

## ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2 PALM SUNDAY

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship w/Communion
- 9:45 am Faith Formation
- 9:45 am Confirmation
- 12:00 pm Palm Sunday Feast (AC)
- 1:30 pm Youth Worship Rehearsal (S)
- 3:00 pm Cantata Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 5:30 pm Math Club (AC)
- 6:00 pm Cantata Orchestra Rehearsal (S)

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

- 11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry
- 5:00 pm Bread For All
- 7:00 pm AA (HS Room)
- 7:00 pm Troop 555 (AC)
- 7:00 pm Cantata Dress Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

- 10:00 am Lifetime Learning Dance (AC)
- 10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)
- 6:30 pm Oak Hill Svc Unit Ldrs (AC)
- 7:00 pm Alanon (C)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

- 10:00 am Lifetime Learning Yoga (AC)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)
- 6:00 pm Music Rehearsals

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 10:00 am CC Chapel (S)
- 10:00 am Quilting (UC)
- 6:00 pm Alanon (L)
- 5:30 pm Youth Worship Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Worship

### FRIDAY, APRIL 7 GOOD FRIDAY

- 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship w/Cantata (S)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9 EASTER DAY

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship w/Communion
- 10:00 am Egg Hunt

## *Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023*



### *“Triumphal Entry”*

The arrival of Jesus and his followers for the Passover celebration evokes a tumultuous response from the people of Jerusalem. The very nature of his entry into the city calls to mind heroic images from their past ... from the promise of the prophets and from their historic struggle against the powers of empire. What brings hope to the people, inevitably challenges and threatens imperial authority. But it is for this that Jesus has come: to proclaim God’s truth and God’s sovereignty at the center of power. He will fulfill this divine calling, regardless of consequence. Today we enter into Jerusalem and into the celebrations of Holy Week as Jesus leads us to the cross and beyond.

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

LITANY AND PALM PROCESSION	"Hosanna, Hosanna"
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY	
SONG OF CELEBRATION	"All Hail King Jesus"
(11:00) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM	Emilio Stolf Eichberger Parents: Livia and Alex Eichberger Sponsors: Maria Cristina, Ryan Eichberger
(11:00) BAPTISM SONG	"Children of the Heavenly Father"
READINGS	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Jesus Messiah"
GOSPEL	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
SERMON & REFLECTION	
SONG OF THE DAY	"King of My Heart"
(8:30) PROFESSION OF FAITH	Nicene Creed
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
OFFERING	"Turn Your Eyes"
OFFERING PRAYER	
COMMUNION LITURGY	
COMMUNION	"Jesus, Name Above All Names"; "You are My King"
ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING	
SENDING SONG	"Shout Hosanna"
MISSION AND PEACE	"Go Now in Peace"
POSTLUDE	"The Easter Mystery" by Tom Hokanson

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ABIDING LOVE



Palm Sunday: April 2, 8:30 & 11:00 am

Hosanna! We join in a joyous Procession of the Palms as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for the Passover Festival, not as a king carried on a golden litter but a humble teacher riding on a donkey.

Palm Sunday Feast: Noon, Activity Ctr.

All are welcome to share a meal together celebrating the community into which God calls us.



Maundy Thursday: April 6, 7:00 pm

In this interactive, youth-led service of the Last Supper, we place the origin of Holy Communion in the context of the Passover Meal.



Good Friday: April 7, 7:00 pm

Scripture, prayer, and the emotional depth of John Rutter's Requiem will guide us into a deeper connection with the Holy Week narrative.



Easter Sunday: April 9, 8:30 & 11:00 am

A celebration of the Risen Christ and the Hope and Light he brings to the world. Come early to place flowers on the cross!

Egg Hunt, 10:00 am

Toddlers to 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join in the fun, outside the Activity Center.

All worship services will be livestreamed available at [abidinglove.org](http://abidinglove.org).

MATTHEW 21:1-17

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." <sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry <sup>16</sup> and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'" <sup>17</sup> He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

SERVING SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Rev. Brad Highum  
Altar Guild: (8:30) Amelia Mettke, Lisa Tyrrell (11:00) Denise Alaimo, Nan Hatcher  
Acolyte:(8:30) Molly Enno (11:00) Mabry Roberts  
Assisting Minister: Reggie Kikta  
Communion Assistant: (8:30) Robbie Lowe (11:00) Rosa Hatfield  
Lector: (8:30) Audrey Lehman (11:00) Lacye Matejowsky  
Ushers: (8:30) Judy and Tom Tough (11:00) Kurt Armstrong, Steve Essinger  
Tech: Zee Zepada, Cindy Atwell, Isaac Schroeder  
Music: Gus Sterneman, Mixed Blessings



*Worship will begin in the Activity Center, then proceed into the worship space.  
Please take a palm and bulletin and gather in the Activity Center as you are able.*



LITANY AND PALM PROCESSION

On this day of palms and celebration; Jesus entered into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey,  
**seeking to transform the people.**

We will welcome him into our lives,  
**waving palm branches and praising him.**

On this day of palms and celebration; Jesus enters into our lives humbly,  
**seeking to transform our hearts and lives.**

Let us worship Jesus Christ together,  
**and receive him into our presence. Hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

Let us give thanks to God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace. **We go in the name of Christ.**

**PALM PROCESSION SONG**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, to the Son of David**  
**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, to the Son of David**  
**Glory, glory be to God on high**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of all, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**ZECHARIAH 9:9-10,16-17**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>16</sup> On that day the Lord their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. <sup>17</sup> For what goodness and beauty are his! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

**PSALM 118:24-29**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!  
<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.  
<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.  
<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**SECOND MACCABEES 10:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Judas Maccabeus and his followers, under the leadership of the Lord, recaptured the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> They tore down the altars which foreigners had set up in the marketplace and destroyed the other places of worship that had been built. <sup>3</sup> They purified the Temple and built a new altar. Then, with new fire started by striking flint, they offered sacrifice for the first time in two years, burned incense, lighted the lamps, and set out the sacred loaves. <sup>4</sup> After they had done all this, they lay face down on the ground and prayed that the Lord would never again let such disasters strike them. They begged him to be merciful when he punished them for future sins and not hand them over any more to barbaric, pagan Gentiles. <sup>5</sup> They rededicated the Temple on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev, the same day of the same month on which the Temple had been desecrated by the Gentiles. <sup>6</sup> The happy celebration lasted eight days, like the Festival of Shelters, and the people remembered how only a short time before, they had spent the Festival of Shelters wandering like wild animals in the mountains and living in caves. <sup>7</sup> But now, carrying green palm branches and sticks decorated with ivy, they paraded around, singing grateful praises to him who had brought about the purification of his own Temple. <sup>8</sup> Everyone agreed that the entire Jewish nation should celebrate this festival each year. <sup>9</sup> The days of Antiochus Epiphanes had come to an end.