

**PALM SUNDAY**

March 28, 2010

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for  
personal meditation in preparation for worship.*

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE

St. Theodulph

Malcolm Archer

INTROIT (11:00 – sung in Latin)

John Rutter

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and majesty.*

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord our God:*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS FOR PALM SUNDAY Luke 19:28-40

PRAYER

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

SALUTATION

+\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Gracious God, having heard your Word,**

**we thankfully remember the life**

**of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth.**

**Yet we also acknowledge our failure**

**to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness.**

**We often mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king,**

**friendly companion, or problem-solver,**

**failing to see him as the ruler of all creation.**

**We do not appreciate the depth**

**of his passion and sacrifice on the cross,**

**failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation.**

**Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully**

**in the way of Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully**

**into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

II Corinthians 5:18-19

## COMING TO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

### INFANT BAPTISM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsively*)

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME (*in unison*)

**Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.**

**Join with us as we give witness**

**in the world to the good news,**

**for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**Alleluia.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM (11:00)

Eric Reid

Trotting, trotting through Jerusalem, Jesus sitting on a donkey's back;

Children waving branches, singing,

"Happy is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS Tune: CHILDREN PRAYING

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Lord send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**send us love, send us power, and send us grace.**

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 31:9-16

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This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 23:26-49

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This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Tune: ELLACOMBE

SERMON

"What We Have Missed at the Cross"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## RESPONDING TO GOD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

John Henry Maunder

The Savior King goes forth to die!  
Goes forth in all His glory bright!  
And angels from the realms on high,  
Look down to see the wondrous sight.  
On, on to Calvary's fateful hill, reviled by those He came to bless;  
But in His suffering bearing still the majesty of righteousness!  
With weariness and anguish sore, on, on to death the Savior goes!  
The Roman helmets flash before, behind Him shout exultant foes.  
The Son of God goes forth to die!  
To yield in pain His mortal breath!  
To rob the grave of victory, and take for aye the sting from death!

\*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

SONG FOR FOCUSING IN PRAYER *Sing! A New Creation* 203 (v.1)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 91

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Tune: ST. DROSTANE

\*BENEDICTION

+Latecomers will be seated.      \*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Mark Hiskes, prayer for illumination; Children's Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Chris Walvoord, piano; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

## TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The sermon series on the passion narrative of Jesus in Luke titled "From Gethsemane to the Grave" continues today.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning is Elijah Jon, son of Jon and Deb Van Duinen. We welcome him with joy into our covenant community.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Bill and Sarah Unzicker will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – (8:30) Kurt, Amy, Madison, and Taylor Van Allsburg; (11:00) Kate Davelaar, Becky Fry, Dave, Lynn, and Eli Ryder, A.E. and Nancy Lacy; Ushers – Lindsey De Kruif, Paul Connelly; Deacons – (8:30) Bekah Schipper, Jon Rietberg; (11:00) Marj Hoekstra, Tom Bos, Morrie Peterson, Scott Wolterink; Refreshment Servers – Bill and Barb Tenpas.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Todd and Jupy Honeycutt.

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

4 & 5 year olds	room 15	K & 1 <sup>st</sup> grades	room 8
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	room 6	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 10
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 9	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 11
Senior High	Youth Room		

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 at 9:40 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40

**The Spiritual Journey Adult Education Class** is open to all and is experiential, participatory, and practical. Come and go as you are able. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

**Kerygma Bible Study** “Discovering the Bible” in room 22.

**Chapel Presentation Class:** Faith Journey led by Wendell and Renske Karsen.

There will no Education Classes for all ages next Sunday, April 4. Be sure to attend the Easter Brunch between services instead.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Centers on the lower level.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades, will meet in the chapel during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**HEALTH KIT ASSEMBLY**  
4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Come help assemble health kits to help re-supply  
Church World Service’s stock.

**THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir  
9:15 a.m. Youth Choir  
9:40 a.m. Education Hour  
10:30 a.m. Children’s Choir  
4:00 p.m. Health Kit Assembly  
5:15 p.m. Handbell Choir  
6:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Book Study  
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)

MONDAY

3:30 p.m. Monday Fun Day

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints  
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers  
5:00 p.m. Parent Information Meeting about the Lord’s Table

6:00 p.m. Children's TASC Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Playgroup

SATURDAY

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg/Holy Treasure Hunt

## PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Mary Westenbroek has returned home from the hospital. Florence Holleman has moved to The Inn. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget. Lakeside Vista – Rosey Maatman, Roger Prins; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett; Appledorn Living Center – Louise Brackett, Florence Van Der Wilk. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

EASTER EGG AND HOLY TREASURE HUNT COMMUNITY EVENT- This Saturday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. for children 2 years old through third grade. Come learn about Holy Week and the true meaning of Easter as we look for eggs and "holy treasures." Invite your family and friends and don't forget to bring your Easter basket.

