




# Tidings 2020

*"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction"*

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 5th

Facebook Live Worship at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 9th

Facebook Live Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10th

Facebook Live Worship at 6:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday, April 12th

Easter Facebook Live Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

*Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!*

**All Services will be broadcast LIVE on our Facebook Page:  
Calvary Lutheran Scottsbluff**

Can't worship with us live?  
A link to the worship video will be posted  
on our website by noon on Monday

Dear Calvary,

We know this is not the news you wanted to see or hear, but the Church Council, after meeting online on March 25<sup>th</sup>, is in consensus that the suspension of in-person worship and events over 10 people should continue until at least the first of May. Determination about services beyond that will be decided at a later date. Yes, this means that our Holy Week and Easter services will be online via Facebook Live as we have done the last few weeks. (Please look for the article elsewhere in this newsletter, if you need information on how to worship with us online.) This also means that Confirmation Sunday, originally scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed until a later, yet to be determined, date.



We are still in the process of trying to figure out what our Holy Week and Easter services will look like, but we are looking to find ways to make our worship more interactive. For example, towards the back of this newsletter you will find a couple of printable palm branch sheets. We encourage you to print off a copy for each person in your family so that when we do the Procession of Palms litany, you will have a palm branch to raise and wave. Also, because we were unable to cancel our Palm order as it was already in transit, we will have live palm branches available outside the office, if you would want to stop by a few days before Palm Sunday (April 5) to pick up palm branches for you and your family. And don't forget to check out our Website, Facebook page and your email as Holy Week gets closer for other possible ideas to help make our worship together, even though we are scattered, meaningful and special.

In the letter we initially sent out informing the congregation that we would not be able to gather for in-person worship, we asked you to remember that the expenses of the church continue even though we are not able to gather together for a time, and so many of you have responded by sending in and dropping off your offerings or signing up for electronic giving on our website. Pastor Chris and I are truly humbled by your generosity and support of the church and its ongoing ministries. We feel blessed to be a part of such a gracious and giving congregation.

As I think about celebrating Easter in these days of the Covid-19 pandemic, I am struck by the angel's words to the women who came to Jesus' tomb in Mark 16, *"you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him."* The truth is, we do not know what all the future holds, but we know who holds the future. The resurrected Christ goes before us and wherever we may go, whatever may happen, Jesus will meet us there; indeed Jesus walks with us and he will see us through.



Like you, we grieve the loss of being able to gather together in these days, especially for the holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, but imagine what a celebration it will be when we can once again gather together as the family of God. Until then, please know that you are in our prayers but more importantly, know that the risen Christ goes before us!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!!!  
Pastor Sheryl

### HOSPITALIZED? PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you are hospitalized, please contact (or have a friend or family member contact) the church office and let us know so that we can visit and pray with you. Providing pastoral care is an important part of our ministry, however, we cannot visit if we don't know, so please don't hesitate to call or email the church office, so that we can be there for you. Thanks!

Pastors Sheryl and Chris

# COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

April 13, 2020

## **Board/Committee Reports:**

*Outreach – Mary Jo Huelle reporting. Next meeting after Easter; decals are ordered, invitations to Easter services are ready and available.*

*Elders – Dennis Gorr reporting for Neal Blomenkamp see Office Manager discussion below.*

*Social Ministries - Jack Martin reporting. Served a Wednesday night meal – approx. 75. Habitat for Humanity house was dedicated on Saturday.*

*Trustees - Jim Dorn reporting. Crew stripped the old wax off the stairs to the altar area. Resealed, polished; the baseboards were stained and installed around the Narthex area. Recycle boxes for bulletins are completed, thank you Bill Huelle. Roof people will look at the leak and give us a report. The insurance will not pay anything (hail damage) on the roofs.*

*Worship & Music - Dennis Gorr reporting Holy Week is all planned. There have been good attendance figures for both Wednesday night services. Trustees met for 2+ hours to work on tuning the projection screens for worship. A 70" TV will be mounted on the balcony so people in the front serving the congregation can see what is showing on the screen. The best purchase arrangements are being worked on. It is coming as soon as the TV is purchased.*

*Stewards – Pastor Chris reporting. The Generosity Project was a success. Looking at yearly plan for Stewardship and a theme.*

*Parish Education – still struggling to meet. Angie has Wednesday nights going strong with great support from Val Rahrs.*

