

PALM SUNDAY



*Rejoice greatly...
thy King cometh
unto thee.*

Zechariah 9:9

God's Invitation Gathers Us

Welcome

God's Greeting

"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

God's Grace Claims Us

Professions of Faith

Tom and April White

Baptism

Aletta White

"All Glory, Laud, And Honor"

#348 (PH)

Congregational Prayer

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#349 (PH)

Children's Church Singing

"Rejoice in The Lord Always"

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

Children's Blessing & Dismissal

"Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty"

#205:1,2,5 (WC)

Offering: General Fund

God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

John 12:12-36

pp. 1065

"The Coming King of Glory"

Prayer

God's Blessing Equips Us

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

#747:2,3 (WC)

Benediction

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#493 (PH)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Christopher Koopmans, Matthew Lanser

Praise Team:

Children's Church, Donna Erdman, Faith Praise Team,

Dan Roelofs, Jan Slinkman, Chris Tang,

(PH-Psalter Hymnal | WC-Worshipping Church | LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)

Welcome & God's Greeting

"For The Beauty of the Earth"

#353:1,2,5,6 (WC)

Responsive Prayer

Leader: Together we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Together we pray:

Your kingdom come.

Together we pray:

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Together we pray:

Give us today our daily bread.

Together we pray:

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Together we pray:

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Together we pray:

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Offering: Calvin Seminary

Luke 10:38-11:13

pp. 1028

Message

Prayer

Blessing

"I Know Whom I have Believed"

#493:1-3 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders & Sermon:

Christopher Koopmans, Matthew Lanser

Accompaniment:

Chris Tang

(PH-Psalter Hymnal | WC-Worshiping Church | LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)

This Week at Faith

Sunday Morning: On this Palm Sunday morning, we'll read John 12:12-36. We'll also celebrate two Professions of Faith and a baptism of the White family, and our Children's Church will lead us in a couple songs.

Sunday Evening: We'll read Luke 10:38-11:13 for the message.

Next week, we'll read from Luke 18-19 for our Good Friday service, and John 20:1-20 for our Easter service. We will not have an evening service next Sunday.

Upcoming Worship

		April 18 PM:	Matthew Lanser
April 20 AM:	Matthew Lanser	April 20 PM:	No Service
April 27 AM:	Matthew Lanser	April 27 PM:	George Tan

Offering Schedule

Need support? If you are experiencing financial hardship, please reach out to your district deacon (the office can get you connected). They are eager to do what they can.

Sunday	Morning	Evening
April 20	World Renew	No Service
April 27	GEMS International	Luke Society

Faith CRC Missions Team would like you to know about an offering opportunity for **Mission India** with the focus on children and their Bible camps. All donations made by Easter are being matched, so what you give doubles! \$1.00 will send 2 children to a Bible Club for 10 days and \$24.00 will send 2 children to a Bible Club for a whole year! Today is the last day we are collecting donations! Look for the donation boxes on the welcome center and registration counters.

Prayer Requests

Need prayer? If you have prayer needs, please contact your district elder or one of the pastors. Send prayer requests at any time to prayer@faithelmhurst.org.

Trudy Laning is recovering from shoulder surgery this past Thursday. We pray for a smooth and comfortable recovery for Trudy.

Please keep the family of **Jim Van Kampen** in prayer following his recent passing. We give thanks for Jim's earthly life and his everlasting salvation, and we express our sympathy to **Marge Van Kampen, Steve and Pam Van Kampen, Linda Van Dyk, Jonathan and Kelly Rauwerda, Erik and Laura Van Kampen, Corey and Chelsea Van Dyk, Bonnie and Logan Van Proyen**, and all of Jim's family and friends. Services were held last week.

Praise and Thanksgiving

“We are both humbled and encouraged by the support and comfort extended to us by the family of Faith. We are deeply grateful for the love shown to us at this time.” – The Family of Jim Van Kampen

This morning we will receive the professions of faith of **Tom and April White**, and baptize their daughter, **Aletta**. We're grateful that the Lord has brought the White family to this place!