Treats for the Easter Egg/Holy Treasure Hunt event should be brought to the church kitchen by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 3. You may bring them on Friday afternoon as well.

Our final Children's TASC program of the school year is this Wednesday, March 31 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Please note the change of time.) Come join us as we celebrate the great year we had learning about the Apostle Paul and how we can be followers of Jesus, too! A pizza dinner, for the children, will be served.

"ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" offering: If you have not brought your offering, we will be collecting banks and envelopes for the next two Sundays.

CHILDREN AT THE LORD'S TABLE: If your child has asked about taking communion, and/or you'd like more information in this practice in the Reformed Church, you and your child(ren) are invited to attend a one-hour workshop on Wednesday, March 31 at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. If you are interested, there will be an opportunity for families to meet with elders at the end of the workshop. If you have any questions before the workshop, please contact Jeanette Beagley (748-1228), Pastor Kent or Pastor Kama (392-1459).

SAVE THE DATES: Our Vacation Bible School program, "Egypt, Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace" is scheduled for Monday, August 2 – Thursday, August 5; 6:00-8:15 p.m. Our "Egyptian" Backyard Bash is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28; 6:00-8:00 p.m. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend these special summer events.

YOUTH GROUP TREE SALE: The youth groups will be selling small pine trees this spring to be planted in your yard by the youth group. A tree planted in your yard for only \$5.00! This is a great deal as we get to partner in restoring creation, serve in community, and help out your landscaping. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Place if you are

interested in ordering a tree for \$5.00. The small amount of money raised will go to help fund service projects. Thanks in advance from the youth groups.

## GENERAL ITEMS

### ORDER EASTER LILIES Today is the last day to order lilies.

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.50 each Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

I am unable to pick up my lily; please deliver it to a shut-in.

Help! Each year about 25 beautiful lilies remain in the sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. worship service waiting to be shared with a member of our church who is not able to participate in the glorious Easter Day worship service. Help is needed to pick up several of these lilies and deliver them later Easter Day. If you are able to help with this joyous ministry please sign up on the line below or call the church office, 392-1459, so plans can be made. Dee Bechtel will have names, cards, and instructions ready for you in the sanctuary following the service. Thank you for caring and sharing.

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As you've seen in a recent mailing, we're hoping to raise enough money to purchase a house at 124 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St. to support transitional housing through Good Samaritan Ministries' Community Housing Partnership. We need to raise about \$50,000 by April 1 and are about 1/3 of the way there. Please consider giving to this project through financial, mentoring, time, or prayer commitments.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL: Ladies age 15 and up interested in fellowship on the field this spring/summer contact Mark Faga, 392-1459, at the church. We're all about fun – experience is not needed. Call soon, we start practices mid-April.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: There will be a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery care and bus will be available. On Friday, April 2 there will be a Good Friday service at Pillar CRC, 57 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. at 12:00 p.m.

BUS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: The Church Bus will be making a stop at Freedom Village at 6:40 p.m. For other folks desiring bus transportation, call the church office at 392-1459 by noon on Thursday, April 1.

FLOWERING THE CROSS: We invite each family to bring a long stem flower Easter morning symbolizing loved ones who have died or a person who has touched our Christian faith. The flowers will be placed on a wooden cross and processed into the sanctuary.

EASTER BRUNCH: Celebrate Easter morning with your church family! Between services April 4 (9:30-10:45 a.m.) come to Fellowship Hall for hot cross buns, muffins, fruit, juice and coffee. Hosted by the youth groups.

CROP WALK: Help restock our local food pantries by bringing needed food and toiletry items to this year's 30<sup>th</sup> Crop Hunger Walk on April 24 or 25. The food and supplies you bring helps to raise extra money through the \$1,000,000 Feinstein Foundation Grant. Get more information at the table in the Gathering Place and sign up to walk

today!

COPIES OF WORDS OF HOPE for April, May and June are available in the literature racks in the Narthex and the Gathering Place. Please take a copy of this devotional booklet after you leave worship today.

There are special offering envelopes in your pack for Maundy Thursday and Easter. Maundy Thursday's offering is designated for Camp Geneva and Easter's offering is designated for support of the Amaros in Mexico.

MISSING: There is a volleyball missing from the Fellowship Hall closet. If you know where it might be please let Mark Faga or the church office know.

Did you forget to pick up your dish after the potluck on Wednesday night? It is on the lost and found table in the South hallway outside the office.

The congregation is invited to attend Sarah Ashcroft's Junior Recital on Saturday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel.

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