

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 118:26-28*  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.*  
*From the house of the LORD we bless you.*

**The LORD is God,**  
**and he has made his light shine on us.**  
*With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession*  
*up to the horns of the altar.*  
**You are my God, and I will praise you;**  
**you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

### \* **God's Greeting**

\* **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** #248:1,2,3 (HFG)  
Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
The victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise,  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise  
Thou didst accept their praises accept the praise we bring  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

### **Children's Church Procession and Songs:**

*Shout Hosanna*  
*Sing Hosanna to Jesus*  
*Hosanna! Hosanna!*  
*He is the King of Kings!*

### **Blessing the Little Children**

\* **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** #249:1,2 (HFG)  
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels are praising Thee on high;  
And mortal men and all things created make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to  
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

\* indicates to stand if able

### **Lenten Reading**

**Call to Confession:** *Hebrews 2:1*

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Father, forgive us for our tepid faith,**  
**our disinterested study of your word.**  
**Renew in our hearts a love for you,**  
**for your Son, for your Spirit, for your Word.**  
**Bring us the joy of your salvation.**  
**In Jesus name, Amen.**

**Response:** *Jeremiah 15:16*

**When your words came, I ate them;**  
**they were my joy and my heart's delight,**  
**for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty.**

### **The Wonderful Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died;  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*Refrain:* Oh, the wonderful cross,  
Oh, the wonderful cross;  
Bids me come and die,  
And find that I may truly live.  
Oh, the wonderful cross,  
Oh, the wonderful cross;  
All who gather here by grace draw near  
And bless your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. *Refrain*

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *Death Was Arrested*

**Offering:** Benevolence Fund

### **Morning Prayer**

\* **Scripture:** *II Peter 1:5-11 (ESV)* pg. 1275

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement  
your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,  
<sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control  
with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,  
<sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly  
affection with love.  
<sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they  
keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the  
knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>9</sup> For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that  
he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from  
his former sins.  
<sup>10</sup> Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm  
your calling and election, for if you practice these  
qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup> For in this way there will  
be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal  
kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Make Your Calling and Election Sure*

### **Prayer**

\* **Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race,  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all his mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness  
Into his most marvelous light,  
Brought his truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified,  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
Be the people he intends,  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your Master sends;  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer,  
Give your lives in joyful service,  
Sing his praise, his love declare.

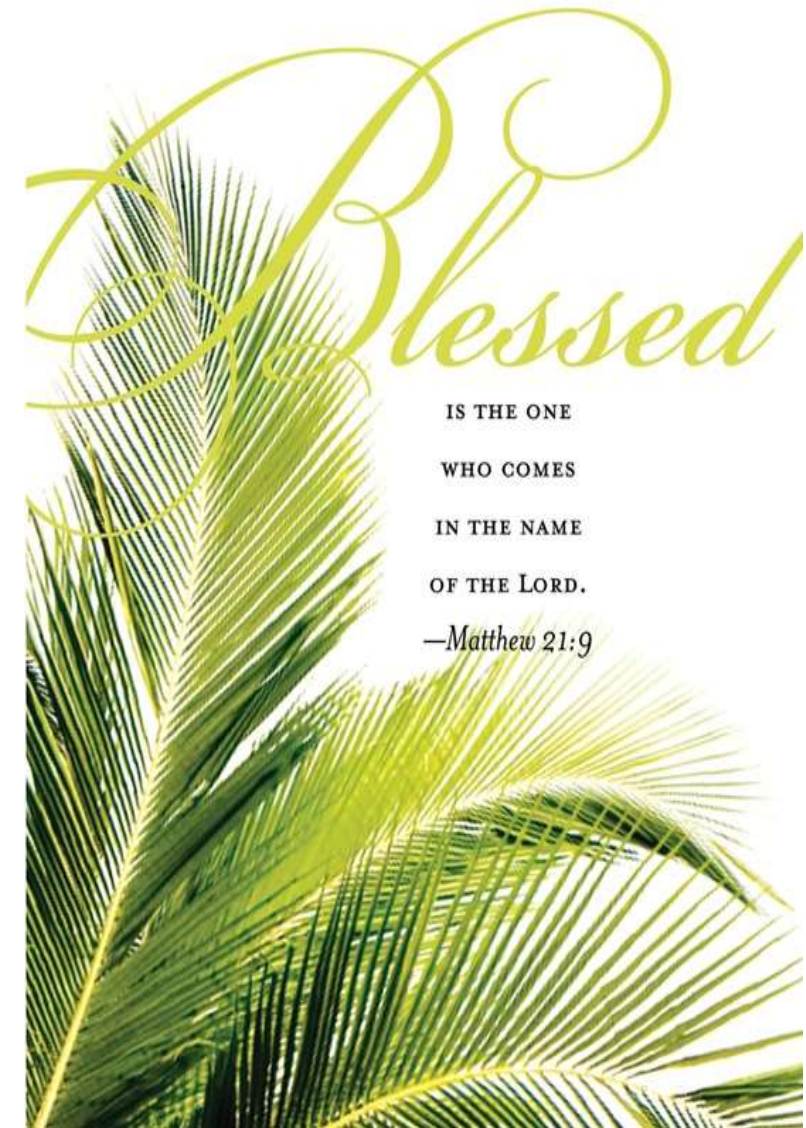
\* **God's Blessing**

\* **All Hail, King Jesus**

All hail, King Jesus! All hail, Emmanuel!  
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.  
And throughout eternity I'll sing His praises,  
And I'll reign with Him throughout eternity. *Repeat All*

**Make Your Calling and Election Sure**

*II Peter 1:5-11*



**Palm Sunday**

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
March 25, 2018  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement  
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.  
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.  
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Ian H, Patrick J

Readers: Jesse & Audrey Pl

Music: Paul & Sharon A, Brian K, Jack P Jr.,  
Lee V, Bill V

Offering: The Benevolence Fund is used to help local people in  
times of need. For more information, talk to any deacon.

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