**Financial Report:** *No report this month, will be given next month.*

## **Pastor's /Staff Reports:**

*Lent moving along. Attendance is good.*

## **Old Business:**

*40 people attended the Generosity Project from 4-5 different churches. Exercises were inclusive of all generations. Very helpful and gave good ideas.*

*Office Manager update – Christy Thompson is doing very well, started on Monday, March 2nd . Mary Jo worked with her for a week. Christy is very excited about the job. On Wednesdays she will need to leave around 2, during tennis season to take her daughter to practice. She'll flex time to make up the difference.*

## **New Business:**

*Covid-19 discussion - CDC is recommending those over 60 not attend large group functions. Executive Committee addressed the issue; added wipes, spray bottles with bleach, disinfectant bottles. Other churches are moving to recommending NOT shaking hands during Passing the Peace. Water will not be in baptismal font; suggested offering plates are not passed but a receptacle at the rear of the church; hymnals should be cleaned; communion servers should wash hands well. Could set up a Facebook live for worship if needed; sermons are already on line. Tables used should be washed with soap, then rinsed off, then sanitizer sprayed and wiped down.*

*Discussion about whether or not we should re-evaluate our insurance, since claims have been difficult to get settled. Will put decision on next month's agenda.*

*Next Council Meeting: April 13, 2020*





## **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY- POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE**

When a child is baptized, we, as the people of God, promise to support and pray for them in their new life in Christ. Your presence on this special day is one way you can fulfill the promise we as a church made to God. We rejoice that the following young people will be affirming the Baptismal promises made for them at their baptisms. Please include these youth in your prayers. Check the bulletins and newsletter when confirmation has been rescheduled.

**Theron Miller Ella Foote**



**CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND** is established with the intent to promote Christian education at a Protestant college. We would like to remind those interested in attending a Protestant college next fall to stop by the church office and pick up an application form. Applications **MUST** be in by June 1st.

The criteria for receiving a scholarship is as follows:

1. Attends Calvary Lutheran Church regularly and has had past record of two years attendance in Sunday School and/or worship.
2. Is a voting member as defined in the Calvary Lutheran Church Constitution Chapter 8 Part C8.02C.
3. Will be full time student as defined by the college attending.
4. Has not received scholarships from Calvary for more than eight college semesters (limit 3). Requests for scholarships exceeding the eight college semesters, will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.



## **OWLS (Older,Wiser Lutheran's) LUNCHEON**

The Luncheon on April 1st has been canceled.

Tentatively scheduled for May 6th.



## **SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP 2020 - FREE!!!**

Pick up a brochure outside the church office.  
Camps are available June and July for all age groups.

**To register pick up a brochure or visit  
SullivanHills.org.**

## **SAVE YOUR PANHANDLE CO-OP RECEIPTS**



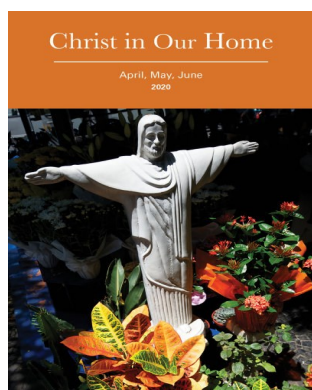
Don't forget to save your Co-Op receipts and drop them in the yellow box just outside Pastor Chris' office.

These receipts will go to benefit the Scottsbluff and Gering Backpack food program. Thanks!



## **Worship With Us Live and Online**

To worship with us live and online, simply log on to Facebook and go to our Facebook page: Calvary Lutheran Scottsbluff, a few minutes before the worship start time. If you are watching on a phone or tablet, you should see a banner across your screen that says 'Calvary Lutheran is Live', click on the banner to go to the live video. If you are on a computer, you will need to scroll down our Facebook page until you see a video with a red button that says live, click on the 'play' arrow to activate the live video. We will also save the video to our Facebook page for viewing at a later time and will place the link on our website: [calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org). If you use the link on our webpage, you do not even need to be a Facebook user to access the video. Bulletins with congregational responses and hymns for the worship services will be placed on our website and also emailed to everyone who is on our Calvary Lutheran email list, so you may download or print off the bulletin ahead of time to more fully participate in the worship service wherever you may be. The bulletin will also include weekly announcements and prayer lists. Not on our Calvary email list? Contact the church office, and give us your email address and we will be happy to add you to our list.



