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**Palm Sunday
March 29, 2015**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Praise Choruses

***Hymn** #28 *O Worship the King*

Scripture Reading Joel Mosen

Prayer

Special Music Logan, Levi, and Silas Reece

***Hymn** #212 *He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions*

Announcements

Offering

***Hymn** #208 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Sermon Mark 11:1-10 Pastor Jeremy Wilson

My Kingdom for a Horse

***Hymn** #211 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

***Benediction**

***Doxology** #39

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities This Week

Today		No LBYF
Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Jamie Gibson's Missionary Visit Dessert Deception
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Young Women's Bible Study No Women's Ministries
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship Service
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages New Member Class
	10:45a.m.	Easter Worship Service

Announcements

- If you would like to share an **Easter Lily** or spring flower for Easter service, you may leave it in the church kitchen by Saturday evening so the Flower Committee can place the flowers in the sanctuary before the Easter Service.
- Missionary **Jamie Gibson** will be here **Wednesday** evening at **7 p.m.** Jamie will be updating us on his recent ministry in Turkey and his upcoming mission in Los Angeles. Women's Ministries will be serving dessert after. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear how the Lord is at work today.
- A **Soup Supper** will be served before the Good Friday worship service on **April 3**. Serving will begin at **5:30 p.m.** to about **6:45 p.m.** while **Worship Service** will be at **7 p.m.** Please bring either a salad or a dessert to share. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Love INC. Thrivent Financial will provide funds to purchase necessary supplies and groceries.
- Thank you to everyone who donated goods for the **Can Castle** to benefit the Boise Rescue Mission. The teens have been working hard. You can see their work in progress in the Fellowship Hall.
- Feel free to update your directories: **Jason & Jessica Hall** 2508 Sierra Dr, Nampa, ID 83686

Let Us Pray...

- For Sue Dianda and her family during her time in hospice care.
- For Verl Moss as he continues to recover from a recent illness.
- Please pray for Erin Kleveland and her family as she continues to struggle with a persistent illness.
- For Janice Schaefer and the treatments she is receiving for cancer.
- That people in our community would be brought to saving faith through the witness of each of us here at the Lutheran Brethren Church of Nampa.
- For those unable to attend this morning.

Do you have an announcement or prayer request you'd like printed in the bulletin? Email pastorjeremywilson@gmail.com and we'll be sure to include it.



Sermon Notes: Mark 11:1-10

"My Kingdom for a Horse"

My kingdom for a horse!

My kingdom for a donkey?

Cross-References:

- Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:12-16 – Parallel passages
- Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118 – The conquering King
- Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 33:15-26; Ezekiel 34:23-24, 37:24-25; Hosea 3:5; Amos 9:11-12 – The kingdom, foretold

LBS/LBIM IN CHAD!



In January, Dan Venberg and I joined six Lutheran Brethren Seminary students and one spouse on an LBIM/LBS sponsored journey to observe our mission work in Chad, Africa. Our goal was to gain a deeper understanding of God's mission in cross-cultural settings and his call to join in that mission. Housed in the Muslim village of Doh where Dan and his family had lived and worked, we also visited other villages where LBIM and our sister church in Chad drilled fresh water wells. These wells bring profound change to life in these villages and they open doors for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This was first evident to us in Doh, where the people consider Dan and his family as true members of their community. Sitting on mats and drinking sweet tea with us, they reminisced about Dan working alongside them in their fields and bringing fresh water to

their village. When the chief expressed appreciation for the long journey we made in order to visit their small and remote village, Dan told him how our families back home had concerns about this trip, considering the recent terrorist attack in Paris and Boko Haram's violence in Nigeria and Cameroon. The chief condemned terrorism and said not



to worry since we were Dan's friends, we were safe not only in his village but in the whole region. We saw the strength of deep and committed relationships.

At one point, the conversation turned to clarifying differences between Christianity and Islam—a continuance of past conversations between Dan and the elders. With Dan translating for us, our students were able to contribute and to ask questions of their own. We saw how religious conversation is very natural and even expected in this Muslim culture.

On another day, we were invited to join in a marriage celebration by drinking sweet tea and eating with the chief and others. A young man of the village who was studying in Nigeria to be a Muslim cleric had returned and was also present. Putting several questions to Dan about the Trinity and about Jesus being the Son of God, the conversation was friendly but intense. Suddenly, some men sitting near Dan came to Dan's defense, clarifying for this cleric what Dan was saying. One of our LBS students remarked, "Am I really seeing what I think I'm seeing?!" These men obviously had heard Dan share the gospel before; they pondered the message and it stayed with them. We saw the power of the gospel penetrate hearts and achieve God's purposes.

