



## Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

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**Palm Sunday**  
**“Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord!”**  
**March 29, 2026**

**Theme of the Day:** On Palm Sunday Christ was greeted with palm branches—the ancient symbol for victory. Job 41 is also all about victory. God’s victory over that same evil foe who still means deadly woe!

Ringling of the Bells & Welcome

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Congregational Song:** #341 “Lift Up Your Heads”

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes

# Palm Sunday!

E E I L O T K L J D B F B X P W O  
 X T S Z A C H Q G Y R C T J V N F  
 E H I W F L B W I Z A M O U N T P  
 S T A P Q O Y I Z V N Y D G D V S  
 X L W F H A R V S H C Z W O P M T  
 E Q G K T K Y I E M H Z N L T F B  
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 X J T C P X A V O P R O P H E T D  
 Y L F A H O S A N N A C L N J Y K  
 E K R A P A L M S T S L P Y Q P G  
 A Z A O I F U Y P M N I J B E M N  
 V J W D O N K E Y A Y D K H X O Z  
 W A F S Q K L U W R U Z P O U N V

Blessing	Branches	Village	Prophet
Hosanna	Cloaks	Donkey	Olives
Jesus	Palms	Crowd	Mount
Colt	Son		

To whom this King in triumph comes!  
 The cloudless sun of joy is He  
 Who comes to set His people free.  
 To God the Spirit raise  
 Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
 Make it a temple set apart  
 From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
 Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
 And new and nobler life begin.  
 To God alone be praise  
 For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
 My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
 O enter with Thy grace divine;  
 Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
 Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
 Until our glorious goal is won.  
 Eternal praise and fame  
 We offer to Thy name.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Loving Father, like those who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and later shouted, "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Holy Week helps us see ourselves for what we are, sinners in need of a Savior.

**O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom has often been lack-luster. For we have surrendered to the enemy far too often. For our sin you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this Holy Week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your love, and our hearts be captured by the wonder of your grace.**

God's almighty power is shown chiefly in the weakness of Je-

sus—his riding upon a donkey on Palm Sunday, his bitter agony in Gethsemane, as well as in his bloody sweat on Good Friday. His resurrection assures you that his promises of forgiveness, life and salvation are all yours, now and indeed, forevermore!

**I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, you send your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience and be made partakes of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen!**

**Old Testament Reading** Job 41:20-34 (These verses tell us of the gates of righteousness)

Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. His breath kindles coals, and a flame comes forth from his mouth. In his neck abides strength, and terror dances before him. The folds of his flesh stick together, firmly cast on him and immovable. His heart is hard as a stone, hard as the lower millstone. When he raises himself up the mighty are afraid; at the crashing they are beside themselves. Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail, nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin. He counts iron as straw, and bronze as rotten wood. The arrow cannot make him flee; for him sling stones are turned to stubble. Clubs are counted as stubble; he laughs at the rattle of javelins. His underparts are like sharp potsherds; he spreads himself like a threshing sledge on the mire. He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment. Behind him he leaves a shining wake; one would think the deep to be white-haired. On earth there is not his like, a creature without fear. He sees everything that is high; he is king over all the sons of pride.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**+This Week at Grace Lutheran +**

**Sun, March 29: Worship at 9:00 am**

**Education Hour at 10:15 am**

Easter Egg hunt at 11:15am

Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

**Mon, March 30 Bible Study at 9:30 am**

**Thurs, April 2: Maundy Service w H/C at 7:00 pm**

**Fri, April 3: Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm**

**Sun, April 5: Easter Service w H/C at 9:00 am**

Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

**Those Serving Us this Week**

**March 29, 2026**

**Elders:** Darrell K / Mark H / Ryan Z  
**Ushers:** Chris Colt / Brayson Z / Gene P  
**Reader:** Ryan Zittritsch  
**Trustee:** Roy Thoms  
**Music:** Ruth Alexander  
**Acolyte:** Brayson Z / Asher Z

**Those Serving us Next Week**

**April 5, 2026**

**Elders:** Allyn Anderson / Tony Heisterkamp  
**Ushers:** Mark H / Ryan Z / Gene P  
**Reader:** Tony Heisterkamp  
**Trustee:** Roy Thoms  
**Music:** Jennifer Heisterkamp  
**Acolyte:** Ruthie C / Hadley C

**Lenten Series**  
**The Book of Job:**

**Blessed be the Name of the Lord!**

One of the Bible's greatest wisdom books is the book of Job. This Lent we are going to explore this magnificent composition that is numbered among some of the greatest literature of all time. Nine sermons will help us dig deeply into Job's central message and supporting truths, while six Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes will further address the book's major topics and themes.

