

Jesus enters Jerusalem



March 24, 2024

The Special Music

“Lift Up Your Heads”

-Senior Choir

The Psalm

-Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

The Second Reading

-Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*The Verse & Responses

“Return to the Lord...”

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A reading from the Gospel of Mark. **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel

-Mark 11:1-11

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” ⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” ¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

The Children’s Sermon

The Hymn *“All Glory, Laud and Honor”* vss. 1-3 #108

(Kids hand out palms during hymn)

The Sermon

The Hymn *“All Glory, Laud and Honor”* vss. 4-5 #334

*The Prayers

*The Apostles’ Creed

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*The Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

The Exchange of Peace

The Offering/125th Anniversary Theme Choice

*The Offertory *"Let the vineyards..."* page 66

*The Offertory Prayer page 67

*The Great Thanksgiving page 68

*The Lord's Prayer

The Distribution *"Lamb of God..."* page 72

("Nearer My God to Thee" printed on insert, #518, #324)

*The Benediction & Sending

Go in Peace to Serve the Lord – **Thanks be to God!**

*The Hymn *"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"* (printed on insert)

*The Postlude

*Congregation stand if you are able

THE OFFERING TODAY is for Current Expenses. The offering next Sunday is for Benevolence.

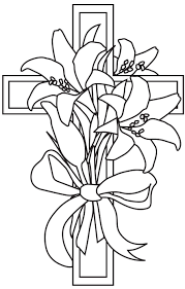


PLEASE BRING your piggy banks anytime you'd like. We hope to know the total raised by April 10th. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Tues., March 26	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
Wed., March 27	3:00 p.m.	Summit House Worship Service
Thurs., March 28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service at Immanuel
Fri., March 29	7:00 p.m.	Community Good Friday Service at Ramsey Reformed
Sun., Mar. 3	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship

THE GOOD FRIDAY Service will be held at Ramsey Reformed Church at 7:00 p.m. on March 29th. A combined choir is being planned. Practice will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall in their basement. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



TO HELP US CELEBRATE our victory over sin and death, let us decorate our Chancel with Easter Flowers. Please have them to the church by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 30th. Identify your plant if you would like them back and leave them until after the Easter Worship service. If you want to mention them in the bulletin please notify Kelly by Wednesday, March 27th before noon.

THIS MORNING DURING the offering, the ushers are going to pass out a piece of paper for each of us to vote for our favorite theme for the Quasqui centennial next summer. Please choose the theme you like and throw them in the bucket the ushers are carrying. Thank you!



THANK YOU TO everyone who helped prepare and serve the Men's Dinner last Sunday and also to all who attended. We had enough donations to well exceed our goal of \$1,500 to the Care Center.

THE CHURCH OF THE DAMASCUS ROAD can use our help! CODR is the prison ministry in the men's Fort Dodge Prison; Pastor Kelli Glasgo leads the ministry there. Visitors are welcome (with advance registration) at the worship services. "Connie's Closet" helps supply the Men's Halfway House (the re-entry program) with some basic needs - they can use the following items:



Used, clean and in good condition:

men's coats, gloves, hats, sweatshirts and sweatpants (XL-3X), shirts (XL-5X), belts (all sizes), shoes (tennis shoes, black dress, non-slip and work boots), towels, washcloths, and plastic hangers. New: socks (size 6-12), underwear (L-3X)

There will be collection boxes in the back of all **three churches**. Please bring your items by **April 14th** and we'll connect with Pastor Glasgo at the Synod Assembly. Thank you!



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