Jesus said, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

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Daily Prayer Notes

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1st JAPAN *Luke 17:1-19*

Just over four years has passed since the tsunami hit the Sendai region. Pray for the people of Ishinomaki who are still recovering from the devastation. Pray that the hearts of the Japanese would be open to God's love as they continue to mourn their losses.

2nd N. AMERICA *Luke 17:20-37*

Pray for **Danny and Mandy Bronson** and their boys as they continue to wait on God as to their future as missionaries to Chad. Pray for continued healing for Samuel. Happy 1st birthday to **Samuel!**

3rd EAST ASIA *Luke 18:1-17*

Pray for **Stephen and Sandra Bickler** as they travel in East Asia visiting missionaries to encourage and understand those in ministry and also visit friends. Pray for good health and stamina on the trip.

4th TAIWAN *Luke 18:18-34*

Tomorrow is Tomb Sweeping Day when families tend the graves and participate in ancestor venerating ceremonies. Pray for opportunities for Christians to share the gospel as they attend family gatherings. Pray that non-Christians would be open to Christian family members using Christian ways of venerating their ancestors.

5th WORLD *Luke 18:35-19:10*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, pray that this Easter Sunday will renew faith and hope among God's people as we await his return in glory and the making of all things new. "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

6th TAIWAN *Luke 19:11-28*

Pray for **Hannah Christofferson** as she and other students from Morrison Academy go to serve at an orphanage in the Philippines this week. Pray that God would use them and that they would grow in their passion for sharing the good news.

7th JAPAN *Genesis 27:1-25*

Dean and Linda Bengtson ask prayer for **Carol Sunde** as she volunteers with them at the House of Hope in Ishinomaki from April 7-12. Pray that God will prepare hearts to hear the message of God's love.

8th CHAD *Genesis 27:46-28:22*

Nathanael and Carrie Szobody are thankful for new relationships in Boudamasa. Pray for **Baa**, the chief traditional Bagirmi harpist from a nearby town. He came to their house to meet them, played some songs and wants to hear the scriptures in Bagirmi.

9th TAIWAN *Genesis 29:1-30*

Continue to pray for **Andrew** and **Kris Larsen** and their children. Praise God for friendships that have been made through their children's involvement in the community. May God use them to bring light to their neighborhood.

10th JAPAN *Genesis 29:31-30:43*

Rev. Bob Hosmer volunteers with **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** from April 11-29. Dean and Linda are thankful for the volunteers the Lord sends them! Pray for Spirit led conversations with neighbors that will lead to salvation.

11th EAST ASIA *Genesis 31:1-32:2*

Liz Christenson writes that the conference in February was blessed by God and good fellowship was had with friends and co-workers. Continue to pray for **Joel**, **Liz** and **Tim**, that God would give them strength and encouragement.

12th JAPAN *Genesis 32:3-32*

Pray for **Dr. Morita** who will be ordained today at Hallelujah Chapel, Takizawa. Pray for God's anointing on his ministry.

13th N. AMERICA *Genesis 33*

Pray for **Dan Venberg** as he promotes mission work among unreached Muslims in Chad. Pray for those who are in the preparation process, that God would protect them from anything that would hinder them from going.

14th TAIWAN *Genesis 34*

On the 16th the women of the CLBC are gathering in Hsinchu for their annual synodical women's meeting. Pray that each woman would be challenged and encouraged by the speakers, the

singing and the chance to fellowship with women from other LB churches in Taiwan. Happy birthday to **Kris Larsen** today.

15th EAST ASIA *Genesis 35*

Liz Christenson asks prayer for a friend whose mother is dying. This friend says that she has experienced the love of Christians. She is very lonely and seeking meaning to her life. Pray that Liz would have the opportunity to talk to her about spiritual things and that she would be receptive.

16th CHAD/EUROPE *Genesis 36*

Pray for **Steve** and **Stella Banks** as they leave today for a five week vacation in Europe visiting family and friends. Pray that they will be renewed and refreshed during this break from their ministry at the Welcome Center.

17th TAIWAN *Genesis 37*

John and **Caristy Olson** serve in the English Department of Victory LBC in Hsinchu. They have just agreed to another two year commitment there. We pray God's blessing on their ministry and family.

18th CHAD *Genesis 38,39*

Paul Szobody meets with two tutors for Arabic learning. One has confessed Christ but still holds on to many Islamic beliefs and is unsure if he is a Christian; the other is Muslim but is open to discussing the gospel. Pray for their time together. Happy birthday to **Teresa** tomorrow.

19th JAPAN *Genesis 40:1-41:13*

Tomorrow the Japan LB Church Executive Committee will hold their April meeting at Ishinomaki

House of Hope. Pray that meeting there will spark a vision in these LB churches to actively share in this new ministry in Ishinomaki.

