

PASTOR'S LETTER

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So 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!" ~John 12:12-13

Everybody loves a parade! They love the cheering, the famous people going by, the celebration. The palms.

Does it seem strange that the people waved palms at Jesus? Why palms?

Nobody knows for sure, but it seems that several hundred years before Jesus, the Greeks started giving palms to the winners of their athletic contests, kind of like we would give a medal or a trophy. The Romans adopted the same custom and soon everyone associated palms with victory. They were used to celebrate victors.

When Jesus came into Jerusalem that day, many of the people along the road had seen Him raise Lazarus from the dead. They knew the powerful signs that He could do. They were convinced that He was the descendant of David who would rule Israel and give them the victory over the Romans and all of their enemies.

Of course, Jesus wasn't coming to fight the Romans. In fact, He would submit to the Romans and give His life to defeat the real enemy, sin. By the end of the week, the victory would be won.

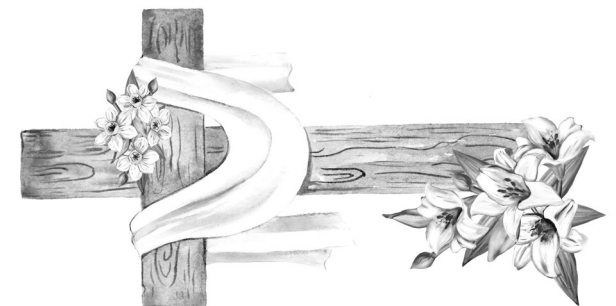
Even though the crowd didn't understand, the palms were entirely appropriate. They were celebrating the victor. We also gather to celebrate Him.

See you in church.

Pastor Kleepe



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Palm Sunday Worship/Comm 9am Education Hour 10:30am 	3	4	5 <i>No Confirmation</i>	6  Thursday Worship 11:30am & 7pm	7  Friday Worship 11:30am & 7pm	8  matthew 28:6
9 EASTER SUNDAY Worship/Comm 7am & 9am Breakfast 8am 	10 Evangelism 7pm	11	12 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship/Comm 7pm	13 LWML Meeting 1pm	14	15
16 <i>*Daylights Savings*</i> Worship/ Communion 9am Education Hour 10:30am	17 Elder Mtg 6pm Council Mtg 7pm 	18	19 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	20	21	22 
23 Worship/ Communion 9am Education Hour 10:30am	24	25	26 Worship/Comm 7pm 	27	28 	29 <i>Growing in Grace</i>  9am
30 Worship/ Communion 9am Education Hour 10:30am	Notes/Special Events: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>					



Lenten Series 2023

Often, the last words before the death of a famous person become well-known. Usually, people pay close attention to hem. Luther's last words were, supposedly, "We are beggars, this is true." The last words of Jesus before His death are the most famous of all, His seven statements from the cross. This Lenten season, our midweek worship will focus on one of these statements each week.

Worship will be at 11:30am. & 7:00pm.

***There will be a light lunch to follow the morning service on March 29th. Not after the services during Holy Week. See you there!**

Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday – I thirst

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday – It is finished

Easter Sunday, April 9th, 2023

Easter Morning Worship will be at 7:00am & 9:00am!.

There will be an Easter pancake breakfast at **8:00am**. Between the two services! Please join us!



APRIL BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Sammi Lotz	4/3
Alexis Nestor	4/7
Dennis Louden	4/10
Katy Ovick	4/11
Terri Wagner	4/11
Karen Teich	4/14
Josh Lotz	4/19
Chelsey Pangerl	4/20
Lois Unverzagt	4/23
Jason Boldt	4/27
Keith Strehlo	4/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Erling & Barbara Olson	4/11
Dallas & Verna Carpenter	4/19
Dean & Cordia Swenson	4/20



Love. Grow. Serve.

APRIL 2023:

ELDERS

Keith Strehlo	4/2
Jerry Lotz (7AM)	4/9
Scott Ovick (9AM)	4/9
Chad Fedder	4/16
Ryan Ovick	4/23
Jeremiah Slama	4/30

ALTAR GUILD

Pastor & Linda Kleppe

OFFERING COUNTERS

Dallas Carpenter	4/3
JoAnn Breska	4/10
Stephenny Lotz	4/17
Karen Meyer	4/24

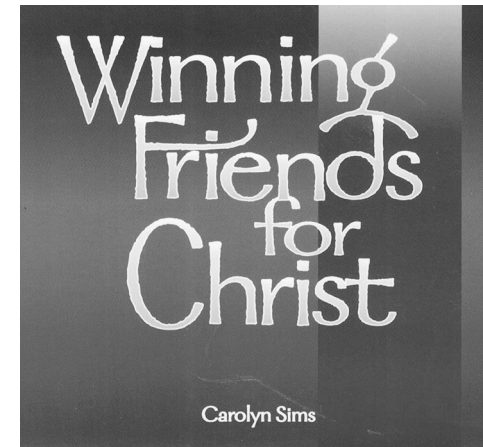
USHERS

Steve Ovick; Scott Ovick
Bill Casby; Tom Martini

LWML RUMMAGE SALE – ***MAY OF 2023***

We will be having a rummage sale this year. It will be held on city-wide garage sale day in May. Set-up will be on **Thursday May 11th** from **9:00a.m.** to about **5:00p.m.** The sale will be held on **Friday May 12th** from **1:00p.m.** to **6:00p.m.** And Saturday the sale will be from **7:00a.m. to 2:00p.m**

More information on ***Drop-off will follow!*** Any questions, please contact Verna or one of the LWML members.



Please consider joining us for our Sunday morning bible study we have 2 lessons left! If you haven't been there you can still come. Every lesson is independent. It has started some very good conversations!

We hope to see you all there!

Jesus paid the ultimate price for all those whose lives we touch, just as He did for you and me. But unless these people hear the Good News about their redemption from sin and the devil they can not live as God intended them to-as part of His family of faith. We may not be able to tell everyone about God's love in Christ, but each of us is in a position to tell someone. Winning Friends for Christ will show you how you can bring to our friends the Good News that they have been won by the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the cross so that they along with you, may become a part of God's family by grace through faith. That's the best news anybody could possibly share.

Sunday Mornings starting at 10:30am!

All are welcome!