

SERMON THEME: “Our Savior/King Rides Into Jerusalem”

1. He rides to meet his death.
2. He rides to conquer his enemies.

Mark 11:10

APOSTLES’ CREED - see slides

OFFERING PRESENTATION HYMN #405 - see slides

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PALM SUNDAY - see slides

HYMN #412: “All Glory. Laud, and Honor” - see slides

Reception of New Members:

*Andy and Dana Konkle will confirm their faith by Adult Confirmation.
Cody Guenther will confess his faith by Profession of Faith.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER AND BLESSING - see slides

CLOSING HYMN #415: “Exult Today, Jerusalem” - see slides

*Thank you to our Worship Team:
Worship Music Leader: Connie Hauf
Thank you to all who served in our worship service today!*

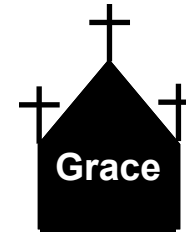
ATTENDANCE:

Last Sunday: 8:00am - 72; 10:45am - 48; Monday: 17; Total: 137

Wednesday Lenten Worship Attendance: March 20: 72

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 24 - Palm Sunday	8:00am & 10:45am
March 25 - Monday	6:30pm
March 28 - Maundy Thursday w/Comm	6:30pm
March 29 - Good Friday w/Comm both services	1:30pm & 6:30pm
March 31 - Easter Sunday	7:00am & 9:30am
Breakfast Between Services	



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RETHINKING RELIGION
“RETHINKING REAL STRENGTH”

March 24 & 25, 2024
Sunday of the Passion

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In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask.

Listening Assist Aids are available. Please see an usher.

Today's Theme: “RETHINKING REAL STRENGTH”

Most religions believe in a powerful God. It is assumed that God will use that strength for the benefit of his followers. That is a reasonable assumption, but it begs the question. What is real strength? It is easy to assume that real strength means exerting your will over another by using any means necessary, including force. But this week we see Jesus Christ demonstrate a different kind of strength. We have come to Holy Week. It begins with Jesus humbly riding a donkey colt straight into the hands of his enemies. As the week progresses, it will appear that Christ's adversaries are the ones in a position of The Foundation – Year B □ 30 power and Jesus is in a position of weakness. Yet what Christ does this holy week—setting his divine strength aside, being passive in the face of death—would change the world. To do what Christ did for us and our salvation took real strength.

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OPENING HYMN #413: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” - see slides

CONFESSION - Responsive prayer - see slides

LORD, HAVE MERCY - Kyrie - see slides

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken by Pastor - ALL speak the Amen)

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

The prophet Zechariah foretold a king who is both infinitely strong and perfectly humble. He would enter Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey.

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

M: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY 24H - CW PSALTER - see slides

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-3

Jesus demonstrated strength by enduring the cross. He did so for the joy set before him: redeeming us from our sin.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - see slides

GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-10

The almighty Son of God demonstrates real strength by humbly riding into Jerusalem knowing he will soon be put to death.

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ” ⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” ¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY #411: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” - see slides