

Palm Sunday—Sunday of the Passion

April 14th, 2019



“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!” *John 12:15*

WELCOME! We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! If you are a visitor please be sure to sign our guest book located in our church’s narthex. Visitors are always welcome in our midst.

AS WE GATHER—*“The Cross-Shaped Throne”*

Today’s liturgy is full of contrasts. We recall Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, with its pomp and pageantry. Then we plunge into the Passion, which ends with Jesus’ burial. There is a unifying factor: On Sunday, the crowds hailed Jesus as the King of Israel, and on Friday He reigned from His cruel throne, the cross. There He destroyed death for the sake of His subjects. We offer thanksgiving for His royal, benevolent rule over us and all who bend the knee and call Jesus Lord.

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Budget Update:

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts:	\$ 36,055	\$ 71,377
Expenses:	\$ 20,479	\$ 70,518
Over/(under):	\$ 15,576	\$ 859
CLC Loan Balance:	\$ 7,915	
Operating Loan:	\$ 29,400	
Savings Borrowed:	\$ 8,095	
Total Debt:	\$ 45,410	

Treasurer: Jerry Kobiske

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (LSB 442)

SUNDAY SCHOOL PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION WITH PALMS—*(Pastor John and the children of our congregation will parade around the sanctuary to remember how the crowds of Jerusalem gave praise to Jesus as He entered into Jerusalem to suffer and die for our sins, adults of our congregation are welcome to wave their palm branches too during the Palm Sunday Procession).*

HOLY GOSPEL—*John 12:12–19* (The triumphal entry)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;

behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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THE INTROIT, COLLECT OF THE DAY, GRADUAL, AND SCRIPTURE READINGS CAN ALL BE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT

During Lent the "Hymn of Praise" is omitted...

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

+ **FIRST READING**—*Deuteronomy 32:36–39* (The Lord is the only God.)

GRADUAL (*Read responsively*) *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps 111:9a*

+ **EPISTLE**—*Philippians 2:5–11* ("At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.")

VERSE—"*He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*"

+ **HOLY GOSPEL**—*Luke 23:1–56* (Jesus suffers, dies, and is buried.)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY—"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

(*LSB* 443)

SERMON—"Which King for You?" (1 Samuel 12:12–15)

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 12:12–15

¹²And when you saw that Nahash the king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when the LORD your God was your king. ¹³And now behold the king whom you have chosen, for whom you have asked; behold, the LORD has set a king over you. ¹⁴If you will fear the LORD and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well. ¹⁵But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you and your king.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: “Lord, in Your mercy” and the congregation responding: “Hear our prayer”

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CONCLUDING COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, into this world of sin, conflict, and death so that He could die to save us. Mercifully grant that we hear His voice, calling us from sin, away from conflict, and out of death to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN—“The Lamb” (LSB 547)

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 116

- Officiant:** Pastor John M. Taggatz
- Organist:** Chris Cutts & Cheryl Coe
- Elder:** Ben Berg
- Ushers:**
- Altar Guild:** Karen Tesch
- Acolyte:** Cooper Kester

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Church Information—

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www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com (Christ)

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REMINDER! Pastor’s Office Hours for Christ & Calvary

Monday (Christ) 9:30 am-1pm

Tuesday (Christ) 10:15 am-1pm

Wednesday (Calvary) 9:30am -1pm

Thursday (Calvary): 9am - 1pm

Friday (Pastor's Day Off)

Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons

For Appointments, Call Calvary or Christ Office or Pastor's Cell Phone.

For an Emergency, Call Pastor Tagatz: 715-467-1231

Our Prayer List— Louis Hartzke (hospice); Samuel Cartwright; Sherry Blomberg (hospice); Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Dirk Niebaum (cancer); Sam Ives, (needing a liver and heart transplant); Ron Wurm (heart problems); Bud & Judy Keller; Michael Felske (rehabilitation); Daryl (cancer); Todd Monroe (cancer); Judy (brain tumor) friend of Fred Monroe; Chris Schliepp (healing); Pete Fishbach (strength and healing) friend of Jerry & Rene Dorsett; Laverne Lipke (healing & strength), Sid Auck (stint placed in heart) father of Beth Cutts, Carol Auck (open heart surgery) mother of Beth Cutts. Cindy Schuett (cancer).

