

Evangelical Covenant Church

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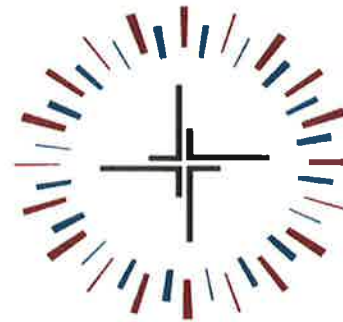


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**Evangelical
Covenant Church**

Princeton, IL

6th Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

Welcome!



*Inviting people of all ages and backgrounds
into a growing relationship with Christ.*

Sermon Series: "Prayer: Am I Missing Something Here?"

Prayer is one of God's greatest gifts to us, but it is sometimes a challenging gift to use. During our Lenten sermon series, we'll look at frequently asked questions about prayer, suggest prayer exercises for you to try, and provide weekly Scripture readings from the prayer book Jesus Himself used.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: from **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-26**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my
salvation.** The stone that the builders rejected has become the
chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Praise Songs* *Hosanna*
The Lion and the Lamb

Invocation*

Ministry Updates / God Sightings

Reading of Scriptures: Jessica Boggs

Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:8-10

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 21:1-17

Reader: "The word of the Lord"

Congregation: "Thanks be to God"

Kids' Moment Jessica Boggs

Hymn * #228 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Greetings and Offering

Sermon **"Not the King We Want, but the King We Need"**

Text: Matthew 21:1-17

Pastor Derek Boggs

Prayers of the People

Service of Holy Communion:

Call to Communion

Silent Prayer of Confession

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed #878

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hades;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Response of Praise (**Bold in Unison**)

Having eaten this bread and drunk this cup,

We have celebrated that great mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Closing Hymn #23

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Benediction

*Those able, please stand in praise of God.

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SERMON NOTES

~ NEWS OF THE CHURCH ~

Today is Palm Sunday! To celebrate the kingship of Jesus, please find a green branch of some kind (evergreens are always good), and hand it on your front door or window. It's a creative way to say that Jesus is still Lord!



Celebrating Communion on April 5th

Since we are not able to meet together today, we will be sharing the Lord's Supper over the airwaves. When we gather by Facebook or radio today, please have nearby some grape juice or red wine (or whatever juice you have) and some bread or crackers. We will bless these elements over the air and partake of them together.

Sr. High Youth Group is virtual meeting via ZOOM at 6:30 pm **TODAY**. If you aren't already connected, contact Amy Crouch at 815-719-1418 to receive your Zoom link.

Holy Week: Since we can't be together in person, here are some things to do to help us celebrate Holy Week!

- Maundy Thursday! In lieu of our Wednesday night CovKids and Devotional on FB Live, please join us for an intergenerational Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 pm, Facebook live.
- Easter Sunday:
 - + Facebook live devotion at 9 am.
 - + Full service on WZOE 14.90 AM at 10:30 am
 - + In preparation for Easter Sunday, please make a sign, draw a picture, or something else creative; then make a short video of yourself holding up your artwork and saying, "Christ is Risen!"
 - + Then text the video to Jessica Boggs at 815-503-9322.
 - + We will display them on the church FB page.



SEASON OF EASTER:

Easter Sunday (April 12th)

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-18

(Scriptures are taken from The Revised Common Lectionary)

Stewardship remains important during this challenging time. Our **Emergency Fund** would normally receive contributions today. Please see below on how you can still contribute to this fund. Funds are used primarily for those in need within our church family & community. The needs can be great at times. *Thank you –*

Options on how to give are below & via our website:

- 1) CHECK: Mail your check to the church or drop it in the secure mail slot located just outside our front entrance (to the right)
- 2) ONLINE BILL PAY through your own bank (the most efficient and cost-effective method for the church); or
- 3) TITHE.LY Click the "Give" button at <https://eccprinceton.org/giving/> to set up an account with ECC Princeton's secure Tithe.ly service. (Or download the free Tithe.ly app to give easily from your smartphone; search for "Evangelical Covenant Church".) Gifts given via Tithe.ly go directly to the General Fund. If you need to designate your gift, please contact Randy Quanstrom at 815-303-1957 or email: quanstrom5@msn.com.

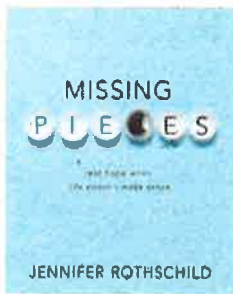


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Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

This is a national emergency with far-reaching implications for our health and well-being, physically, socially, and economically. We strongly encourage our church family to take seriously federal and state recommendations for social distancing. If we all work together, we may help to minimize the impact of the pandemic on our health care system and our elderly and vulnerable populations. For now, this means the following will guide our common life together.

