



# **Palm SUNDAY**

**The crowds answered,  
“This is Jesus, the  
prophet from Nazareth  
in Galilee.”**

**Matthew 21:11, NIV**



# UPCOMING *Events*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

- Apr. 13** - Palm Sunday  
**Apr. 14** - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr  
**Apr. 15** - Tax Day  
**Apr. 17** - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall  
**Apr. 17** - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7PM, Jacobson Hall  
**Apr. 18** - Good Friday Service @ 7PM, Jacobson Hall  
**Apr. 20** - Sunrise Service @ 8AM  
                     Pancake Breakfast @ 8:30AM  
                     Worship Service @ 10AM  
                     Easter Egg Hunt @ 11AM  
**Apr. 21** - OWLS @ 12PM, The Fake's Home  
**Apr. 23 & 30** - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr  
**Apr. 27** EARTH DAY CELEBRATION  
**Apr. 27** - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr  
**Apr. 30** - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office  
**Apr. 30** - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Jacobson

### May

- May 3** - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM, GSLC Host  
**May 7** - Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office  
**May 7—28** - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr  
**May 12** - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr  
**May 15** - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall  
**May 18** - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr  
**May 19** - OWLS @ 12PM,  
**May 28** - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office  
**May 28** - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall

# WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

## SUNDAY, April 13

### Palm Sunday

10am: Worship Service

11:15: Coffee Social

11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2

## MONDAY, April 14

6pm: Esther Circle, Comm Ctr

## TUESDAY, April 15

6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

6:30pm: Pentecostal Tabernacle, Jacobson Hall

## WEDNESDAY, April 16

## THURSDAY, April 17

### Maundy Thursday

7pm: Maundy Thursday Service

## FRIDAY, April 18

### Good Friday

7pm: Good Friday Service

7pm: Accion De Fe, Comm Ctr

## SATURDAY, April 19

## SUNDAY, April 20

### Easter Sunday

8am: Sunrise Service, Outside at Cross

8:30am: Pancake Breakfast, Jacobson Hall

10am: Worship Service

11:15: Easter Egg Hunt, Court Yard

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Worship Service  
April 13, 2025 - 10AM  
Palm Sunday

**Prelude**                      "March for a Festival" by Marc F. Cheban  
Susan Berg, Organist

**Processional of the Palms**

**Processional Hymn**    "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"                      Hymn 344  
Song Leaders and Congregation                      (vv. 1, 3-4)

**Announcements**

**Opening Songs**            "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"  
"You Are My King"  
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"  
Praise Band and Congregation

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives don't always reflect you and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.

In +Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**



## **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** We pray together...

**C:** Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Special Music**

"Sing Glad Hosannas" by Mark Patterson

Choral Ensemble with The Good Shepherd Chimes

<b>Lesson 1</b>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Page 667 in the cranberry Bible Page 755 in the red Bible
<b>Lesson 2</b>	Philippians 2:5-11	Page 1069 in the cranberry Bible Page 210 in the red Bible
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 19:28-44	Page 957 in the cranberry Bible Page 85 in the red Bible

## **Kids' Talk**

Julie Werfelmann

Children are now invited - but not required - to go with the adult leader to kids' church in Jacobson Hall during the sermon. They will return in time for communion with their families.

## **Sermon**

"The Week that Will Be"

Pr. Ted Niemi

## **Sermon Hymn**

"Lamb of God"

Song Leaders and Congregation

Hymn 336  
(vv. 1-3)

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God; the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## **Prayers of the Church**

### **Sharing the Peace**

#### **Special Music**

"A'int No Rock Gonna Shout for Me"  
Words by J. Paul Williams, Music by Lloyd Larson  
Choral Ensemble

### **Words of Institution**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Holy Communion**

Communion shall be served using the method known as "intinction": the wafer will be handed to you, and you will dip the wafer into either the gold chalice of wine, or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. For those who are not able to come up for communion, please just remain seated and our ushers will be happy to direct the communion servers to bring communion right to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to come up for communion to receive an animal cracker (unless otherwise advised by the parent or guardian). Please come, for all are welcome.

#### **Communion Hymn**

"Were You There?"  
Choral Ensemble  
Mona White, Solo  
John Montgomery, Cello

Hymn 353

#### **Blessing**

#### **Closing Song**

"He Reigns"  
Praise Band and Congregation

#### **Sending**

**P:** Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

Susan Berg, Piano



We rejoice in the Lord's answers to prayers  
and thank God for His goodness.

