

## SERVING TODAY

**Nursery:** for infants - 3 years old  
Joe & Sarah Harms

**Greeters:** Henry & Angie Wood family  
Steve Landhuis, Susan Cowles

**Sunday School:** Donna Price, Angie Van Woerkom

**Worship Team:** Audrey Haverdink,  
Anna Van Der Weide, Darin Reed,  
Doug Reed, Kristi Van Der Weide

**Power Point:** Gabe Smith

**Sound:** Ryan Smith

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Wednesday: 5:45 pm Supper - \$1.50 per person  
6:15 pm GEMS & Cadets, Classes  
Thursday: 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service  
& Communion

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

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**Nursery:** Susan Cowles, Jessica Roozeboom

**Greeters:** Irv & Kathy Rozenboom  
Scott Van Der Weide, Lee Harms

**Worship Team:** Audrey Haverdink, Connie Landhuis,  
Ryan Smith, Kent Whitmore,  
Shelley Dorman

**Power Point:** Gabe Smith

**Sound:** Joey Reed

# Preparing for Easter

## Examine your heart

The **palm branch** is a symbol of victory, triumph, peace,  
and eternal life.

## Your King is Coming!



Matthew 21:8-9

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest!”

# BETHANY REFORMED CHURCH

**April 14, 2019**

**10:30 a.m.**

## **Call to Worship**

### **Glorifying God with Our Words**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Prayer

*I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Children ages preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
may be dismissed to Sunday School

## **Prayer**

### **Glorifying God with Our Tithes**

### **Glorifying God with Our Attention**

Scripture – Matthew 21:1-17 p.1531

Message – *The King's Parade*

Prayer in Response to God's Word

## **Celebrating Our God**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #217*

## **Benediction**

### **Continuing to Worship as We Go**

*Glory Be to the Father*

## **VISITORS...**

Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today and hope you will return. We pray that you are blessed by our time of worship together. Please fill out one of the friendship cards found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

## **WELCOME...**

to Pastor Duane Laman who will be leading our worship service this morning.

## **JOIN US...**

for the Maundy Thursday Service and Communion  
***this Thursday*** at 6:30 p.m.

## **SPECIAL OFFERING...**

We will be celebrating Communion ***Thursday*** at the Maundy Thursday Service. At that time, we will also be collecting for the Deacons' Fund to assist families both within and outside the church with economic needs as a tangible way to spread the love of God to our community. A Communion envelope is in your offering envelope box. Thank you for your gifts.

## **SPRING CLEAN UP...**

for the inside and outside of the church will be  
***Saturday, April 27*** starting at 8:00 and ending around noon.

### **PULPIT SUPPLY...**

April 21: Pastor Carl Boersma  
April 28: Van Harden  
May 5: Pastor Carl Boersma  
May 12: Pastor Duane Laman  
May 19: Pastor Carl Boersma  
May 26: Sara Gregory

### **PROPERTY UPDATE...**

Four trees will be removed in the next couple of weeks for better sight lines to the church.

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!**

If you are interested in planning, organizing and stewarding property maintenance and improvements, contact Lee Harms or Thomas Van Woerkom.

### **GEMS Sunday is April 28!**

Please join us as we celebrate another great year. The girls and their teachers will be leading the congregation in song and sharing with the congregation photos from the year, as well as the teachers sharing briefly what their girls did in the classroom. A special offering will be taken during the last song to help the GEMS ministry continue. Thank you in advance for your support.

Easter is a celebration of new life in Christ and the promise of eternal life in heaven. Easter lilies and/or other flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary Easter morning.

Many of the flowers used to decorate are in memory of a loved one. If you would like to contribute a flower in memory of your loved one you can:

1. Bring it on Tuesday, April 16 or Thursday, April 18 to the church office from hours 8:00 am – 3:00 pm or bring it Easter morning

**AND**

2. Please notify Betty in the church office by Thursday at 11:00 am and she will list your loved one's name in the bulletin.



## **"THE KING'S PARADE"**

### **Matthew 21:1-17**

Today we are here for the parade -- the King's parade, and I'd like to use 6 words that start with the letter "P" to help us get the picture.

FIRST, THIS WHOLE EVENT WAS "PROPHESED". In Zechariah 9:9 it says: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! See your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey..."

SECOND IS "PRICE." There was a price on his head which reveals the courage of Jesus. He knew He had come from God and was going to God.

THIRD IS "PLANNED." Jesus himself planned for events to happen. He even planned ahead for the donkey.

FOURTH IS "PURPOSE." Palm Sunday was when the Passover throngs of people were going into the city, so Jesus purposefully used this occasion to fulfill the prophecy and show himself to be our Passover Lamb. Whenever Jesus entered the city, He must have done so surrounded by lambs -- himself being the greatest of lambs -- the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. A critical question for us -- is He our Passover Lamb? Are we trusting Him as our personal Savior from sin?

FIFTH IS "PEACE." Jesus deliberately came riding on a donkey -- the symbol of peace.

SIXTH ARE THE "PEOPLE" IN THE PARADE. Two great crowds gathered -- the crowd which was accompanying Jesus from Bethany and the crowd which surged out of Jerusalem to see the man who could raise the dead.

THEN A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PEOPLE TO SEE WHERE WE FIT.

SIGHT SEEING PEOPLE were curious -- wanting to gaze at the latest sensation.

PEOPLE GREETING JESUS AS A CONQUEROR wanted an earthly King. He was far more, and they would reject Him.

PEOPLE WHO WERE REALLY SEARCHING believing there must be something more in life that will make it all worthwhile.

PEOPLE WHO WERE JESUS' LOYAL FOLLOWERS had confessed He was the Christ, the Son of the Living God who had the words of eternal life.

TO CONSIDER: If we don't become the convinced, we can be drawn away even to soon yell: "Crucify Him!" There is only one way to be sure that won't happen -- crown Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords in our lives.