20th CHAD *Genesis 41:14-57*

Pray for the Chadian pastors and families who live among unreached Muslim people groups. Pray for protection and boldness, and for wisdom in how to effectively communicate the good news of Jesus to their neighbors.

21st TAIWAN *Genesis 42*

Pray for **Mr. Yong** who does not know Jesus and recently had a serious illness. May he and his son be drawn to Jesus in the months ahead.

22nd JAPAN *Genesis 43*

Pray for the LB seminary as it begins a new school year this month. Pray that God will lead many new workers into being equipped for ministry.

23rd CHAD *Genesis 44*

Nathanael Szobody asks prayer for the young men he hires to help him and his family. They often talk about Islam and Christianity. Pray that these young men's hearts would be open to the truth of the Bible and begin to know and trust Jesus as Savior. Happy 2nd birthday to **Adelynn!**

24th TAIWAN *Genesis 45*

Mr. and Mrs. Chao, Christians at Enlin LBC, have invited all of Mr. Chao's coworkers to their home for a BBQ tomorrow. Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** and the Chaos as they partner together to share the gospel with those who come.

25th EAST ASIA *Gen. 46:1-47:12*

Joel and **Liz Christenson** praise God for a family returning to join their office team after several years' absence. The team really needs their help and particular skill set. Pray that they will be able to settle back into life in this place with their two small children.

26th ECUADOR *Gen. 47:13-48:22*

Jim and **Suzy Olsen** ask for prayer for their ministry with partners and short-term teams that will serve with them this summer.

27th CHAD *Genesis 49*

Nathanael and **Carrie Szobody** are into hot season. During this time of year and with the oversight of the building of their permanent home, we can pray for stamina and good health for them as a family and the construction workers. Happy birthday to **Carrie**.

28th TAIWAN *Genesis 50*

Mike Kittelson asks prayer for Victory Hakka Fellowship as they evaluate the methods they are using to reach out to others with the gospel and disciple their members.

29th AFRICA *Luke 19:29-46*

Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Benin have joined forces to stop the advancement and violence of the Islamic Boko Haram group (who attacked a Chadian village on Lake Chad). Pray for success against these militants and that peace will be restored to the region.

30th N. AMERICA *Lk 19:47-20:26*

As we reach the end of the CLB fiscal year, let us praise God for his provision and leading. Pray that we will grow in our passion for reaching our world for Jesus Christ.

24 *Inspiration Point Christian Camp*

Pray for those attending the *Women's Retreat* this weekend that they may be encouraged in the Word and refreshed in their faith. Pray for the I-point staff as they serve them during this time away from their families.

25 *YC15*

YC15 (youth convention) plans continue to unfold. Pray for the students that will come and that God will prepare their hearts for the life giving message that will be shared there.

26 *Grace, Bismarck, ND*

Please pray for the continued development of a multi-site congregation in Lincoln, ND with Grace LBC in Bismarck, ND.

27 *Women's Ministries*

Ruth Vallevik, director of the Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren, will be visiting women's groups at Faith Lutheran in Briarcliff, NY; Mt. Bethel Church in Mount Bethel, PA and The Mission Church in Paramus, NJ from April 27-29. Pray for safe travel and for God's direction as Ruth seeks to encourage women in their Christian walk and ministry.

28 *Bunker Hill, Princeton, NJ*

Pray for Pastor Gary Kitchin and for Bunker Hill Lutheran Church as Pastor Gary has accepted a call to serve the Warren Congregational Church in Warren, CT. Pray for the Kitchins and the church as they make these transitions.

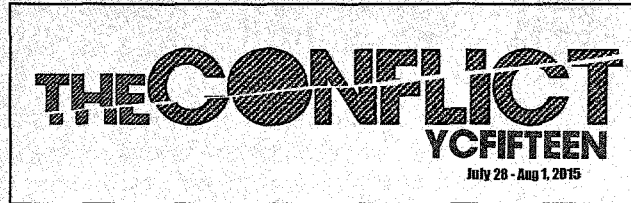
29 *CLBC*

Pray for the newly formed CLBC (CLB Canada) Church Planting Team as they plan and prepare for the next CLBC church plant.

30 *Western Region*

Pray for those planning the Western Region Biennial Convention scheduled for July 10-12 in Minot, ND. Pray that many will be able to attend.

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The 2015 Lutheran Brethren Youth Convention will be held in Estes Park, CO at the YMCA of the Rockies. Our speakers for the youth convention will be Pastors Andrew Foss and Ed Nugent. The Eleo Worship Band from Bethesda LB Church in Eau Claire, WI will be leading the praise and worship time.