The new Christ in Our Homes is now available. You may either pick a copy up at the church during normal office hours OR the publisher of the Christ in Our Homes devotional is temporarily making their daily devotions available for free via email during this time of Covid-19. Use the link below to go to their website and sign up if you would like the devotions emailed to you through the end of April. <https://bit.ly/3dkybNR>

**Drop those odd dollar bills in the  
offering plate (or mail them in)**

**to benefit**

**Lutheran World Hunger,  
Cat/Pup Packs Backpack Programs,  
Lakota Lutheran Center**



We encourage every member of Calvary to participate in our monthly Mission Projects. April's project is the Bake-less Bake Sale. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the church office. Mark CLCW Mission Project on the envelop and leave it with, Christy, the Office Manager.



Thank you from the Women's Board.

### April Bible Studies



**All Women's Bible Study Groups have been canceled for the month of April. We will keep you updated, check the website and Facebook page for any new information that becomes available to us.**

**Join us for Men's Bible Study via Zoom (online) every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to join please call or email the church to let us know!**



### WANT TO SIMPLIFY YOUR GIVING?

Scan the QR code to the right or go o to our website:  
**[www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org)**  
to set up your giving to Calvary electronically.



## Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

### Prayers for healing:

**Betty Kenyon** (emergency surgery—friend of Valerie Rahrs)  
**Florence Kasza** (Hospice—Fran Johnson & Barb Tallmon's sister)  
**Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery--Kathy Randall's cousin),  
**Kenny & Alice Shriver** (recovering), **Linda Spomer** (heart tests),  
**Mylah Buckley** (RSV—granddaughter of Jim & Sheila Miller),  
**Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary),  
**Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery),  
**Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering),  
**Norman Stevens** (Dave Steven's brother), **Michael Luenenborg** (heart surgery—brother of Deanna Zweifel),  
**Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father),  
**Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer surgery—friend of Susan Martin),  
**Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family),  
**Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont),  
**Patty** (cancer--Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero's father),  
**Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

### Prayers for comfort and peace:

For the family and friends of **Reva Loeks** (Maunette Loeks mother), and **Judy Lutz** (Tammy Lutz' mother).

### Prayer of thanks:

For successful surgery for **Nancy**.

### Prayers for our church, community, nation and world:

*In this time of Covid-19.*

If you have Prayer Requests, please contact Nancy Steele through her e-mail—[steelenlynne@gmail.com](mailto:steelenlynne@gmail.com) or phone her at **632-7558**.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Dave Holdt	4/2	Bob Zweifel	4/12
Lynn Margheim	4/4	Pat Smith	4/20
Bill Thomas	4/5	Dick Heidingsfelder	4/21
Greg Gingrich	4/6	Ron Wegelin	4/22
Will Voss	4/6	Trinity Burgner	4/28
Tanner Blomenkamp	4/9	Barry Bassett	4/28
Ruth Harris	4/9	Wanda Payne	4/29
Monty Copsey	4/9		

## Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

### *It's Easy!*

1. Go to your device's App Store.
2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



We **ENCOURAGE** every family of Calvary to support our area Food Pantry and Food programs. The pantries provide important services to those in need and can really help aid those families who are less fortunate.

**This month's Food Pantry item:**  
**CANNED MEATS**

**This month's Backpack Program item:**  
**MAC N CHEESE BOWLS**

**MAY will be:**  
**DRY CEREAL**  
**PUDDING CUPS**

## The Stephen Ministry Symbol



Do you need someone to talk to during these uncertain times? A Stephen minister can be made available to visit with you over the phone. If you are going through a difficult time of any kind, we are ready and able to visit with you. Remember all calls are completely confidential unless you want the pastors to know.

If you or someone you know could use a Stephen Minister, please contact Nancy Steele (632-7558) or (641-7619) or Marsha Bueide (635-1469).

We're **here** for you.