We would like to offer a big “thank you” to everyone who contributed to the college and military box donations this semester! With your gifts and generosity, we sent out 17 very full and fun boxes to our young adults!

Offering Report

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following offerings made in March, 2025:

Budget	\$ 55,513
Benevolence Fund	\$ 3,381
Building Fund	\$ 901
Christian Education Fund (formerly "Timothy")	\$ 6,026
Education Fund	\$ 295
Faith Promise	\$ 3,398
Bethshan	\$ 1,545
Chicago Christian Counseling Center	\$ 301
Crossroads Bible Institute	\$ 241
Ebenezer	\$ 25
Lampstand	\$ 1,411
Love, Inc.	\$ 283
Mission India	\$ 409
My Brother's Kitchen	\$ 100
Rehoboth	\$ 918
Rev. Jon Hoekema	\$ 189
Roseland Christian Ministries	\$ 1,744
Zuni Christian Reformed Mission	\$ 384

Actual General Fund receipts for this fiscal year, which began on June 1, 2024, total approximately \$565,483, compared to budgeted receipts of \$633,470, is a \$67,987 shortfall to budget. Actual expenses for the same period total approximately \$579,887, a cash deficit versus collections of \$14,404. And, as of April 1st, we must yet raise \$58,842 in order to meet our Christian Education Fund obligation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Announcements

Easter Day Choir will practice after the morning services today. Please meet in the choir room at 10:45 AM.

Easter Lilies: You can purchase Easter lilies as a remembrance of your loved ones who are in God's heavenly presence and have their names listed in our Easter bulletin. Order Envelopes are available at the Registration Counter. Please enclose payment (\$20 each) and deposit in the drop box **by April 14**. Lilies can be taken after Easter morning worship. You are also welcome to just have names listed without purchase. Email the office@faithelmhurst.org.

Faith CRC will be having their annual **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, May 04 after the morning service. The budget for the 2025-2026 ministry year will be reviewed and voted on and we will elect new officers to Council. Here are the names for the office of Deacon: Dave Denazarie, Brett Harbaugh, Cal Hoving, Jon Kinnas, Brad Miedema, and Chase Southwood. Here are the names for the office of Elder: Spencer Anderson, Scott Folkerts, Matt Huizinga, Bob Loerop, Ray Middel, and Herm Vander Naald. We would like to thank those that have served the past three years and are now ending their term. Your leadership and wisdom will be missed. Jim Engel (Elder), Don Miller (Elder), John Tazelaar (Elder), Marv Tazelaar (Deacon), Gary Vander Naald (Deacon) and Adam Zarek (Deacon). We will be selecting three deacons and three elders to serve the 2025-2028 term.

Seniors' Bible Study will meet this week Tuesday, April 15 at 1:00PM. We'll study Luke 22:1-23:47, Lessons 6-7 in the study guide. Our last meeting of the year will be on April 29.

Faith Book Club 2.0 reboot? COVID shut down the Faith CRC Book club and we're reaching out to see if there is any interest to reboot the book club. Look for the sign-up sheet at the registration counter or talk to Chuck Slinkman.

Registration is open! Join us for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us as we brave the woods and head True North, learning to trust Jesus in a wild world through worship, games, lessons, and fun! Our VBS week is Monday through Friday, June 23-27, from 9:00-11:30am. Spread the word and invite your friends. **Register now at faithelmhurst.org/vbs.**

We need your help turning church into a forest for **VBS!** Let us take that old Christmas tree off your hands! Happen to see a faux tree being thrown out, grab it, or give us a call at 630-279-1776! We are looking for artificial trees of any size (Christmas trees or ficus). We could also use heavy duty cardboard of any size, but especially large pieces. **Please bring your trees and cardboard to the church office!** If you need help getting an item here, please contact the office at 630-279-1776 or office@faithelmhurst.org.

