5-11 ESV

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 12:20-43 ESV

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will

keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" ³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, ⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." ⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

At the name of Jesus
EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW ...

Philippians 2:10



**March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday**

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

As We Gather ~ Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. Far from being a detached dispatch from a distant deity, this Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). As we gather again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

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Pastor	Larry Warsinski
Organist	Carolyn Laurenz
A/V	Danny Neuenfeldt
Elders	Dale Rohde and Paul Bohn
Ushers	Jerry Neuenfeldt and Mike Hingston
Altar Guild	Mark and Judy Hingston

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week 56 Midweek Lent 21 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,729 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$ 2,012; Capital Projects \$85.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: March 29- Rebecca Greskowiak; March 30- Claire Laurenz, Don Rossow; March 31- Dominique Porter; April 2- Penny Brown; April 4- Dennis Osmond.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

Richland Lutheran Cemetery ~ It is time to clean up the grounds and prepare for spring. Please clean off all winter decorations such as grave blankets and wreaths off gravesites by April 1st.

Join us for Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday @ 7:00pm with communion; Good Friday @ 1:00pm with communion and Easter Sunrise service at 6:30am with communion and Easter Festival service at 9:30am. Join us for Easter brunch in the fellowship hall following the Easter Sunrise service. You are invited to bring a dish to pass. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

Thank you to Dave Hutfilz and Joel Hutfilz for keeping our parking lot and sidewalks clear of snow and ice again this winter season. Your commitment is greatly appreciated!

Lutheran Service Book ~ Come and join us for a 3-day continuing education course focused on the hymnal and how best to use it in church and at home Wednesday-Friday, July 15-17 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hemlock. This is a free event, and all are welcome to attend. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information contact St. Peter at 989-642-8188. Please register at <https://portal.ctsfw.edu/s/continuing-education-detail?recordId=a1yUj000006m6IzIAI>

