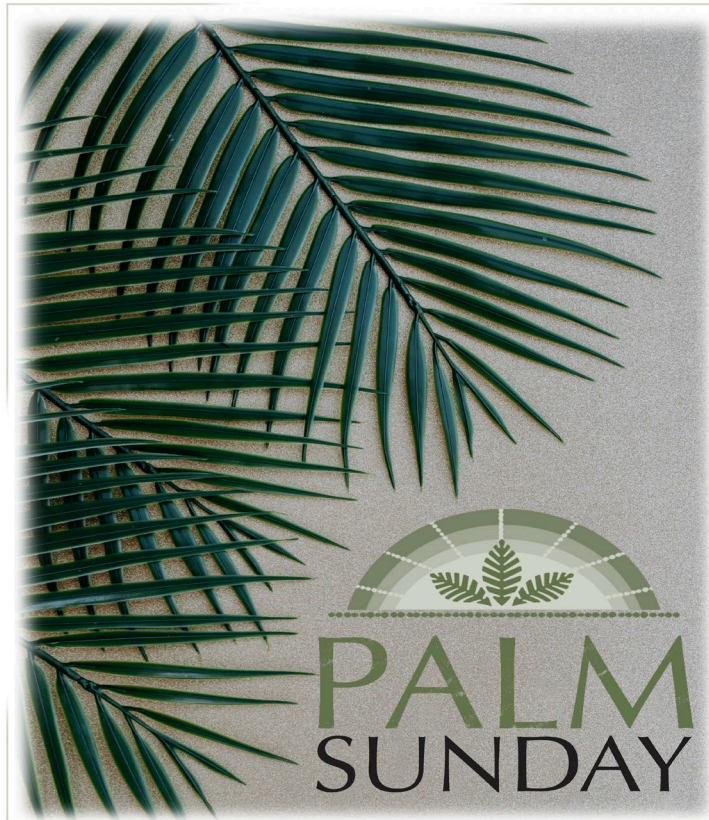


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Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

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Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King's ransom—His own blood.

Confession and Absolution

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.**

**2 From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud.**

**The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.**

**3 “Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!**

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Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their
Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

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Kyrie

LSB 204

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 118:19–29

- ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
- ²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- ²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!
- ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
- ²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 19:5–8

⁵And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, small and great.”

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

⁷Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;

⁸it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie

it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,**

**by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

**Refrain All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain**

**2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. Refrain**

**3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. Refrain**

**4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain**

**5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain**

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Sermon “Hosanna!”

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *LSB 208*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav’n and earth with full acclaim

shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you

for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

**C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Hymns

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

**1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish**

**Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.**

**2 Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.**

**3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.**

**4 Grant that I Your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure**

**Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?**

**5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!**

**6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.**

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746 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

**1 Through Jesus' blood and merit
I am at peace with God.
What, then, can daunt my spirit,
However dark my road?**

**My courage shall not fail me,
For God is on my side;
Though hell itself assail me,
Its rage I may deride.**

**2 There's nothing that can sever
From this great love of God;
No want, no pain whatever,
No famine, peril, flood.
Though thousand foes surround me,
For slaughter mark His sheep,
They never shall confound me,
The vict'ry I shall reap.**

**3 For neither life's temptation
Nor death's most trying hour
Nor angels of high station
Nor any other pow'r
Nor things that now are present
Nor things that are to come
Nor height, however pleasant,
Nor darkest depths of gloom**

**4 Nor any creature ever
Shall from the love of God
This ransomed sinner sever;
For in my Savior's blood
This love has its foundation;
God hears my faithful prayer**

**And long before creation
Named me His child and heir.**

Stand

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

**O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.**

**5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.**

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Attendance Last Week: 309	
General giving last week:	\$18,515.52
Budget giving needed:	\$ 7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

14 Monday	Board of Trustees	6:30 pm
15 Tuesday	School Spring Music Showcase	5:00 pm
15 Tuesday	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
17 Thursday	Maundy Thursday Service/HC	6:30 pm
18 Friday	Good Friday Afternoon Service	1:00 6m
18 Friday	Good Friday Evening Service	6:30 pm
19 Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am
20 Sunday	Easter Sunrise Service/HC	6:30 am
20 Sunday	Easter Breakfast between services	
20 Sunday	Easter Morning Service/HC	9:00 am
20 Sunday	No Sunday School or Bible Class on Easter Sunday	

THE ST. JOHN LWML is hosting the Zone 12 **Spring Rally on April 26th** we would love for you to join us for this event starting at 11:00am. We will also need some help with food and setup/cleanup. Please see the LWML article in the April newsletter for more information. The signup sheet is in the back of church.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING: A Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27th, after the church service, in the Lower Level of the Church. All communicant members age 18 and older are eligible to become voting members. Please plan to attend!

PASTOR ROB IS TAKING THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS CAMPING April 25-27. We need your help to give our students a fun trip that will also be beneficial for their faith. On the back table is a sign-up sheet for donations we'll be needing; if you're able, please stop in the back and sign-up to bring something. You can drop off your donation at the church any time before the 25th (the office is open from 9:00-12:00 Mon-Thurs and pastor may be there at other times depending on his schedule). Cold donations can be placed in the refrigerator in the church basement.

<p><u>EASTER EGG HUNT:</u> There will be the traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th at 10 am at the School.</p>
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OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE FOR MARCH FOR LIFE WALK: On April 24th at 5:00pm at the Berlin Library, the State Director from Pro-Life Wisconsin, Dan Miller, will be doing "Sidewalk Counseling" to prepare interested attendees for the March for Life at the state

capital, which will take place on June 14th. All are welcome to check it out.

A PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES JOINING US: On Sunday, May 4, Deaconess Grace Rao, Executive Director from A Place of Refuge Ministries, will be joining us to give a short presentation after the service and a longer one during the Bible study hour to share information about the important work this ministry is doing to care for pregnant mothers and their unborn children. Additionally, she'll share the joy of serving the Triune God as a deaconess.

FREE FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING PRESENTATION: Barbola and Barbola-Hempel Funeral Chapels will be hosting a free pre-planning presentation on *Wed., May 7*. There will be presentations in 3 different locations for convenience.

10 a.m. Barbola-Hempel Funeral Chapel (Poy Sippi)

2 p.m. Redgranite Lions Hall

6 p.m. Barbola Funeral Chapel (Berlin)

Pick a time and RSVP by phone to 920-361-2755 or email barbolafc@yahoo.com. Refreshments will be served.

WEEKLY COPIES OF THE *BADGERBYTES*, the school newsletter, are available in the information rack in the Narthex.

NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH SCRIP: Earn 5% on local dining! Add some flavor to your earning potential! Now you can earn by dining at your favorite local restaurants. Link your credit card to the app and you will automatically earn 5% each time you use your

linked card at participating local restaurants. Contact Julie Snow for more information.

We are still looking for volunteers to help sell scrip. Please let me know if you would like to learn more.

RADIO CHURCH CHANGE: Due to some programing alterations at the station, our time slot on 93.1 The Wave has been moved to 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings and will contain an abbreviated form of our service. Please pass this information along to anyone you know who might like to listen to our church service.

FLOWER REMINDER: If you would like to donate or have flowers on the altar at any time for special occasions such as birthday, anniversary, in honor of or memory of for example, feel free to **sign up on the Flower Chart in the card room**. Flowers can be delivered by the local florist or brought in by you and put in the Altar Guild refrigerator. The flowers will be placed on the altar for the worship services."

OLD BLUE AND RED HYMNALS (TLH): We have quite a few old blue and red THL hymnals in the basement. If you would like to have one (or more!) please see Trustee Keith Krause or ask Cathy in the Office to help you find one.

LIGHTBULBS TO GIVE AWAY: We have LOTS of USED 200 watt incandescent light bulbs looking for a home. They came out of the

Sanctuary when we put in the new LED bulbs. If you are interested in having some, talk to any Trustee.

GET MORE OUT OF THE SERMON:

On the wood box underneath the "Hearing Loop" sign in the Narthex are a stack of sheets used by our confirmation students to take notes on the sermon. The sheets ask three basic questions that will help you focus on what the sermon is about, learn more, and grow in your faith. Please give it a shot to get more out of each sermon!

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday service/Communion

Thursday, April 17 6:30 pm

Good Friday Services on Friday, April 18

Afternoon Service 1:00 pm

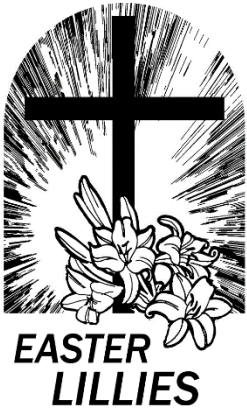
Evening Service 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday April 20

Sunrise Service with Communion 6:30 am

**Easter Breakfast between services
in lower level**

Morning Service with Communion 9:00 am



St. John Altar Guild would like to carry on the tradition of banking the Altar and the cross with masses of Easter Lilies or Spring plants to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to share your Easter flower, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. **Deadline for signing up and having your dedication in the Easter morning bulletin is Palm Sunday, April 13th.** Anyone signing up after that will have their dedication appear in the bulletin the week following Easter, when we will reprint all of the flower memorials.

You may bring your plant to the church on Saturday, April 19, between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. You may take your flower(s) home following the service on Easter morning. **Please LABEL your flower with your name so you can identify it to take home!**

If it would be more convenient for you to bring your flower at another time, please feel free to set it in the Altar Guild workroom. You should check with Cathy in the office (920-361-9935) or a committee member to make sure the church will be open when you want to bring it. Also, a reminder, the church is always open at least thirty minutes before a service begins.

Altar committee ladies for the month of April are Robin Henriksen (920-361-2863), Deb Wissell (920-361-0791) and Joyce Parsons (920-369-6828.) If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of these ladies. Thank you for your help in beautifying the church at this special time.

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Sermon Notes – 4-13-25 – Hosanna

-It's very likely that they praised him because they thought he was the Messiah who would save them from subjugation to the

_____.

-“And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.” (Mark 11:8)

-They shouted “Hosanna!...Hosanna in the highest!” (Mark 11:9-10)

-They shouted, " _____ is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9)

-They shouted, "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" (Mark 11:10)

-When was the last time you've seen that level of worship here in this church?

-It's not that we don't praise or worship, it's that we praise and worship the wrong people and the wrong things. _____, who deserves our worship, rarely gets it.

-Shouldn't we be much more willing to worship Jesus knowing what we know about it – that he came to establish not a temporary, earthly kingdom but an _____, heavenly Kingdom?

-We know that Jesus came to take our sins into himself and die the death that we deserve to die so that we don't have to be punished.

-Because of who Jesus is and what he has done for us he deserves to be _____ by us like he was worshipped that first Palm Sunday!

-Because of what he came to do, die and rise to forgive your sins, if you repent, you are _____ for failing to worship him as he ought to be worshipped.

-“Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.” (Revelation 19:6)

- When we're fully brought into God's Kingdom, when we fully recognize Jesus as Lord, when we're in the New Creation with him – we're going to be _____ and _____ him!
- Let's start now. Let's praise and worship God now!
- Like they did, we should humble ourselves and submit to him.
- Like they did, we should shout "Hosanna!"
- Like they did, we should say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
- Like they did, we should always trust, "Blessed is the coming Kingdom of our father, David!"