### **Members Needing**

#### **Prayer:**

Dee Wright  
Rev. Dr. Arlynn  
Turnquist  
Mona White  
Kay Schumacher  
Betty Montgomery  
Neil and Verna Wal-  
den  
Liz Smith  
Bill Biggs  
Mary Norris & Family  
Connie Alvarado  
Jocelyn Miller  
Kirsten Linder  
Jim Thompson

### **Family and Friends:**

Steve Lower (Terstegen)  
Jade Dixon (Julie)  
Kathy (Secretary) and Family  
Elaine (Werfelmann)  
Linda Healy (White)  
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)  
Barbara Shakespeare  
Phoebe (Neer)  
Phil (Anderson)  
Gary Assmussen (Deuker)  
Irene Goldman (Dueker)  
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)  
Betty (Anderson)  
Tonya (White)  
Shanese (White)  
Zyg Zee (Norris)  
Claire (Vonny)  
Janet Sharp (Fake)  
Anthony Collichio (Norris)  
Mickey Cecil (Norris)  
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)  
Monica & Kyle Sedra (Werfelmann)  
Jacob, Abbe & Family  
(Werfelmann)  
Melissa (Sandy T.)  
Joy Kensinger (Miller)  
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)  
Pam (Smith)  
Grace Johnson (Fake)  
Hudson Otten (Anderson)  
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)  
Rosemary (Vonny)  
Nathan & Sandy Robbins (Robbins)

### ***Prayers For***

All Good Shepherd Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones, Members of  
Our Military Service, First Responders, and Those Affected by Illness,  
Natural Disasters and War.

For Prayer Requests: Complete the prayer request card on the back of  
the pew or call/email the church office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net



## PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

4-13-2025 Contemporary/Traditional Worship

**On this blessed Palm Sunday, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.**

Holy Father, Jesus knew the road he must walk beginning with this day. Isaiah gives us His words, *"The Lord God helps me... therefore I have set my face like flint... he who vindicates me is near."* Jesus had to walk this journey to the cross, but He knew the Father walked with him. It was all part of God's plan for the salvation of humankind. **Lord in your mercy...**

But first, Jesus was to take the journey of victory, hearing from the people the praise he deserved. He mounted a lowly donkey and rode into Jerusalem while the crowd waved palm branches to applaud him. Our Gospel presents the picture:

*"Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'"* **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for our nation, state and city; our president, governor, mayor and the leaders of the world. Lord the world beats to the tune of a different drummer these days. We hear of wars and rumors of wars. The most powerful weapons created are being threatened by our enemies. Jesus as the Prince of Peace strode into Jerusalem this day, proclaiming a new kind of world, one where love and peace and joy reign supreme. That's the kind of world we long for, and that's the kind of world God desires for all people. **Lord in your mercy...**

Remember this congregation, its pastor and people, as we share the love of Jesus. Touch those who have asked for prayer with healing, comfort and new life. We name those among us who have asked for prayer. And for what else do the people of God pray or praise? **Lord in your mercy...**

As a result of Jesus' obedience, *"God exalted him and gave him the name that is above every other name...that every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Jesus said, *"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* Make it so, in Jesus' mighty name, we pray. **Amen.** CAROLYN T. LINN



Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

## Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40

*In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies,  
but the silence of our friends. —Martin Luther King Jr.*

If, perchance, a contemporary rock star — let's say Taylor Swift — were to arrive in midtown New York City for an outdoor concert in Times Square or Washington Square, she'd very possibly arrive in a stretch limo, followed by several other vehicles, as well as her personal entourage and staff. Of course, the stage and equipment has already been set up, sound checks are done, everything is ready. She just needs to show up. And when she does, the crowds are there and are going wild — smartphones in the air. People are clamoring for her attention. Everyone wants a piece of her. The crush is incredible.

In Jesus' day, Jerusalem was a big city, but if someone important entered the city, it was likely a military man, or governmental figure of the Roman Empire. He'd likely enter on a large war horse, befitting the powerful man that he was.

But the people didn't care.

But on the day we call Palm Sunday, they care. Enormous crowds were on hand to greet Jesus as befitting the ("Rock of Ages") rock ("Morning") star he was. He entered Jerusalem riding on a colt, fulfilling the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9 that the King would come in humility. The mob shouted and hollered: Hosanna! Hosanna! They gave him the red cloak treatment, casting off their outer garments to create a carpet of cloth as the tiny beast clopped by. The crowds sang like a song might swell in a football stadium, waving palm branches like rally towels, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Luke 19:38).

Yet, as we know, only days later, thanks to some machinations of his political enemies and a lot of fake news, Jesus would be jeered and ridiculed by a crowd demanding his crucifixion. This stark contrast challenges us to examine the sincerity of our own faith. Following Jesus means more than moments of celebration; it requires a life of commitment, even when the path becomes difficult.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, as we remember your entry into Jerusalem, we welcome you into our hearts as our Lord and Savior. Help us to follow your example of humility and servanthood. And may our commitment to you remain steadfast, not just in moments of celebration but in every season of life. Amen.*



## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Luke 4-6

**Monday:** Joshua 4-6

**Tuesday:** Joshua 7-9

**Wednesday:** Joshua 10-12

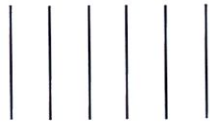
**Thursday:** Joshua 13-15

**Friday:** Joshua 16-18

**Saturday:** Psalms 34-36

## BRAIN DRAIN

You are given the following:



Add five line segments to make 9. See answer below.



