

Luke 19, The Message

²⁸⁻³¹ After saying these things, Jesus headed straight up to Jerusalem. When he got near Bethphage and Bethany at the mountain called Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: “Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you’ll find a colt tethered, one that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says anything, asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘His Master needs him.’”

³²⁻³³ The two left and found it just as he said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said, “What are you doing untying the colt?”

³⁴ They said, “His Master needs him.”

³⁵⁻³⁶ They brought the colt to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its back, they helped Jesus get on. As he rode, the people gave him a grand welcome, throwing their coats on the street.

³⁷⁻³⁸ Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed:

Blessed is he who comes,
the king in God’s name!
All’s well in heaven!
Glory in the high places!

³⁹ Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, get your disciples under control!”

⁴⁰ But he said, “If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise.”

Matthew 11, New Living Translation

²⁸ Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What was the original Palm Sunday parade all about?

What was unusual about riding the donkey?

How is Jesus different from a political king?

Other Notes:



April 13, 2025

Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
13	Su	Acts 17			Nehemiah 11	
14	Mo	Acts 18			Nehemiah 12	
15	Tu	Acts 19			Nehemiah 13	
16	We	Acts 20			Esther 1	
17	Th	Acts 21			Esther 2	
18	Fr	Acts 22			Esther 3	
19	Sa	Acts 23			Esther 4	
20	Su	Acts 24			Esther 5	

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Sherwin’s Ten Reasons for Going to Church Every Sunday

1. Renew

Everyone goes through times where enthusiasm for life melts away. We all have times where our faith diminishes. Worship on Sunday renews faith and energizes attitudes for all of life.

2. Laugh

Yes. We laugh. Humor is a valuable part of worship. Most of it is unplanned. Sherwin’s brother told him years ago that: “People aren’t laughing at you because you’re funny, they are laughing because you are so stupid...”

3. Pray

Face it. You don’t pray much. Church services remind you of the importance of prayer. They jump start your prayer life. You learn more about prayer. When your family is with you, they see you praying and that is an example that changes lives.

4. Sing

Songs of faith can move mountains of despair. You probably won’t like all the songs. But some of them will change your life.

5. Help

You will often find ways to help in your community. When you help, it reduces inherent narcissism. You think less of yourself and more of others. You become more grateful for what you have. You become a better person and a happier one.

6. Give

Yes. Put in some money. Do something with your cash for God instead of for yourself. Don’t expect anything back and you will be surprised at how blessed you are. We all waste money. Here you have an opportunity to do something positive with it.

7. Meet

Connect with other people. Laketon Bethel accepts everyone, including you. Many friendships are made on a regular basis. We have great coffee and cookies, which help in all sorts of discussions.

8. Learn

The guy up front is trained and experienced and often knows what he is talking about. You will learn something every Sunday.

9. Grow

When you put what you learn into practice, you will find positive changes in your life. You will have unstoppable growth in ways you don’t always expect.

10. Jesus

The church exists because of Jesus. When you participate in it regularly, he is pleased. One day you will meet him face-to-face. If you regularly connect with him through weekly worship services, that meeting will be happy.

Announcements

Food Truck The Food Truck is tomorrow. We ask that all volunteers be here at 5:30pm. For questions, please see Jill Mouw.

Membership Class The Membership Class is scheduled for April 27th. We will meet in the Parlor following the Second Service with lunch provided. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheets located in the entryway.

Jr. High J.A.M. Students in grades 6th and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2nd and 4th Sunday. We have begun a new study that’s focused on answering the question Jesus asked his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” Our Jr. High JAM group will also get together during our time to support Hand2Hand.

Women’s Divorce Group For details, please contact Heather Wilke at (231) 215-8593.

Mother/Daughter Banquet Ladies, mark your calendar for the Mother's Day Dinner on May 9th at 6:00pm. More information coming soon.



Service Opportunities

Nursery Help Needed We are looking for Nursery help for the Second service. If you are interested, please see Tina or Sally.

Sacred Suds Sacred Suds is an organization that helps the homeless. It offers showers, laundry, technology and housing by appointment. They are in need of many items and the list is on the table in entryway. For any questions, please see Lois Cordle or call her at (231) 286-5700.

Volunteers

- 1st Service Coffee Server: Kathy Young
- 2nd Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman
- 1st Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson
- 2nd Service Nursery: Tina Dadd & Janice Carrigan

Special Senior: Betty Kraai

Please sign the cards located on the table in the entryway.

Order of Worship-9:00am

- Gathering Song
- “Crown Him”
- Palm Sunday Reading
- Call to Worship
- “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Palm Branch Praise
- Worship in Song
- “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
- “There Is a Redeemer”
- Crosstalk - “The Stones Will Shout”
- Offering
- “What Kind of King”
- Benediction
- “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



Order of Worship-11:00am

- Gathering Song
- “That’s My King”
- Palm Sunday Reading
- Call to Worship
- “Hosanna”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Palm Branch Praise
- Worship in Song
- “Hosanna”
- “Holy Forever”
- Crosstalk - “The Stones Will Shout”
- Offering
- “King of Kings”
- Benediction
- “The Blessing”