

“Hosanna”

“BLESSED IS HE
WHO COMES IN
THE NAME OF
THE LORD!”

JOHN 12:13



THE LORD'S DAY
April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship - "Hosanna to the King" - Adult Choir & Children's Choir

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

***Song of Praise:**

"May the Peoples Praise You"

GH:1-4

Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation: "His Mercy is More"

Vs:1-3

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "He Has Made Me Glad"**

PH:1

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 19:28-48 (page 973/1631)

Sermon: **"THE KING ENTERS HIS COURTS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

PsH 348:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Orphan Grain Train & Classical Quotas

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Agnus Dei"**

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday**

WELCOME!

*We pray that all will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today
as we bring our praises & prayers, and hear His Word proclaimed!*

*If you are a visitor with us today and would like additional materials from First CRC, they are located in the "Visitor" mailboxes.
If you currently do not have a church home and desire information about church membership, please contact the church office.*

TODAY

-- Today we reflect on Palm Sunday and Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna to the King!" It marks the beginning of Holy Week and the final events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

-- *Thank you to the Adult Choir & Children's Choir for blessing us with your song of praise this morning! Thank you to Rachelle Vanden Bos, April De Kam, & Jackie Rus for leading the choirs and Carisa Maassen for your piano accompaniment.*

-- *Thank you to the members of Care Group 6 & 7 who attended and participated in the service at the Sioux City Gospel Mission this past Tuesday. May God's blessings be abundant to all those in attendance that prayed together, heard the message, and sang praises to Him!*

-- *We would like to express our deep appreciation for the donations received for the Guatemala 2025 "extra needs". Because of your generous hearts and quick response, we are excited to say that all of these needs have been MET for this year! Thanks again to all for the ongoing support of the Guatemala mission project! -- From the Mission Committee/2025 Guatemala Mission Team*

PRAYER CONCERN

-- Rev. Dan De Groot has a recurrence of cancer now found in his liver. He will undergo intense treatment for this incurable cancer. Pray for Rev. Dan & Mary as his journey with cancer continues.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Orphan Grain Train** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Classical Quotas**. The offerings received during our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services this week will be for Siouxland Unity. The offerings next Sunday will be for Siouxland Guiding Star and Missionaries: Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens.

-- Our Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm. If you would like to be added to the list to receive the Gluten Free bread option for our Communion services, it is important that you notify the Church office PRIOR to the service on Thursday, so the Elders have time to accommodate your request and provide it in your Church mailbox prior to the service.

-- Our Good Friday Service will be held on Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm.

-- Next week Sunday, April 20 is Easter.

-- The Easter Community Sunrise Service is Sunday, April 20 at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 6:45am.

-- During our Easter Sunday morning worship service, the Children's Choir will be singing. Please have your child meet in Classroom 5 by 9:10am. There will be no Sunday School or Catechism that morning.

-- Book Club Discussion Night is April 21 at 6:30pm in Classroom 5 for the book Kisses from Katie.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- **Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Challenge!** Our Fellowship Committee invites you to gather a team of 4 for a night of competition on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall! Who will be the first team to form a puzzle AND finish a large pizza AND a liter of pop?! Name your team, sign-up each member, and pick your flavor of pop and pizza. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. *Entries are due Sunday, April 20.*

-- Christian Education Sunday is April 27. This will be the final sessions for Sunday School/Catechism.

-- The Minn-I-Kota Jr. High Youth Retreat is Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April 27. Please pray for the students that will be attending this retreat - Aftyn Bleyenbergh, Noah De Kam, Titus Haan, Cooper Koedam, Alison LeLoux, Brennan Van Kley, Erica Van Roekel, & Kennedy Van't Hul.

-- **Care Groups 2 & 8** will be serving at the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission on Tuesday, April 29, beginning at 7:00pm. A brief meeting to prepare for the visit will be held for members of BOTH Care Groups Sunday, April 27 after the morning worship service in Classroom #1. This meeting will be led by the Mission Chairs. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are part of these Care Groups.

-- **Meals on Wheels** - Our next week for delivering is May 12-16.