**Calvary's Church Office Phone number:** (308) 632-8023 or 632-8024

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**Deadline for weekly bulletin announcements is Wed. at 5 PM.**

**Deadline for monthly Tidings Newsletter content is the 20th of each calendar month.**

### **Find us on Facebook.**

**<https://www.facebook.com/calvarylutheranscottsbluff>**

### **WEBSITE**

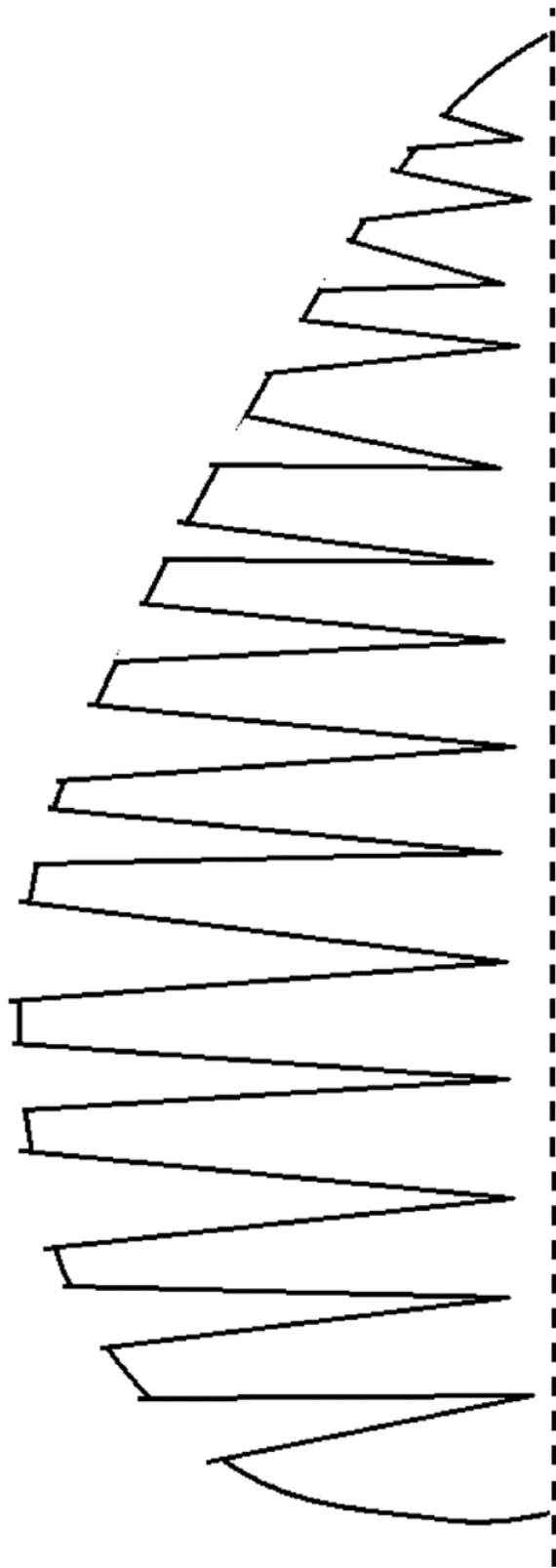
**[www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org)**

### **FIND US ONLINE!!!**

Sermon Podcasts, Worship Bulletins, 'God's Story @ Home' Inserts are all available on our website. Just go to [www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org) and click on the worship tab.

Daily Devos are also available on our home page.