In the Military: Kaitlin Young, Fort Campbell, KY.

Our Shut Ins: Doris Buchholtz, Louis Hartzke, Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, and Elvis Behm.

A hearing loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users, to use please switch to "T."

"Future of Christ Lutheran School Meeting" on Wednesday April 24th @ 7pm—We are having a meeting to determine the future of our Lutheran Elementary School here at Christ Lutheran Church. It is on Wednesday April 24th @ 7pm. A letter has been sent out to all congregation members and school families asking them to attend this **VERY IMPORTANT** meeting. We will be discussing financial trends of our congregation over the last few years, the question of whether to downsize the grades of our school and/or staff, we will present data on our school enrollment from the past to the present, including the results of our recent survey to our church families, as to why or why not they send their children to our Lutheran school, and demographic statistics of our surrounding area pertaining to families with children eligible for attending our Lutheran School. Please pray for our Church & School at this time, and we do ask that you plan on attending this **VERY IMPORTANT** meeting, as your input and support of our Lutheran School as a Christian mission of our Congregation is **VITAL** at this time.

The Vacation Bible School Volunteers have met from Christ & Calvary Lutheran Churches and we have selected a program for the summer for our two churches. We will be doing the VBS Program "*The Incredible Race*" from Answers in Genesis. We are looking to have Christ Lutheran's VBS on July 22nd-26th. Calvary's VBS will be the week of June 24th-28th from 5-8pm Monday through Friday. Our next planning meeting will be held at Christ Lutheran on Wednesday April 24th at 3:30pm. Please join us if you would like to help out with VBS this coming Summer!!! If you would like to help out please speak with Chantel Mundschau at Christ or Krisann Marcy at Calvary.

Our regularly scheduled Christ Lutheran Council meeting is on Tuesday April 23rd at 7:00 pm. The regular occurring **Christ Lutheran Voter's meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday May 19th, 2019** immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan on attending our May Voter's Meeting, as your input and involvement in our Lutheran Church and School is deeply needed, and greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support of our ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church & School!!!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST

Sunday – April 14 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship Service/Sunday School 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal
Monday – April 13 5:30 PM Board of Education
Tuesday – April 14 8:30 AM Chapel
Wednesday – April 17 8:30 AM Spring Cleaning @ Christ
Thursday – April 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY NO SCHOOL 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service w/ Communion @ Calvary
Friday – April 19 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL 7:00 PM Good Friday Service @ Christ
Sunday – April 21 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

In the case of inclement weather please check with WDUX radio 92.7 FM to see if our congregation's worship service has been cancelled.

EASTER FLOWERS: For all those who wish to donate Easter flowers “in memory or honor of” you’ll find the forms on the table in the Church’s Narthex. We again giving you a option of either a Lily or Tulip plant. If you wish, monetary gifts are being accepted towards larger plants as well. You may leave the form (envelopes provide next to forms) in my church box, I’ll be checking it often. If you choose to drop off a plant, please put in the church basement. I appreciate if you could leave your name and form with the plant. This way I can get the correct information in the church bulletin. Looking forward to decorating the church on Easter Sunday with all the beautiful plants. Thank You, Susanne Utecht

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS:

On Sunday, April 14th your children will be waiting for you after Sunday School in the commons. There will also be a short survey for you to fill out. This is for making predictions about the future enrollment of our day school.

Even if you have children under 3, we would still like your input.

Below are the questions that will be on the survey.

1. What are the ages of your children?
2. If you have a child under the age of 3, do you foresee them attending Christ Lutheran School in the future? If no, why?
3. Does your school age child(ren) attend Christ Lutheran School? If not, why?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLE STUDY? Pastor John is leading Bible Study on Thursdays at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca at 10:00am. Come join us as we study God’s Word together! We are currently studying, “*The Augsburg Confession Today*” a Bible Study from the Lutheran Confessions. This is a study that helps people to understand the basics of our Lutheran teachings today from a Biblical perspective in our 21st Century modern world. ***Please note, during Holy Week Thursday morning Bible Class is cancelled, it will pick up again on Thursday April 25th...***

Children’s Quiet Bags are available for your kids here at Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches. These bags are full of coloring books, Bible Story books, and various other items for your child to play with during the worship service. Please ask an usher and we will be sure to get you one before the worship service.

