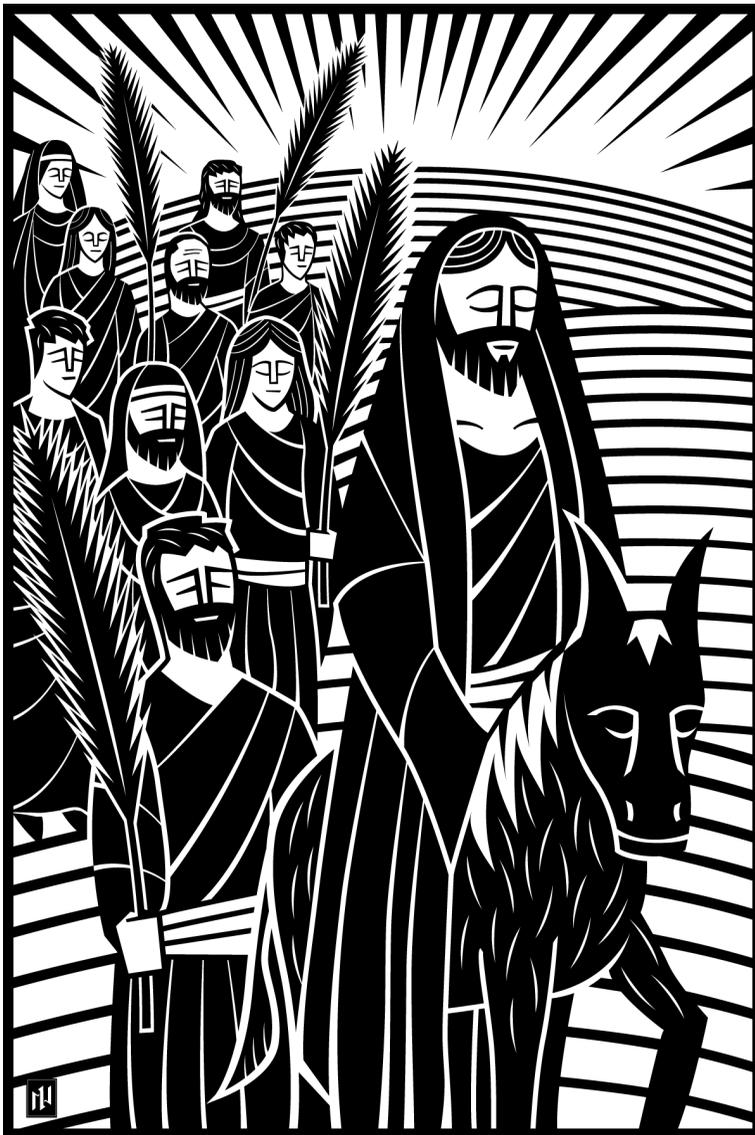


AS PROMISED
RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS ARRIVED



The Sixth Sunday In Lent
Living Shepherd Lutheran Church
1301 S. 5th St. Laramie, WY
March 20, 2015



WELCOME TO LIVING SHEPHERD!

A FEW NOTES BEFORE WORSHIP

- *We're so glad you joined us for worship today!*
- *Our restrooms are located in the basement through the door nearest the piano.*
- *We love having children in our worship service! However, if your child becomes restless, for your convenience we have a children's play area downstairs along with an audio and video feed of the service.*
- *You are our guest! If there is something else we can help you with, please let any one of us know!*
- *Finally, with the exception of a few hymns and the Psalm, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this service folder. Lord's blessings on your worship!*

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

One week before Easter we celebrate the day when Jesus rode a young donkey into Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna!" But is this the celebration we really want? Don't we prefer NEXT Sunday's celebration? This morning, while the far greater Easter celebration lies only one week away, we'll focus on the beauty of THIS celebration!

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, You are rich and glorious but I am poor and sinful. Forgive me for the times I have forgotten this. Thank You for sending Jesus to give up His riches and become poor like me. Remind me every day that his death on the cross is payment for all my sins! In Jesus' name, Amen.