## Paper Palm Leaf

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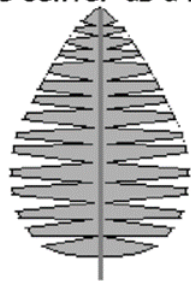
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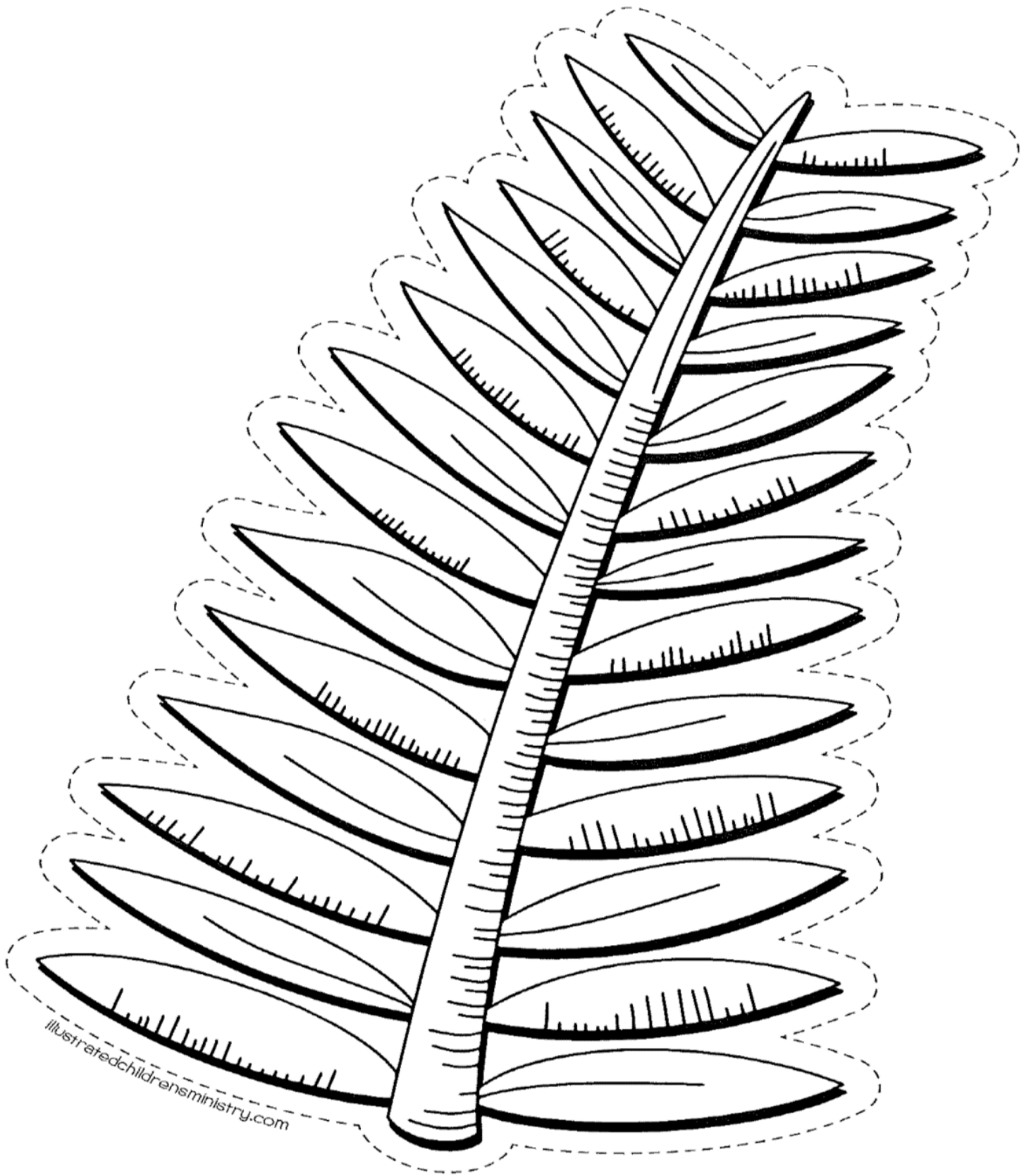
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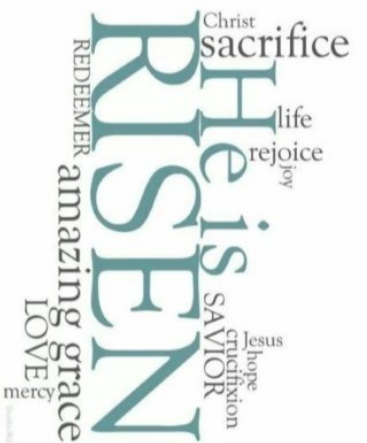
Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

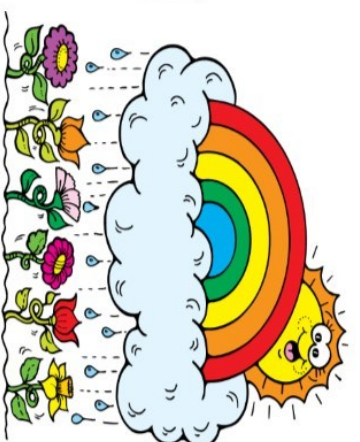
Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.







# APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Alleluia!</b> Christ is risen! 			<b>1</b> 6:30pm-Lenten Face-book LIVE Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10:00am-Facebook LIVE Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9am-Men's Study-Online with Zoom	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 11:30pm-Exec. Com. 6:30pm-Facebook LIVE Worship	<b>10</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 6:30pm-Facebook LIVE Worship	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:00am-Facebook LIVE Worship 	<b>13</b> 6:00pm-Council Mtg-Online	<b>14</b> 9am-Men's Study-Online with Zoom	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:00am-Facebook LIVE Worship 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am-Men's Study-Online with Zoom	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:00am-Facebook LIVE Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9am-Men's Study-Online with Zoom	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		







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