

Palm Sunday – March 28, 2021

We Approach God

Special Music – “Hosanna Rock”

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism – Beckett Robert, son of Brant & Bridgette Flier

Special Music – Tricia & Jenica De Jager

“Train Up Your Children”

Praise Singing

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Hymn #220

**“Cornerstone”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Money

Scripture – Matthew 6:24; 21:1-11

We Respond to God

Prayer

**“I Surrender All” Hymn #404 vs 1 & 4

Blessing

**songs played at both 8am & 10am services*



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

What exactly is happening on Palm Sunday?

1. Jesus identifies himself as “the _____.” (3)
2. Matthew explains that riding the colt is fulfilling prophecy and identifies Jesus as _____.(4-5)
3. Believers worship Jesus as King.
 - A. Disciples placed cloaks on the _____. (7)
 - B. Believers threw cloaks on the ground.(8)
 - C. Believers threw palm branches on the _____. (8)
 - D. Believers shouted _____. (9)

It is all about _____. Jesus is the humble King!

APPLICATION: Surrender your _____

Seven Biblical Money Expectations

Step 1—Give Cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:7)

All giving begins with attitude, not the amount. Giving has nothing to do with how much you have. There is no correlation in God’s economy between means and munificence. The first step to financial freedom is to ask the Lord to show you how outrageously lavish is his grace toward you.

Step 2—Give Regularly, Not Haphazardly (2 Cor. 9:7)

Giving that is honoring to God has a thoughtful faith goal that is translated into a plan. What can you believe God for this year? Giving is not just reactive or sporadic, but done with forethought. Plan your giving in the same way that you would an addition to your house.

Step 3—Give Your First Fruits (Lev. 27:30–33)

Pay God. Pay yourself (save). Pay your bills. It was the practice in the Old Testament that people gave the first fruits of the harvest or the best of their flock to the Lord. Make the first checks you write each month to further the Lord’s work.

Step 4—Give When It’s Tight (Mat. 6:25–34)

Giving is an act of faith in the ability of God to provide, whatever the circumstances. The beauty of stepping out in faith in regards to our money is that it gives the Lord an opportunity to demonstrate his faithfulness to us in very tangible ways. How often do we get to see the Lord’s hand clearly at work? When we trust God even in the lean times, and watch him provide, we have clear evidence that he is real.

Step 5—Give Sacrificially (2 Cor. 9:6–11, 1 Tim. 6:17–19)

C. S. Lewis has said it best: "I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot because our charitable expenditures exclude them."

Step 6—Give a Tithe (Deut. 14:22–29, Mat. 23:23–24)

There is no more exact guideline for obedience than to give a tenth of our income to the Lord's work. Write down your annual or monthly income and multiply by 10%. Here is your goal and starting point. Build from there.

Step 7—Give in Faith (Malachi 3:7–12)

Giving should always contain the element of the risk of faith. In the realm of stewardship, this is called making a "faith promise." In other words, the goal of giving is set to the level that the Lord must provide in faith. You reach at least a little beyond where you know the resources will come from. For those who have been practicing tithing for some time, the edge of adventure may have been lost. Giving has simply become a financial transaction. Consider what it would be to move beyond the routine, to a place of cheerful adventure.

Giving that is honoring to God is motivated by gratitude. Cheerfulness and the awareness of undeserved grace are inseparable. When we know what we have been given, we give.

Ogden, G. (2007). [*Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ*](#) (Expanded edition, pp. 227–228). Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect.

So, will you surrender your coat?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is bad stewardship? What should a pastor wear and drive? (\$5,000 shoes is extravagant, but what is wise or acceptable?)
2. Look at the Seven Biblical Money Expectations. Which is hardest for you?
3. What is one commitment that you are being led by God to make in order to be a more faithful steward of the Lord's resources?

Upcoming Events

- Mar 28** 8:00am – Palm Sunday, Pastor Kevin
9:00am – Sunday School
10:00am – Palm Sunday, Pastor Kevin, 3 yr olds – 5th graders singing
5:30pm – Jr Praise Band
6:00pm – Jr Choir
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Mar 29** 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
- Mar 30** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
9:00am – VBS Decorating
6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Book of Joshua”
7:00pm – Women’s Ministry Team Meeting
- Mar 31** 6:00pm – Sonshine Singers
6:30pm – Bible Class
7:30pm – Bible Study – “Galatians”, Mass Choir Practice,
High School Youth Group
- Apr 1** 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service (communion)
- Apr 2** 1:00pm – Good Friday Service
- Apr 3** 8:00am – Outdoor Church Clean-up
- Apr 4** 8:00am – Easter, Pastor Doug
10:00am – Easter, Pastor Doug, Mass Choir

Who May 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 Cor. 11:27-28 NIRV)

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus to forgive their 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 active confessing members. Check out “Discovering Membership” online or at the information table.

Youth News

Middle School – Pastor Kevin has had some fun answering your questions from last week! He's got some great answers for you regarding aliens, relationships, and Jesus' life. Be there at 6:30!

Jr Praise Band 5:30, **Jr Choir** 6pm

High School – Wednesday is game night! If it's nice enough we'll be outside for a bonfire, if not we'll hang out inside. See you at 7:30!

Soda/Water Bottle Donations – If you would be willing to donate 2 cases of water bottles or 2-24 packs (or 4-12packs) of soda to youth group this year please sign up at the information desk. We really appreciate your donations and your support! Donations can be brought to the youth room Sunday mornings or Sunday or Wednesday nights before youth group.

Opportunities to Get Involved

VBS Decorating Day – Join us Tuesday, March 30th at 9am-12pm to help with backdrops and other décor and prep for VBS. Wear your painting clothes.

Outdoor Church Clean-up – The deacons will be doing outdoor church clean-up at 8am on Saturday, April 3rd. If you're available to help, please bring any yard clean-up tools you have. The rain date is April 10th.

Living in Babylon – Pastor Kevin will be starting a new sermon series on April 11th titled Living in Babylon: How to thrive in an anti-Christian culture. Along with this sermon series he will host a book discussion group on the book "We Will Not Be Silenced". This book addresses how to respond with courage to our culture's assault on Christianity. This discussion group will meet on Sundays at 6:30pm April 18th – May 2nd. To purchase a book for \$10, please sign up at the Information Center. You may also borrow it from a digital library or purchase the ebook yourself.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 3/28 Missionary Salary, 4/4 Union, 4/11 Missionary Salary, 4/18 Regular Benevolence.

AMEN articles are due today.

Mass Choir Practice – The Mass Choir will be practicing on Wednesday, March 31st at 7:30pm for the Easter service.

Cleaning Kit/Laundry Kit Donations – For our family night on April 14th we will be putting together approximately 25 laundry and cleaning kits as our service project for the night. These will then be donated to the Waupun Food Pantry. We are looking for donations of the following items: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, laundry baskets, cleaning caddies, glass cleaner, all-purpose spray, toilet bowl cleaner, cleaning cloths, toilet bowl brushes, dish soap, and any other cleaning supplies. Donations may be placed in the copy room.

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

Praise: We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

Repent: Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

Ask: Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

Yield: We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

THIS WEEK... Pray for the family of Larry & Erin Brewer as Larry's dad passed away.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Donna Bruins, Josie Buiten, Paul Elenius, Sharon Harmsen, Dave Rumley, Heidi Schindel, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Ryan VanHise, Mark Vossekuil, Bette Walstra, Connie Wiersema, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Hospice Home of Hope:** Donna Kastein **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans

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