

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**PASTOR:**.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe  
**MINISTERS:**.....Members of the Congregation  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR:**.....Colin Welford  
**SECRETARY:**.....Erin Bristol  
**LAY READER:**.....Sherry Moore

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Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude: ‘Children of the Heavenly Father’ – by Tryggare Kan  
Ingen Vara, Arr. Diane Bish**

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn #786: “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!”**

**Liturgy for Palm Sunday, p. 49**

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

**Response (Hymn #741):**

*Now we bring ourselves to you; cleanse us, Lord, we humbly pray*

*Undeserving though we be, draw us closer every day.*

*Lord, our refuge, hope, and strength! Keep, O keep us safe from harm*

*Shield us through our earthly life by your everlasting arm. Amen.*

**Offertory: “God, our Father” – Hymn-tune, arranged by F.  
Melius Christiansen**

\*Doxology

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 50: 4 – 9

Mark 11: 1 – 11

Sermon

**Hymn #343: “Ride, On! Ride On in Majesty”**

Benediction

**Postlude: ‘The Palms’ – by Jean Langlais**

*‘Jesus, in all his majesty, entered Jerusalem amid the multitude, who cried out, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”’*

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** Jesus said, ‘You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven. – Mark 14: 62

**TODAY:** Time of Fellowship following the service  
4:00 p.m. Colin Welford Organ Concert  
St. Francis Xavier- Green Bay

**MON. – FRI.** 12 noon Lunch & Holy Week Readings

**SUNDAY:** 8:00 a.m. Easter at the Cemetery  
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service

**WELCOME** to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

**EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH** is the ‘Church of the Open Door.’ We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

**MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH:** In Essentials, Unity;  
In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.

**EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2024:** Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.- 1 Timothy 3:16  
**HOLY WEEK READINGS** –This Monday-Friday at 12 noon with a simple lunch, presentation of the meaning for the day’s readings, and those who wish to participate may read.

**COLIN WELFORD** will be giving two free organ concerts on the magnificent instrument of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 140 S. Monroe Ave. in Green Bay - both TODAY (on the theme of Lent) & on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> (an Easter Theme). Both concerts are at 4 p.m.

**EASTER!** *It’s next Sunday* – we meet at the Cemetery at 8 a.m., then join us in a traditional Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

There was no police escort that day. No firetrucks, no one throwing out candy. The Palm Sunday parade was a duplicitous event for sure. Jesus appeared riding a simple colt with the sounds of its hoofs clopping along. One could hear the swishing of palm branches as the observers threw them along the path. The palm branch is a symbol of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life. The people shouted “Hosanna,” which translates into “please deliver us.”

We can only imagine what was going through Jesus’ mind that day or what prayers he uttered along the way. He knew exactly what was to come and realized this was no victory lap. Not yet anyway. Despite the perceived joy of the day, it soon became evident the people were fickle in the extreme, for their shouts of “hosanna” soon became “crucify him!” This was his mission, of course. That’s why “Palm Sunday” is known also as “Passion Sunday.” The bright light of that day would soon be overcome by deep darkness.

If we can visualize ourselves observing and participating on that day, what would our reaction be? To be honest we must admit that Jesus can be very threatening, for He disrupts our comfort level. That, however, is exactly what we need. Instead, Jesus promises us relief and hope that no earthly power can ever provide.

May Jesus march into your life and overwhelm you.