We all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways. A husband loses a job. A child gets divorced. A parent dies. And now, thanks to the media, we are able to see and experience more and more of the world's catastrophes and suffering. We need the book of Job, now, more than ever.

Martin Luther asserted that "Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture." Others have called Job "the Shakespeare of the Bible." Yet the early Christian scholar Jerome perhaps put it best when he called the book of Job an "eel," since the more one tries to contain it, the slipperier it becomes! The purpose of our Lenten emphasis is to learn how to apply Job to our lives, so that the book becomes less like an eel and more like a loving companion through life's dark valleys. Preaching plans are as follows:

Mar. 29-Palm Sunday, "On Earth is not his Equal!" (Job 41:20–34)

Apr. 2-Maundy Thursday, "Why do the Wicked Prosper?" (Job 21:7-16)

Apr. 3-Good Friday, "Tearing Down the Spite House" (Job 42:7–9)

Apr. 5-The Resurrection of Our Lord, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" (Job 19:23–26)

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn:** #442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**Refrain**

All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

2 The company of angels  
Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply. **Refrain**

3 The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present. **Refrain**

4 To You before Your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

5 As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King. **Refrain**

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**Sermon:** "Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord!" On Earth is not His Equal! (Job 41:20-34)

### Apostles' Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### Noisy Sunday Offering & Offering Prayer

#### Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, we admit that we are in a battle with a crafty and cunning enemy.

**Your word calls him Satan or Accuser.**

He seeks to kill, steal and destroy.

**In fact, he is likened to a monster called Leviathan.**

Who is connected with death,

**Who is a deceiving serpent.**

And who is even a deadly dragon.

**On earth is not his equal!**

Yet we believe this devil is under your control.

**He cannot do anything without Your consent.**

He has fallen from heaven like lightning.

**Indeed, the day is coming when he will be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur.**

We claim this victory—our victory—on Palm Sunday.

**Secured when Jesus died.**

up for a one or two hour shift on March 28 at the previous Total Motors shop area. AM shift is 9-11 with the PM from 1-3. Their goal is to make 100 beds.

Thank you for supporting children and families in our community. We truly are thankful for your involvement in this worthwhile event to ensure even more kids have a safe, comfortable place to sleep in 2026.

**Ruth Grasz** is turning 97 on March 19. I am sure she would love to be remembered by you with a note or card. Although she is now living in Stone Bridge Suites, her address is still 25921 160th Street, LeMars 51031. I will make sure mom gets the cards. Carol

**Thank You:** It is a Blessing from God when one turns 80 and it makes one look back over the years. It is a Blessing when friends and acquaintances greet you with kind words and Happy birthdays. I, also, was surprised when a chorus of Happy Birthday rang out. Thank you to those that gave me cards. Thank you to all for making the day very special! Sharon George

**Portal of Prayers:** The April thru June devotionals are here. You can find them on the back table in the fellowship hall. Please help your self.

