

A close-up, blurred photograph of palm fronds, showing the intricate patterns of the leaves in shades of green and brown. The text is overlaid on this background.

*Palm Sunday*

April 10, 2022

## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Jr Choir – “World Outside Your Window”

Praise Singing

“Glorious Day”

“This I Believe”

Congregational Prayer

Special Music – PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Graders

“Hosanna Rock”

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Cody Mueller

Message – The Hour Has Come

Scripture – John 12:23-27

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“Battle Belongs”

Blessing



# Palm Sunday

## **Sermon Notes: The Hour Has Come**

### **Key Scriptures: John 12:23-27**

**Scriptures on Palms** – Leviticus 23:40 & Revelation 7:9-10

*Palm Branches represent VICTORY, TRIUMPH, AND ETERNAL PEACE.*

**Commemorate** - recall and show respect for (someone or something); celebrate (an event, a person, or a situation) by doing or building something.

*“One-third of the synoptics (Matthew, Mark, & Luke) and one-half of John are devoted to the last week of Jesus' recorded ministry. “*

*-Joel C. Gregory*

### **Jesus' hour had not yet come:**

John 7:30 & 8:20

### **Jesus' hour had come:**

Matthew 26:12 & John 12:23-27

### **Application:**

1. Join with us to commemorate the events of this week.
2. Reflect on **John 12:25-26** - **25** Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

## *Upcoming Events*

- Apr 10** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pastor Doug, PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sings, Jr Choir  
10:45am – Sunday School  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Apr 11** 5:30pm – Family Night: Pinewood Derby at Alto Community Center
- Apr 12** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Women’s Bible Study – “In His Image”  
6:00pm – Women’s Mission Circle  
7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Apr 13** 6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team  
6:30pm – Mixed Choir, Jr Choir, Sonshine Singers  
7:00pm – Mass Choir, High School Praise Team  
7:30pm – Men’s Chorus, High School Youth Group
- Apr 14** 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday, Communion
- Apr 14** 1:00pm – Good Friday
- Apr 16** Outdoor Church Clean-up
- Apr 17** 7:00am – Easter Sunrise Service, Pastor Doug, Men’s Chorus  
8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Easter Service, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers, Men’s Chorus,  
Mixed Choir, Mass Choir

### **Who May Participate in Communion?**

Regarding who may and should participate in Communion... “We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.” (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

*“Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don’t do it in a way that isn’t worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You’ll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:27-28 NIRV)*

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins to participate in the Lord’s supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well, we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as Covenant Partners.

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight Zack will be teaching a lesson on redemption in the Easter Story! See you at 6:30!

**High School** – Wednesday is our Service Scavenger Hunt where we go around and do acts of kindness for people in Waupun. See you at 7:30!

**Jamaica Mission Trip Brat Fry** – Come grab lunch or dinner from our Brat Fry Fundraiser at Waupun Piggly Wiggly Friday April 15 and Saturday April 16 to support the high school mission trip to the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf in Knockpatrick, Jamaica in June. Thanks in advance for your support!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Congregational Discussion on Bylaw Updates** – The elders and consistory have been discussing some needed changes within our bylaws. We've shared some of it with regard to membership, but we are also discussing our vows, what "descended to hell" means, voting options, election process, responsibilities of the consistory, and more. We'd love to talk it over with you. Join us Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm in the sanctuary.

**Covenant Partner/Membership Class** – If you are interested in joining us in Jesus' mission at Alto, we'd love to talk with you about who we are and what it means to be a Covenant Partner. Take a look at our Covenant Partnership packet available at the Information Center. Then join us Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am-1pm for lunch.

**Volunteer Opportunities** – Sign-ups for volunteer positions (greeters, nursery, parking assistance, media delivery, sound tech, video tech) are available at the Information Center. Additionally, if you would no longer like to volunteer in a certain area you can let Megan know or take your name off the appropriate list at the Information Center.

**Mission Circle Potluck** – You're invited to join the Mission Circle for a potluck dinner in the church basement on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The guest speaker will be the Christian Home Chaplain, Dennis Overlien. Please bring a dish to pass. Drink and dessert will be provided.

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 4/10 Missionary Salary, 4/17 Regular Benevolence, 4/24 Regular Benevolence, 5/1 Missionary Salary.

**Congrats** to Helen Straks as she celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Green Lake Conference Center Internships** – Green Lake Conference Center has internships available for high school and college students over the summer. For more information, please email Matthew Becker at [mbecker90@gmail.com](mailto:mbecker90@gmail.com)

## P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

**Praise:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We praise you, Jesus, for coming to earth, revealing God's love, speaking truth, dying for our sins, and rising from the dead as our King.

**Repent:** Abba Father, forgive me for at times, just following the crowd shouting "hosanna," but not understanding who you really are. Look into my heart and show me where I am lying to myself. Change my heart.

**Ask:** Holy Spirit, move in me. Stir my heart to praise you with all I am and all I have. Move in our church as well, that we together honor you in all we do.

- Guide our recently elected officials that they will restrain evil and promote what is good.
- Bring wisdom and peace to Trinity Reformed Church and Pastor Brent as he steps out of ministry.
- Restore peace to our world and strengthen the oppressed, especially Christians in Ukraine and around the world.
- Heal and strengthen those listed below as they face challenges each day.

**Yield:** Lord Jesus, I submit to you as the King of all creation. I will maintain a life of prayer, study your Word, participate in the Lord's supper, gather with believers regularly, use my spiritual gifts and financial resources to further the mission of Jesus through the local church, live a life pleasing to you and accept the spiritual guidance of the church leadership.

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for the family of former Alto Reformed Church pastor Cornie Keunen as he passed away recently. Pray for Don DeMotts as he has surgery tomorrow.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Ashley Bruins, Betty Daane, Dusty Deming, Cal Flegner, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jessica Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Carl Vanderkooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

**Military Personnel:** Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, stationed in the South China Sea

**Shut-ins:** Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Charleston House:** Brian Hemp **Beaver Dam Memory Care:** Cora Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Hillside Manor:** Harvey Daane **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