Faith CRC Springfest will be Saturday, May 10. Save The Date! Lots of fun activities are being planned. You won't want to miss out on this fun day! We are currently looking for auction items. If you are willing to donate sports tickets, restaurant gift cards, services (i.e. babysitting, cooking etc.) or brand new, unused items, please contact David Egan, Bill Ridder or Matt Sowers.

Love to bake or craft? Springfest on Saturday, May 10 is calling your name! Do you have a favorite recipe that everyone always asks for? Consider donating a batch for Springfest's bake sale. Are you crafty? Have an idea for handmade items that can be sold at Springfest's craft sale? Please contact David Egan, Bill Ridder or Matt Sowers.

Pray on Wednesday: This ministry year, we'll have a prayer time on most Wednesdays at 1:00PM. You're welcome to come regularly, occasionally, or even just once. We'll pray for personal needs, for our church, and for the world, with some different focus points each week. Dirk Glaubke, Dirk Rauglas, and Pastor Matthew will be taking turns leading these prayer times; contact any of them with questions.

God is working at Faith CRC! Beginning in May, this will be the new theme of our Faith Focus spot on the back of the bulletin and in our Friday emails. We want to hear from you! How do you see God working in and through Faith CRC? Send in your stories and experiences (about 150 words or less) to office@faithelmhurst.org, text 330-223-5216, or put it in the Faith Focus collection box at the registration counter.

Community Announcements

Grace Community Church invites you to walk the path with Jesus from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem through the events of the last week of his earthly ministry, ending with the crucifixion and the hope of new life that is to come. Our **“Journey to the Cross”** prayer stations will be available April 15, 11:15-1:00p.m.; April 17, 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Maundy Thursday Service at 5:00 p.m.); April 18, 9:00a.m.-noon. We are located at 10415 S. Kedvale Ave in Oak Lawn. See additional details at www.gccrc.org.

PrimeTime (ages 55 and older) invites you to tour the **San Filippo Estate** on Thursday, April 24! This estate is the home of a world renowned collection of mechanical musical instruments all in working condition. Also included is mini concert on the world’s largest theater pipe organ, a steam locomotive, tender and passenger car, the Eden Calais Carousel, Tiffany lamps, and hundreds of other items. Your \$80 registration includes a 3-hour docent guided walking tour, a lunch in Barrington, and coach bus transportation. The bus will leave Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church at 8:30 am returning by 3:30 pm. Registration is limited to 40 persons. Register now online at elmhurstcrc.org/events or call 630-600-5100.

Join us for the **2nd Chances, Endless Grace Luncheon** supporting **Crossroads Prison Ministries** on Thursday, April 24, at the Geoi Center in downtown Grand Rapids. The luncheon begins at 11:30 AM. You will hear a powerful testimony from a former student, learn how God transforms lives through Crossroad’s Christ-centered Bible study and mentorship, and discover how you can be a part of this life-changing ministry. Register for the in-person or virtual event at cpministries.org/events. If you have questions about the event, please contact events@cpministries.org.

Greenhouse Christian Co-School has open positions available to qualified candidates who want to serve the Lord in their professional careers. They have a classical education program that works with homeschool families. Positions for the Fall semester starting in September 2025 and a part time HR position starting July 2025. Visit greenhousecoschool.org/employment or call Jerry Smith at 630-462-9657 ext. 223.

You are invited to **Chicago West Side Christian School's** upcoming birthday party celebrating 55 years of Christian education in the city! The benefit will be Saturday, April 26, from 5:30 - 8:30 at the school (1240 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60623). Info and registration are available by calling 773-542-0665 or online at CWSC55.givesmart.com. We hope you can join us!

Youth Announcements

Sunday School & Faith Foundations meet today. 1st – 5th Graders meet in the South hallway after singing. MS Faith Foundations will meet in room 3. HS Faith Foundations will meet next door in the church house. Classes begin at 10:45 AM. We will not meet next week. Have a great Easter!