CALLING ALL USHERS FOR CELC--We are in need of ushers here at Christ Lutheran for 2019. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help out. If interested, please contact Bryan Brazil at: [920-867-3646](tel:920-867-3646).

Lay Delegate needed from the Berlin Circuit to go to the LCMS National Convention July 20-25, 2019 in Tampa Bay, FL—Our Berlin Circuit is in need of a lay delegate to go to the LCMS National Convention with all expenses paid by the South Wisconsin District. This will cover hotel costs, food, and travel expenses. Our Berlin Circuit needs to know as soon as possible, the two current lay delegates for our Circuit can’t currently go, July 20-25 is the National Convention in Tampa Florida, we need to know ASAP. Thank you for considering this.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY- Dignity Revolution presents AJ The Animated Illusionist w/ International speaker and author Bob Lenz. This event will take place at the Weyauwega High School Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 17th- Doors will be open @ 6:30 PM and they will be serving free pizza. This event is being sponsored by local churches and if you would like additional information please see the poster in the Narthex.

SCRIP AT CELC—SCRIP is being sold following the 8:30am service in the church basement. Thank you for your ongoing support.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR—“**He Loved Them to the End**” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We are people of diverse backgrounds drawn together by Jesus. We want to share His life with you. (John 13:18-19) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: lhm.org scroll down the page and click on, “*listen now.*” Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

- 5:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)
- 7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)
- 8:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WDUX (AM 800)
- 10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 102.7)

“This Sunday, the church [invites] the world to remember the One who comes into the midst of a very fickle humanity—duplicity, defeat, violence, injustice, pain, and all. He comes near to good and bad intentions, near the ashes of what was meant to be honor, the ruins of attempts on our own. And despite our oscillating thoughts, despite the sin we cannot leave, He invites us into a disruptively different sort of story of defeat. The Son has made His triumphal entry. And yet He comes to bring us the cross, to the one sacrifice that speaks to the world’s pain.” *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope, Lutherans For Life’s post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.)*

The Congregation at Prayer Sunday April 14th, 2019, The Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Catechism: Table of Duties—To Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19

Verse of the week: Romans 8:38-39, *“I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 28

Hymn of the week: (LSB 450) “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (stanzas 1, 4, 6 and 7)

Sunday— The Passion According to St. Luke—Luke 22:1-Luke 23:56

Monday— John Passion: Jesus before the High Priest—John 18:15-27

Tuesday—John Passion: Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—John 18:28-40

Wednesday— John Passion: Jesus Is Crucified—John 19:1-24

Thursday— John Passion: Jesus’ Death and Burial—John 19:25-42

If there’s a prayer request for Christ or Calvary please be sure to keep us updated as to how they are doing. If someone is feeling better, we would certainly want to give a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing as well...

Stewardship Minute—The Apostle Paul wrote the Corinthians about the unity we find in the Lord’s Supper, *“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread”* (1 Corinthians 10:17). Jesus receives us in this meal with forgiveness and, in His love, we receive each other. We live in a time when partisanship and suspicion increasingly become a wedge between true relationships. By faith in Jesus, we have an honest and true relationship with God and with each other. Jesus lived life together with us as the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1). As we live together in unity as the body of the church, we use our gifts to support the body of believers and work through this body to reach out to others.

SCRIPTURE TELLS US THAT WE ARE TO BE CHANNELS OF OUR MONEY, NOT STOREHOUSES.

“Whoever trusts in His riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf” (Proverbs 11:28).



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT AT CHRIST AND CALVARY—Lenten midweek services are on Wednesdays at Christ starting at 7:15pm and at Calvary on Thursdays at 6:30pm with Lenten Suppers from 5:00-6:00 pm)... Lent Starts with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday March 6th and continues through to Easter on April 21st—

“A Lent to Remember” Lenten Midweek Services...

Maundy Thursday: Remembrance of Me, 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

-*Thursday April 18th @ Calvary Waupaca @ 6:30pm*

Good Friday: Remember Me, Luke 23:39–43

-*Friday April 18th @ Christ Lutheran @ 7pm*

Easter Day: Remember Jesus Risen, 2 Timothy 2:8, 11

-*Sunday, April 21 @ Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches, our normal Sunday morning Worship times*