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION!

The service this morning will begin with the procession with palms. After the introductory responses and prayers, the children (and anyone else who would like to join in!) will process into the church while the congregation sings a hymn. This reminds us of the triumphant entry Jesus made into the city of Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week. The congregation may remain seated during the introduction and procession.



P: 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.

P: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

P: 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, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

While the children (and anyone else who would like to join in!) process into the church with their palm branches, the congregation sings the hymn printed below. During the hymn the children can come right up to the front for the Children's devotion.



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That



lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared
 an ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor
 an - cient song we sing, For Christ is



court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them
 palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and
 our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our



rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close
 loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode
 King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With



fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their
 on in low - ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle
 heart and life and voice And in his roy - al



prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.
 pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821-80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784, alt.

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION — *HOSANNA!!*

After the children's devotion is finished, the pastor says:

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you 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: **Amen.**



GOD'S WORD

HEBREWS 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

PSALM 24 (printed on page 73 in the front part of your red hymnal)

LUKE 19:28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.' "

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ 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:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

HYMN 133 — RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

ISAIAH 45:22-25

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“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. ²³ By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. ²⁴ They will say of me, ‘In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.’ ” All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. ²⁵ But in the LORD all the descendants of Israel will be found righteous and will exult.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

- P: Living in a world where people believe that the universe was formed through chance and accident, what do you believe?
- C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P: Living in a world where people are confronted with the guilt and punishment of sin, what do you believe Jesus did for you?
- C: **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.**
- P: Living in a world where people are without hope and certainty, what do you believe?
- C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WORSHIP REGISTERS

*Thanks for visiting us today! We'd love to have a record of your visit!
Any information you'd be willing to share would be greatly appreciated!*

OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, the people of Living Shepherd
offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks
to him. To those visiting, you are our guests.
While your gifts are welcome, please
do not feel obligated to give.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*We pray on behalf of this church as well as on behalf of
God's people throughout our nation and the world.*

P: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake, as we join to pray the prayer you taught us:

C: 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.

BLESSING

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years.

*The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them],
and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].*

P: 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

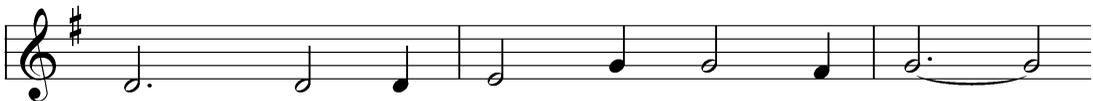
HYMN 702 — PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: Your
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It



King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and
own e - ter - nal King! Palm branch - es strew be -
greet your prom - ised King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry
comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and



val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall
 All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions,
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness



sa - cred sto - ry:
 doubt as - sail you! Ho - san - na to the
 now a - dore him!
 so a - bound - ing:



Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

This hymn reminds us that Advent is a season of preparation, as King Jesus comes to rule in our hearts and lives and leads us to his heavenly kingdom.

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Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (76 76 77 and Refrain) Swedish folk tune, 17th century

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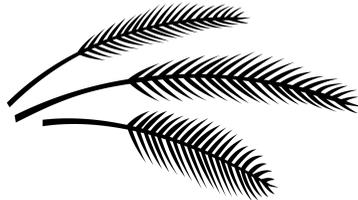
We welcome everyone here today and thank you for joining us for our worship service! We hope that you will join us again soon.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services will take place at 6:30 PM this Thursday and Friday. There will be no Bible study on Easter Sunday. Worship is at 10:30 AM. Easter brunch to follow!

EASTER FOR KIDS

Easter for Kids will be held at Living Shepherd this coming Saturday March 26th from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. We included information about Easter for Kids in our Easter mailing that went out to the entire community so hopefully we'll have a full building! We are still need of volunteers to help in different ways. Please consider helping! You can speak with Pastor, Melissa or Tammy for more information. Thanks!



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