GEMS will have their final meeting next week, April 23, at 6:30PM. If you have questions, reach out to gems@faithelmhurst.org.

Jr. Cadets (1st – 3rd Grade Boys) has their final meeting Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30PM. If you have any questions? Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org.

Cadets (4th – 8th Grade Boys) have the **4th grade rocket launch** on May 7.

The Forge and **The Gathering** meet tonight at 6PM. Can't wait to see you! If you have any questions, email theforge@faithelmhurst.org.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025! Save the date and spread the word! VBS is June 23-27, 2025 from 9:00-11:30 AM for age 3 years - grade 5. **Registration is open at faithelmhurst.org/vbs**

Serving Faith Church

Audio Visual: Liam Tazelaar, Matt Huizinga, Dirk Glaubke, Benet Hoogstra

Good Friday: Logan VanProyen, Chuck Slinkman, Joy Hoving,
Andrew Slinkman

Next Week: Brett Harbaugh, Michael Speelman, Mindy Slinkman

PM Audio Visual: Adam Zarek

Next Week: No Service

Security Host: Marv Tazelaar

Good Friday: Jim Engel

Next Week: Matt Sowers

April Greeters: Don Miller, Jim Engel, John Tazelaar

May Greeters: Len Turnbull, Al Miedema, Steve David

Refreshments: Chase Southwood and Maureen Reilly

Next Week: Holiday – No Refreshments

Children's Church: Laura Lanser, Melissa Biesboer, Grace Tobin

Next Week: Chelsea Van Dyk, Joy Koopmans, Maggie Oldenburger

Nursery: Mary Janna Piersma, Laura Van Kampen, Sam Piersma

Next Week: College Sitters

Sunday School: Mindy Slinkman, Joy Koopmans, Rebecca Anderson,

Rachel Kinnas, Chelsea Van Dyk, Kathy Miedema

Next Week: Holiday – No Sunday School

This Week at Faith

Sunday, April 13

Men's Bible Reading Fellowship | 8:30 AM | Room 4/5
Pre-Worship Prayer Time | 9:10 AM | Room 1
Morning Worship | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary
Scripture Reflections | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5
Easter Choir Practice | 10:45 AM | Choir Room
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House
MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 3
Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School (1st-5th grade) | 11:00 AM | South Hallway
Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary
The Gathering / The Forge | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 14

Executive Meeting | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall
Elders Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Deacons' Meeting | 7:00 PM | Room 4/5
Council Meeting | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 15

Seniors' Bible Study | 1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
The Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House
Jr. Cadets Meeting | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 16

BSF Class Day | 9:00 AM | Church
Wednesday Prayer Time | 1:00 PM | Library
The Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House
Women's PM Bible Study | 7:00 PM | Library

Thursday, April 17

Women's Bible Study | 9:00 AM | Library
Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | Choir Room

Friday, April 18

Good Friday Tenebrae Service | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19

Men's Morning Prayer Group | 7:00 AM | Library

Sunday, April 20

Easter Choir Practice
Men's Bible Reading Fellowship | 8:30 AM | Room 4/5
Pre-Worship Prayer Time | 9:10 AM | Room 1
Easter Morning Worship | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary



**Faith Focus on Ministries:
Seniors' Bible Study**

Our Seniors' Bible Study meets on Tuesday afternoons a couple times a month (It's not actually compulsory that you be any kind of senior to attend, but that's the usual crowd). We spend an hour or so working through a biblical text or topic. This year we just wrapped up a study of Nehemiah, and will be studying the second half of Luke leading up to Easter 2025. In the past, we've studied books ranging from Exodus to Revelation, and topics like Generosity and Heaven. After the hour of study, we have an hour or so of coffee, snacks, and conversation. If you're interested in the Luke study, or want more information about the types of snacks we usually have, get in touch with Pastor Matthew.

Sermon Notes:



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**Sunday worship times:
9:30 AM & 5:00 PM**