-- **GRADUATES OF 2025!** - If you are a graduate of 2025, please submit a picture and your plans for next year to Carla Jansma for our Graduate Newsletter which will be printed the beginning of May. This includes 8th Grade, High School, and College. *Thank you!*

SPRING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

-- Rev. Haan will be leading a 5-week Adult Sunday School Class studying and applying the book I Will, which the congregation has been encouraged to read for Family Faith Visitations that took place the past 2 years. The class will begin on Sunday, May 4 at 11:00am in Classroom 5. Review Chapters 1 & 2 prior to the first class. Please let Pastor Matt or Kim in the Church office know if you plan to attend.

MISSIONS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

-- Are you interested in serving the people of Guatemala with Bethel Ministries International? We have 2 weeks scheduled for our church for 2026: February 8-14 & March 15-21-YG/parents week. There is room for 20 people per trip and we want to plan early. It will require a \$200 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. Checks payable to: First CRC Mission Fund. Please contact Tammy Haverhals - 712-470-6607 for the February trip & Deb Van't Hul - 712-470-4360 for the March trip.

**IGNITE
YOUTH
GROUP**

"Community in Christ"

Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org

- Meeting - April 16 - 7:00pm
- April 30 - End of Year Party at RJ's Indoor Golf - meet at Church at 6:30pm
- May 4 - Youth Sunday at Calvin CRC
- July 12-17 - Summer Serve Trip to Minneapolis



CADETS

GEMS

- **Cadets** - Cadet-O-Rama - April 16 - 6:00pm - RVCS Bus Barn
- Walk Ditches/Points Auction - April 23 (last mtg) - 6:00pm
- **GEMS** - Meeting - April 16 - 6:30pm
- Meeting - April 23 - 6:00-8:00pm (last mtg)
- GEMS Sunday - May 4

April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

SONG LEADER:

Tracy

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE

West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: April DK, Alli DB,
Brielle J, Bristyl B

PM: Priscilla D, Alison L

GREETERS:

AM: Jeff & Stephanie E

Michael & Jamie E

Jesse & Amber E

PM: Brian & Renae F

Justin & Josie F

Marv & Dee F

NARTHEX: Eric & Tracy

VIDEO: Brian F **SOUND:** Blake Z **PPT:** Benjamin H/Cowan VK

OFFERING:

AM: Orphan Grain Train

PM: Classical Quotas

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Larry M

Maletoungou: Faye M

Klompies: Joe M

PIANIST: Carisa M

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Hadlie VB *Helper:* Harper VB

April 17, 2025 - Maundy Thursday/Communion

PRAISE TEAM:

Rachelle VB, Julie VO

James VB, Ryan Z

USHERS:

East: Arnold K, Bob G

West: Benjamin H, Keith L

GREETERS:

Ron & Darletta L

Tim & Kim VT

Leonard & Deb H

VIDEO: Rich R **SOUND:** Mike H **PPT:** Carla J

OFFERING:

Siouxland Unity

PIANIST:

Robin TS

NURSERY:

Aftyn B, Kennedy VH, Abby A, Quincy E

April 18, 2025 - Good Friday

PRAISE TEAM:

LaRae VDB, Pat B,

Jack VB, Mer VO

USHERS:

East: Taylor K, Rick D

West: Joe M, Gene L

GREETERS:

Bob G

Arnold K

Brad & Nanci G

VIDEO: Alex K **SOUND:** Evan VB **PPT:** Aiden VR

OFFERING:

Siouxland Unity

PIANIST:

Lois K

NURSERY: Cherie G, Harper VB

April 20, 2025 - Easter

PRAISE TEAM:

Tricia M, Tammy B,

Andy VR, Mike B

USHERS:

East: Cody D, Mike B

West: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Steph E, Deb H,

Kayla VE, Taryn B

PM: Kendra J, Brennan VK

GREETERS:

AM: Galen & Elsie G

Bob & Cherie G

Marva H

PM: Kelly & Patty H

Mike & Tammy H

Eddie & Lanae H

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

VIDEO: Ron L **SOUND:** James VB **PPT:** Jaydn L

OFFERING:

AM: Siouxland Guiding Star

PM: Missionaries:

Rev. Mike & Megan Ribbens

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Brian M

Maletoungou: Teresa O

Klompies: Darin P

ORGANIST: Ranae K

SERMON NOTES:

April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service
 10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism
 6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Philippians #4

WED: **6:00 PM:** Cadet-O-Rama - RVCS Bus Barn
 6:30 PM: GEMS
 7:00PM: Youth Group

THURS: **7:00 PM:** Maundy Thursday Communion Service

FRI: **7:00 PM:** Good Friday Service

PRAYER REMINDERS

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Larry Haak (CG#5), Starla Van Otterloo (CG#1), Howard Altena (CG#5), Clarence Klarenbeek(CG#6), Ruth Koedam(CG#2), Rev. Dan De Groot



Flood Relief, Recovery

Our Care Center Residents:

Whispering Heights

Jennie Maassen (CG#2)
Don Postma (CG#3)
Grace Teunissen (CG#8)
Alvina Van't Hul (CG#6)
Joan Van Maanen (CG#7)
Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo (CG#6)

River View Ridge

Nathan Dorhout (CG#2)
Jim Driesen (CG#6)
Gerrit & Esther Kats (CG#4)
LeRoy & Jane Koedam (CG#3)
Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)
Crown Pointe - SC
Harriet Vande Kamp (CG#5)
Four Seasons
Teresa Oostra (CG#6)

Missionaries

- ♦ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa .
- ♦ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

Classical Missions

- ♦ Cornerstone Prison Ministry

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (World Renew) *Rains in East Africa* - After a very hot, dry season, farmers in East Africa have been awaiting the year's first rainy season (typically from March to June) so that they can plant crops. Please pray that enough rain will come so that these farmers can feed their families and earn income. Pray that our agricultural programs may continue to help families improve their livelihoods.

Outreach

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train - a non-profit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with those in need in America and around the world by gathering donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, & aid.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - *the Eric Van Surksum's*

Tuesday - Darwin Hoogendoorn, *the Joe Miller's*

Wednesday - Jane Koedam (86), Samantha Van Otterloo

Thursday - Trevor Koedam, Wyatt Zomer, *the John De Roon's (57)*

Friday - Kylie Davelaar

FUTURE DATES

April 21 - Book Club Discussion Night

April 24 - Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Challenge

April 27 - Christian Education Sunday/Final session of Sunday School & Catechism

April 28 - Council Meeting

April 29 - Care Groups 2 & 8 service at Sioux Falls Gospel Mission

May 4 - GEMS Sunday/Calvin CRC's Youth Sunday

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 12-16 - Meals on Wheels

May 18 - Graduate Sunday/Graduate Reception

May 26 - CEC Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders Due - Monday, April 14 - 9:00am
- ◇ Coffee Cuttin' Club - Monday, April 14 - 9:30am. All are welcome to help!
- ◇ Full Day - Wednesday, April 16
- ◇ Cadet-O-Rama - Wednesday, April 16 - 6:00pm - RVCS Bus Barn
- ◇ No School - Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, April 16
- ◇ No School - Friday, April 18 - Good Friday
- ◇ We invite you to attend our Spring Society Meeting to be held on Monday, April 21 at 6pm. Our Head Administrator, Mr. Verwolf, will share a State of School Report which includes staffing and program updates for the upcoming school year. Additionally, we have an opportunity as a society to approve the annual budget for the 2025-2026 school year and elect two new board members. More information will be released soon!
- ◇ Grandfriends Day at Western Christian is Tuesday, April 22. We invite all Grandfriends of Senior students to join us from 1-3pm on that day. Our special guests may arrive anytime after 12:30pm.

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 16
- ◇ No School - Thursday, April 17 thru Monday, April 21 - Spring Break

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrcv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"Hosanna Loud Hosanna"

BsH 349:1-3

***The Apostles' Creed** (in unison)

***Song of Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 14 - Q/A 35-36 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Be Still My Soul"

CH:1-3

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

PsH 380:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26 (page 1080/1815)

Sermon: **"CONSTRUCTING FRUITFUL CHARACTER: PEACE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

GsH 545:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"** LUYH:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able