**Arlen Urban Birthday is today.** She is 85 years young. Come help her celebrate this morning with her family after service. Cake and goodies will be served. All are welcome!

ly wouldn't matter what we do or say here at Lutheran Family Service. At best, all counseling would be a temporary fix. But thank God, it did happen and it does matter. During Holy Week we reflect with you on Jesus's life, Passion, sacrifice, and death – but not without a sure, confident hope. As Easter People, we walk through this dark week with solemnity while preparing in our hearts to celebrate Christ's triumphant resurrection from the dead. With you, we believe in God who raised Jesus. The reality of these historic events gives meaning and purpose to every one of our days. His redeeming love guides all our choices and relationships. LFS counselors who share your confident hope and faith are available to support you through whatever life circumstance or unresolved issue may be trying to steal your joy today. Call us – it's why we're here! Learn more at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service**

**On Main Street:** Not available at this time

**Easter Lillies:** If you would like to donate a lily in memory of someone please fill out the form which is on the table in the fellowship hall. Easter lilies \$ 11.00 dollars this year. Make checks out to Grace Lutheran. Orders need to be in by March 31st.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Egg hunt is today at 11:15am after Sunday school. Everyone is invited up to 5th grade. Come and join in the fun. Ice cream will be served.

**The Fellowship and Social Ministry committee:** is sponsoring a drive for items on behalf of the Sleep in Heavenly Peace, IA team. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a nonprofit guided by a simple mission that NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN. We can help this organization with various monetary gifts and requested needed items. In the fellowship hall you will find the tree with eggs and envelopes on it. Select one or more eggs/or envelopes, purchase your selection and place item(s) in a designated area by the end of March for the first delivery. The second delivery will be the end of April.

Here's an opportunity for people of all ages, to help build beds. To sign up go to [shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org) then "Upcoming Events" and sign

And sealed when he was glorified.

**ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

+ *Additional Prayers* +

Hear these, and all our prayers, loving Father, for we pray in the all-powerful name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

### **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;**

**for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

The grace of our...+ be and abide with you always.

**Amen!**

### **Closing Song: #441 "Ride on, Ride On In Majesty"**

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments stowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne

Awaits His own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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+ **News and Notes** +

**March 29, 2026**

**Don't Have Cash Today?** You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift. You can also set up payments through your bank. Contact the office for more information.

**Visitors:** You are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We encourage you to give to God of what He has first blessed you with, to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of.

**Reflection:** March 29, 2026 – Easter is April 5; this is Easter Season Prelude (if your tradition uses Passiontide)

Scripture: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” — Matthew 6:21

Stewardship Sentence:

As we approach the cross and empty tomb, Resurrection joy invites us to place our treasure—and our trust—fully in Christ and the new life we gain through faith in this all-availing sacrifice

**Thrivent:** If you have 2026 choice Dollars that have not been directed, **you must direct them before March 31, 2026 or you lose them. They do not carry over!** You have more choice dollars to direct after each quarter( March 31, 2026, June 30, September 30 and December 31). Mark your calendar !! To direct your choice Dollars, call home office at 1-800-847-4836 or you can direct them online at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com)

**A New Discovery:** We have just learned of a new opportunity that is available to Thrivent members. For owners, you have the opportunity to designate an additional \$25 to a ministry of your choosing **during the month of your Birthday!** Please call 1-800-847-4836 or access Thrivent through their website. It is very simple, quick and easy process, in order that you can designate

where this \$25 dollars goes. Again, this is in addition to the Choice Dollars you already get and designate. Check it out!

**The Good Shepherd Hour** Greetings to all fellow Lutherans within listening range of the Good Shepherd Hour. The Good Shepherd Hour is broadcasted over the radio in Fort Dodge, Le Mars, Sioux City and Storm Lake on Sunday mornings. The GSH is a short service of that week's Bible readings, a hymn, a sermon message, a creed, Lord's Prayer and blessing. It is perfect for shut-ins and those home sick, who don't have access to their home church's service and for anyone else. . Most important, the GSH is available to those who don't know Jesus at all or have fallen away from Him. The Good Shepherd Hour was originally started in connection with the chaplaincy in Sioux City, but the chaplaincy has ended. Its current speaker is Pastor Trevor Freudenburg of the LCMS.

For your spiritual growth, past broadcasts can be found at <https://kscj.com/the-good-shepherd-hour>.

to Grace's website at [gracelemars.org](http://gracelemars.org) to sign up. We want YOUR family!

**Building Healthy Families: Building Healthy Families:** If it weren't for the events of nearly 2000 years ago this week, it real-