

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”*



March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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**All are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING IN THE NARTHEX

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus is coming! From the mountainside, from the seaside, from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor, from the bedside of those who are sick, Jesus is coming! Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers, Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Jesus comes to worship. Will we greet him with Hosannas?

Let us pray together:

We have come to meet you today, Jesus. We don't know quite what to expect. We think we know what we need, how you can meet our needs. But we come humbly, laying our coats before you. It's your call. Reveal to us who you are, how you can be a Savior in our lives, a Savior in our world today.

UNISON PRAYER

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-written by Carole Penner

***OPENING HYMN**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

NCH#213

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FAMILY MOMENT

SECOND READING

Mark 11:1-11

MESSAGE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

All Glory Laud and Honor

NCH#216

OFFERING MEDITATION

*DOXOLOGY

NCH#780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

NCH#224

*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE



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Announcements:

March is Salem's annual food drive for Archway Communities. You can bring your non-perishable donations to the church at any time during March. See June Seppa or Pastor Dustin with questions.

Many thanks to Rev. Chuck Wright for leading our online Lenten Bible Study!

Our next Congregational Meeting is after church on April 7th.

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday – 6:30 PM worship with Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church.

Good Friday – At Salem. Readings at Noon; Sanctuary open for prayer and contemplation until 3PM.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, 9 AM – Come and help us hide eggs! Games at 10 AM, Egg Hunt at 10:30. See Krissy Berry with questions.

Easter Breakfast Setup – Saturday, following the Egg Hunt, about 11:30 AM.

Easter Breakfast – Sunday, 8:30 AM. Sign up to bring a dish – see Pam Neumann with any questions.

Easter Worship – Sunday, 10 AM. *He is Risen!*

Salem History

“1884”

In the summer of 1884, the newspapers of our nation were filled, as they have been in 1984, with the news of a presidential election year. In what proved to be a bitterly fought, close election Grover Cleveland defeated James Blair, and returned a democrat to the white house after 24 years of republican occupancy.

Denver's newspapers were no exception to the national rule. On Sunday, July 13th, both the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Republican headline stories concerning the recent nomination of Grover Cleveland and his running mate Thomas Hendricks at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The leaders of Denver's German- American community were quoted as being “pleased” by Cleveland's nomination.

Other stories grabbing space that summer Sunday included the cloudburst in Boulder Canyon that claimed 14 lives on Saturday, grim reports of the Cholera epidemic that was sweeping Europe, an article reporting the adoption of “Standard Time” by the US Congress, and an approving editorial on the newly organized Denver Chamber of Commerce. Silver was selling for \$1.09 an ounce in New York, and men's oxford shoes were advertised for \$3.75 a pair.

Buried within the Denver Republican, on the page reserved for church news, was this short-terse announcement:

“German Services – A German sermon will be delivered by Rev. J.H. Bierbaum at Reno Hall.”

Reno Hall was located on the southwest corner of 27th and Holloday, the first street north of Larimer. This time, the text, and the attendance of that first sermon are regrettably lost now. Both pastor and people have gone to their eternal reward. Yet, their beginning was our beginning; their hoped-for future is our celebrated heritage – for this simple meeting marked the founding of the Evangelische Salem's Gemeinde.