

Palm / Passion Sunday
April 13, 2025

In remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, every generation of Christians around the world, once yearly, welcomes Christ again on this day which we call Palm Sunday. Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the week prior to Christ's crucifixion, the most holy season of the Christian year.

Call to Worship

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

C: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

L: The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

C: Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.

L: Hosanna to the Son of David!

C: Hosanna! Save Us, O God. Hosanna!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Processional Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor

ELW 344 vs. 1-3

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessing of the Palms *(raise palms high)*

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow Jesus in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into new life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Sharing the Peace

Video Presentation

The ABC's of Holy Week

Nordland Kids

Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

L: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

C: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

L: I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

C: I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

L: For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

C: But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

L: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

C: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

pg. 205 in front of ELW hymnal

*We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind -
Slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.*

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

L: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them,

C: "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

L: They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

C: "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

L: Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Message

Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This

ELW 666

Prayers, *Sung between petitions: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.*

L: Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." In the name of Jesus, we pray:

C: Lord, help us to take up our cross and follow you.

L: You stood before Pilate, your life condemned, your word rejected, your innocence ignored:

C: Keep us from rejecting your word of truth and salvation.

L: You carried your cross, for love of us and for all the world.

C: Help us to bear our cross, for love of you and for love of others.

L: The weight of your cross was the weight of sin which make us stumble and fall.

C: In our weakness, we turn to you for strength.

Hear us, as we pray,

Forgive us, O God, for the sins which make us fall. When we stray, lead us to a life of repentance, grace and humility. We thank you for the depths of your love for us. And in these days to come, keep us close, and we journey away from the celebration of waving palms, towards the darkness of your death on the cross. In the name of the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Offering

The Great [Thanksgiving](#)

ELW p. 206

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word. All that has life and breath praises your name. For your Word that sustains the earth:

C: We thank you, O God.

L: You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy, and called us to faith. For your Word in Christ:

C: We praise you, O God.

L: Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives:

C: We pray to you, O God.

L: Accept our [thanksgiving](#) and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

Song

Taste and See

ELW 493 (chorus only)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (sung)

L: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communion / Blessing

Benediction

Sending Litany:

L: We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!

C: Because even if we were silent the stones themselves would have called out.

L: We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,

C: and then it changed.

L: We have walked with another crowd.

C: One that called words of scorn and condemnation.

L: And now we follow the crowd as it leads to the cross, and yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.

C: Because God is with us. God will be with us. Whatever happens. We are not alone.

L: And so we watch the crowd and we follow.

Hymn

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

ELW 351

Dismissal

Bell / Postlude

Please stick around for Palm [Sunday](#) Egg Bake Brunch served by our youth.



You are a beloved child of God, deserving of love and respect and God is using you to care for the world.

We Thank

Ushers; Sound & Screen Techs
Reader: Linda Lorentzen

Pianist / Organist: RaNae Martinson

Nordland's Week & Notices

Today 9:30 am	Education & 4 th Grade Holy Communion Class / Fellowship
10:30 am	Palm Sunday Communion Worship
11:30 am	Egg Bake & Muffin Brunch, freewill donation for Youth Fund
Wed. 6:00 pm	Puppet Practice, church sanctuary Sisters at Heart at Kari Hanson's
Thur. 7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service w/ 4 th Grade First Communion
Fri. 7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat. TBA pm	Puppet Practice, church sanctuary
Sun. 8:30 am	Easter Communion Worship, "The Butterfly" by Nordland's Puppet Ministry
9:30 am	Fellowship
10:30 am	Easter Communion Worship

Volunteers needed (especially wait staff workers) to help the day of Nordland's Mission Fest & Silent Auction- on Sat., April 26, 2025! Please sign up in the entryway to help out! Also, Nancy & Kenny would appreciate another couple to help on the committee!! Contact Nancy Drange 320-905-3362 or Becky T. 320-293-6008 for more information. Proceeds from this day are given to support our missionaries.

Silent Auction item donations are very much appreciated and can be brought to the church fellowship hall April 12 – 17. There will be in-person and online bidding this year, more details coming soon.

God's All Star Puppeteers Ministry is celebrating 25 years on Easter Sunday, April 20, at the 8:30 am worship service, presenting "The Butterfly, The Resurrection of Jesus".

Nordland members who will be attending a school of higher education for the 2025-26 school year are invited to apply for a scholarship. Application forms are at the ushers counter, return by April 15.

The SW MN Synod Convention of Women of the ELCA will be Saturday, May 3 at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar. Make plans now to attend the theme is, "I Love to Tell the Story." Come for worship, speakers, displays and fellowship! Signup sheet and registration forms are on the bulletin board. Signup by April 18, the NLCW will pay for your registration fee, give your registration form to Gail Thompson.

If you have volunteered at Paynesville Health Care Center or Koronis Place in the past year, you are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Social on Tues. April 22 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Treats will be served along with entertainment by Mike Noonan at 2:30 pm. Please RSVP by April 15 to Lynn 320-399-4287 or Joy 320-399-4967. This event will be held at the Care Center and Koronis Place Dining rooms. We thank you all!

Lutheran Men in Mission SW MN Synod Spring Gathering is Sat. May 3 at Vinje Luth. Church, Willmar. This is at the same time and location as the Women's Convention and we will share some of the same activities. Consider joining many other Lutheran men for a day of renewal, reflection, and celebration. See more information and registration forms on the bulletin board. Cost \$25 per person, reg. due by April 25.

Atwater Area Help for Seniors is hosting a lunch & learn about Parkinson's Disease on Tue., April 22 at 11 am at the Atwater Community Center. Registration is required; call 320-974-8737 by Fri. April 18.