- 1) We will cancel all ministries and services through April 30th.
 - 2) If you are 65 and older, we encourage everyone age 65 and above to stay home and ask younger people to run errands for you. Please call us to help you with your errands so that you can stay home.
 - 3) If you need anything at all or have questions, call us at 815-875-2124. We will continue to check phone messages.
- If you are available to run errands for our ECC family or for our wider community, please let us know as we have lists for both. (linnea@eccprinceton.org or 815-875-2124)



Women's Bible Study via ZOOM –

Lifeway Christian Resources is offering free on-line Bible studies. Sandy Roseberg is offering to lead a video discussion on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm starting April 16th via ZOOM. If you are interested in joining, there are a few steps you need to take:

1. Follow link: <https://onlinestudy.smallgroup.com/> to register. Scroll to **Missing Pieces** and register. Study books are encouraged but optional.
2. Watch the *Missing Pieces* video before April 16th.
3. **Contact the church office by Tues., April 14th to sign-up** (linnea@eccprinceton.org or 815-875-2124) if there are more than 10, Diane Smith will lead a group too.
4. Download the ZOOM app
5. Sandy will send you the ZOOM invite via email on Thursday

Bureau County Senior Center

Meals & Food Bank from Bureau County Senior Center:

The BCSC is delivering meals to seniors who are living in Bureau County. This service is provided by the Older Americans Act and is free. Seniors

who need meals should contact the Senior Center at 815-879-3981. There is also a Food Bank at the BCSC that is available to anyone in Bureau Co. It is held on Monday & Wednesday at 12:45pm.

- To sign up or have your questions answered, please contact the BCSC at 815-879-3981, email dwildeo3@yahoo.com or visit their website at www.bcseniorcenter.com.

Prayer Requests may be called to the office (815-875-2124) or emailed to the church office at linnea@eccprinceton.org. Your requests will be shared with the Tuesday morning Prayer Team and the Church Staff. If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 815-875-2124 or linnea@eccprinceton.org.

Prayer Focus

- + For people in our lives and those around us to come to Christ
- + Those confined to their homes, facing surgeries, health concerns, unemployment/underemployment, marriages/families, troubles adults, troubled teens, unspoken requests

CHURCH

- + For Phil Naffziger recovering at home & for Lib at Liberty Village.
- + For those currently serving in our Armed Forces & their families: Jacob Franks (VA), Kyle McComber (IL), Justin McGarvey (SC), Andrew Pfundstein (TX), John Pfundstein (IL Natl Guard), Christian Chavez (VA), Austin Mack (GA), Keaton Burrell (IL Natl Guard), David Schwind (VA), Joshua Schwind (CA), & Daniel Hendrickson (ID)
- + For Age & Wyatt Gerber struggling with health issues and for the Gerber family who are separated (different facilities) from each other
- + Shut-In of the Week: Shirley Peterson (Aperion Healthcare)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE / DENOMINATION

- + For Kingdom Covenant Church (Roseland) & Rev. David Washington
- + For Covenant missionary: Robert McLeod (Mexico)
 >>see **2019-20 Covenant Missionary Calendar**, page 42
 2019-20 Prayer Calendars are available in the Narthex or church office
- + Our Special Interest Missionaries:
 - + Minh & Jen Dao (Thailand), page 16
 - + Eugenio & Pia Restrepo (Latin America), page 47
 - + Tim & Helen Smith (Congo), page 55
 - + Andy Larsen & Cari Conklin (Middle East/North Africa), page 30

PRAYERS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS

- + For national, state, and local government dealing with the crisis
- + For health care workers, retail workers, restaurants, small businesses, and those who are facing unemployment.
- + For those living in senior living facilities & nursing homes
- + For children, families, college students & educators unable to return to the classroom
- + For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus
- + For world leaders as they face the COVID-19 crisis

STATE / NATIONAL

- + For our President & leaders of our nation

GLOBAL

- + Nations of the World*: East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

HOSANNA

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Lord, we lift up Your name
with hearts full of praise!
Be exalted, oh Lord my God!
Hosanna in the highest!
(2nd time: Glory to the King of Kings!)

Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of Kings!
Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of Kings!

THE LION AND THE LAMB

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

REFRAIN: Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before You
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world; His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Oh every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings
Our God who calls the saved is here to set the captives free
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

REFRAIN

BRIDGE: Who can stop the Lord Almighty? (repeat)

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

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.

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.

'Hosanna in the highest!' that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King, all glorious above
And gratefully sing his wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
Amen.