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Sunday, March 24, 2013 ***Palm/Passion Sunday*** 8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ” - J. Pachelbel*

RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 118*

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* *No. 88*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We praise You, O God, for Your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today You entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. We celebrate Your presence in our lives with gratitude and praise. Let these branches be signs of victory, and that as we go through life we would follow You to the way of the cross. Forgive us for seeking the easiest path, that which is most traveled. Help us to go after You whatever it costs. Through Christ our Savior, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* *No. 89*

(Children may come up front at this time for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Beth Feiler

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Zechariah 9:9-10 (OT p884)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 12:12-19 (NT p106)*

SERMON *“Going After Jesus”*  Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“Lead On, O King Eternal”* *No. 447*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“The Love Behind the Cross”* - J. Rahtjen Chancel Choir

 \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* *No. 84*

\*BENEDICTION & LENTEN RESPONSE

**Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**

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\*POSTLUDE *“Toccata in A Minor”* - J. P. Sweelinck

***Robert K. Bronkema, Pastor***

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Laura Foote

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Andrew Meade

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC LEADER: Karen Blanchard

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: (8:30) Holly Miller / (11:00) Julianne Sindorf

ACOLYTE: Aidan Geiger

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

\*Praise & Worship

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

 *Shout to the Lord*

 *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

 *Zechariah 9:9-10; John 12:12-19*

Sermon *“Going After Jesus”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

 *In Christ Alone*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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