We are also very excited to have some top name concerts and performers featured. They are:

Tuesday evening: Brad Stine (comedian)

Wednesday evening: for King and Country

Thursday evening: Remedy Drive

We look forward to a packed house. Registrations have already exceeded our expectations and there is still room for more. Make sure that your teens include this in their summer vacation plans.

Prayer
Link

April 2015

 North American Mission
Church of the Lutheran Brethren

1 Bethany, West Union, IA

This year marks our 75th anniversary as a congregation. We began our celebration on March 29th with a special service. Praise God for His faithfulness over the years.

2 Living Word Fellowship, Dickinson, ND

Pray for our church as we will be hosting the Community Good Friday Service with other pastors and churches in Dickinson tomorrow. Pray that the resurrection story is heard by many.

3 Calvary Community, Fullerton, CA

Please pray for our church leaders, volunteers and congregation as we prepare for "Walk with Jesus", an interactive Easter event that guides families along Jesus' footsteps during his last days on earth.

4 Pilgrim Lutheran, Mentor, OH

We were blessed with a great season of Upward basketball and cheerleading where about 300 kids participated. We worked with another church as the host churches and many families took part.

5 Easter

Easter provides opportunities for people to hear and receive the Gospel message of God's grace. Pray that many will respond to the word of hope spoken by our pastors today.

6 Bethel Ridge, Faribault, MN

Pastor Ron Wik, will be transitioning to Bethany Lutheran in Colfax, WI. Pray for him and for our church as we begin the search for our next pastor.

7 Immanuel, Pasadena, CA

Pastor Larry Olson has accepted the call to Immanuel LBC. Pray for him as he transitions to our church.

8 LB Fellowship, Williston, ND

Pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing on the ministry plans to be implemented when our building project is completed.

9 Triumph East, Moorhead, MN

Pray for us as we ask God to raise up our next Campus Pastor. Pastor Kirk Militzer has accepted the call to Bethesda in Eau Claire, WI.

10 Community Church of Joy, Sammamish, WA

Pray for Pastor Gregory Solberg and his wife, Michelle, in their ministry to youth and young adults at our church. Please also pray for his work as Chaplain in the Army Reserve.

11 New Hope, Lewisburg, PA

Today we are celebrating our 20th Anniversary with a dinner and day of Gospel sharing. We are having a chalk art presentation and a concert by gospel duet Trueheart. Pray that God will continue to bless our ministry in this community.

12 Greater Grace, Portland, OR

Today, Pastor Jerry Unruh will be installed at Greater Grace. Pray for Jerry and his wife, Cheryl, as they serve alongside the Greater Grace family and in our community.

13 Word of Life, LeSueur, MN

Pray for our church as we seek God's will as we search for our next pastor. Pastor Ed Nugent will be transitioning to Our Redeemers in Minot, ND.

14 Bethel, Fergus Falls, MN

Pray for Women's Ministries Director, Ruth Vallevik, as she shares the vision of the WMCLB and encourages the women of Bethel tonight.

15 Grace, Bismarck, ND

Each Wednesday our senior group is meeting to make between 500-800 sandwiches for the homeless. Pray that those receiving the food are strengthened and encouraged to get back on their feet.

16 Pacific Region South

The Women's Ministries of the PRS will be having their retreat this weekend with the theme "Garden Getaway". Pray that all the planning will result in peace, relaxation and God's love as we study together around God's Word.

17 Victory Community, Yuma, AZ

Pray for Victory as they continue their search for a full-time, resident pastor.

18 Rock of Ages, Saskatoon, SK

Our College and Career group is having an Art Auction today. Pray for good results.

19 Cornerstone, Ferndale, WA

In March we began our new church-wide curriculum which will integrate the whole church from every age group to learn more of what a church should look like. It is called Faith Weaver and it will change the way the church is operating a bit. Pray for acceptance and approval for this new venture.

20 Western Region

Pray for the churches in Williston, ND and Watford City, ND as they work to complete their building programs. Both should be finished this spring or early summer.

21 King of Glory, Calgary, AB

Pray for King of Glory that we continue to seek God with pure hearts and that we keep our eyes fixed on Him in all that we do as servants of Christ.

22 Our Redeemers, Minot, ND

We are praising the Lord that Pastor Ed Nugent has accepted the call to be our 'Pastor of teaching, preaching and mentoring'. Pray for Pastor Ed as he makes this transition in June and for his future ministry at Our Redeemers.

23 Eastern Region

Pray for Elder Brian Edwards (Peace Christian Church, Bohemia, NY) and Pastor Thor Foss (The Mission Church, Paramus, NJ) as they are serving in the important role as the interim pastors to these churches.