### ANSWERS to Test

Your Bible IQ: 1E, 2C, 3C, 4C, 5D, 6C, 7E, 8A, 9A, 10D

### ANSWER to BRAIN

DRAIN: NINE (Add a slanting segment twice, and three horizontal segments to get NINE.)

## TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ!

Knowledge is acquired in many ways. One approach is to review what has already been mastered. See if you remember the correct responses to the questions below. These questions review and connect with many well-known stories in the Bible. Answers below.

1. All of these are part of the story of Noah except: A. a dove, B. a rainbow, C. an olive branch, D. a raven, E. an apple. (Genesis 6-9)
2. Hagar was the handmaid to this matriarch: A. Bathsheba, B. Ruth, C. Sarai, D. Rebekah, E. Rachel. (Genesis 16)
3. King David succeeded: A. Solomon, B. Samson, C. Saul, D. Isaiah, E. Jeremiah. (1 Samuel 18)
4. Which person is mismatched? A. Gideon/trumpet, B. Moses /burning bush, C. Joseph/slingshot, D. Daniel/lions. (1 Samuel 17)
5. Which biblical figure's faith was tested by many trials? A. Adam, B. Moses, C. Noah, D. Job, E. Solomon.
6. Jacob saw angels going up and down a: A. highway, B. bridge, C. ladder or stairway, D. mountain, E. tree. (Genesis 28)
7. Elisha healed the waters of Jericho by putting this into the spring: A. blood, B. an olive, C. wine, D. sand, E. salt. (2 Kings 2:19-22)
8. In the Old Testament, Zion refers to: A. a city, B. heaven, C. a prophet, D. a name for God. (Psalm 48:1-2)
9. The Bible says that all but which river flowed through the Garden of Eden? A. Jordan, B. Tigris, C. Gihon, D. Pishon, E. Euphrates. (Genesis 2:10-14)
10. Nebuchadnezzar was responsible for the destruction of: A. the hanging gardens, B. the wall of Jericho, C. the city of Sodom, D. the temple at Jerusalem. (2 Kings 25:8-12)



## GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-44

### Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

"  
Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

### Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

<sup>41</sup> As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God." [ ]



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### OWLS Gathering April 21<sup>st</sup>

Gordon and Diane Fake have announced their next tour will be to the mainland of Greece and the Greek Islands. Embarkment is set for April 21, NOON. HOOTIES are to bring their ENTIRE table service and a dish to share. Find that passport and pack your Chiton (tunic) and Himation (draped cloak) for an enjoyable visit of the Hellenic Paradise.

### Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts

The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.



### OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Financial Secretary & Counters Needed  
**Counter Job Description (2 counters each week):**

- Collect tithes and offerings from collection plate
- Check the Financial Secretary mailbox for checks received from previous week
- Total all checks and cash, provide adding machine tape for Treasurer
- Make copies of all checks for data entry purposes (include on the copy the cash received; I just handwrite this)
- Prepare Bank of America deposit slip and place in B of A deposit bag.

Take to the bank (This May be done by Financial Secretary or Treasurer)

Financial Secretary Job Description

Weekly:

- From copy of checks enter in "ICON" our church financial software
- Email to Treasurer the weekly report of donations

Monthly:

Every month provide to Kathy the fund totals of donations for the newsletter, this report is run from ICON

Quarterly:

Every quarter run statements for our donors and end of year the full year for our donors

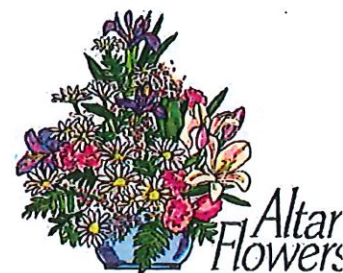
We are also in need of a Property person.

*Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann*

**NEW VOLUNTEER**  
**POSSIBILITIES**

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are in memory of Tom Harlan, former Good Shepherd member and long time neighbor of Gordon and Diane.





### **KingsMen/KingsKids' Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

The next KingsMen and KingsKids meeting will be on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We will be kicking off Spring with a KingsMen classic: pizza!! I shall provide the pizza. If you can provide a salad or dessert, that would be appreciated of course. Thank you.  
Will



### **Directory Correction**



Birthdays for Neil & Verna Walden are incorrect. Please make the following Changes:

Neil Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>; Verna Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Earth Sunday Celebration @ GSLC on 4/27**

Please plan to join your church family to celebrate God's beautiful creation at worship on 4/27. You are invited to bring in plants of all sorts to share, as well as any items to add to our Give & Take Table in Jacobson Hall. This year we are also asking people to bring any sustainable products you endorse that we can display on a table at the entrance. See Julie or Suzie G with any questions or suggestions!

