



Connecting all to Christ to become
healthy in God and courageous in love.

A large, detailed illustration of green palm fronds, also known as palm leaves, is positioned on the left side of the image. The fronds are long, slender, and pointed, with a central midrib and numerous smaller veins. They are arranged in a way that they appear to be growing from the bottom left towards the top right, creating a sense of movement and depth. The leaves are a vibrant green color, with some lighter green highlights and darker green shadows, giving them a realistic appearance. The fronds are layered, with some in the foreground and others in the background, creating a sense of depth. The overall effect is a lush, tropical feel that is associated with Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday

Traditional Worship - April 13, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting	8:30 - Tom Beattie	11:00 - Wrenn Nicodemo
Prelude	<i>Hosanna Loud Hasanna</i>	Ellison

*Call to Worship	8:30 - Tom Beattie	11:00 - Bill Woodard
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Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Lift up your hearts to the King of kings!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Let us wave our branches and shout for joy!

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	#228
	Procession/Accompaniment by Youth Bells, Lorraine George (organ), and Philip Schleich (trumpet)	

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer	Pastor Robby Strock
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Lord's Prayer	
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. Amen.	

Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem		
8:30	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	Leavitt
	Sanctuary Choir	
11:00	<i>Hosanna to the King of Kings</i>	Beall
	Chancel Choir	

Scripture Reading	Mark 11:1-11	pg. 818
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Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus, we lift our voices with the crowds, crying, Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! You are our King and Savior, yet we confess that we do not always follow You faithfully. Forgive us, Lord, and lead us in Your way. As You entered Jerusalem in humility, enter our hearts today. Reign in us, shape us, and make us Your disciples. We welcome You with joy—our Redeemer, our Lord, our King. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

O Waly Waly (Gift of Love)
Youth Bells

***Response in Song (11:00 only)**

#682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication (11:00 only)**

***Hymn (11:00 only)**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 1)

#241

New Members (8:30 only)

Scripture

John 14:1-7

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Message

I Am the Way the Truth and the Life

I Am

Pastor Jared Priset

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

To God Be the Glory

#531

*Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare on St. Drostan

arr. Penfield

*Those who are able, please stand

Choir Director - Abe Gibson; Interim Organist - Philip Schleich; Interim Accompanist - Lorraine George

Altar Flowers: are given by Carol Messenger to the Glory of God

Acolytes: Sophia McConnell & Caroline Dria

Sermon Outline

Focus: In John 14, Jesus claims to be the way, the truth, and the life. This is personal, absolute, and eternal. This statement by Jesus demands a response from us. What will you do with Jesus?

I. I AM...the Way, Truth, and Life

Looking for fulfillment in the wrong places

II. Jesus is the Way – The only path to God

Jesus is not “one of many” paths to God – he is THE way

Acts 4:12 *“Salvation is found in no one else...”*

This is personal – not a self-improvement plan, but a relationship with a person

John 10:9 *“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.”*

III. Jesus is the Truth – The foundation of life

Truth is not an opinion, it’s a person

Jesus is truth incarnate (John 14:6)

John 1:14; John 1:17 - To know Jesus is to know the Truth

Truth is absolute

John 8:32; John 17:17

America is filled with half-truths

Half-truths lead to destruction

IV. Jesus is the Life – The source of Eternal and Abundant Life

Eternal life starts now – not in heaven (John 10:10)

Apart from Jesus, we are spiritually dead (John 15:5)

The American pursuit of “life” often leads to burnout

V. *What will you do with Jesus?*

Contemporary Worship - April 13, 2025 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs

*Glorious Day
King of Kings*

Welcome

9:30 - Pat Wendell

Oasis - Julia Fabich

Worship Song & Offering

Hoanna

Prayer

Tony Walsh

Scripture

John 14:1-7

Message

I Am the Way the Truth and the Life

I Am

Pastor Bryan George

Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: In John 14:6, Jesus claims to be the way, the truth, and the life. This is personal, absolute, and eternal. This statement by Jesus demands a response from us. What will you do with Jesus?

I) Future Fears

So much anxiety, so little awe

Staring into a casket and seeking trust

II) Preparing the Disciples for what is to come: the Farewell Discourse (John 14)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled” “believe also in me.” “you know the way”

The persecution of Diocletian

Thomas speaks for many of us... “*We don’t know where you are going*”

III) Jesus is the Way- “*There is salvation in no one else,*” Acts 4:12

Jesus is not “one of many” paths to God – he is THE way

The Jesus Way is never the path of least resistance....involves challenge

Leads to a personal relationship not a self-help plan.

IV) Jesus is the Truth – The foundation of life

Truth is not an opinion, it’s the very embodiment of the Word of God (John 1:14)

Jesus doesn’t point to the truth: He is the truth.

V) Jesus is the Life – The source of Eternal and Abundant Life

Eternal life starts now! *I came that they may have life and have it abundantly* John 10:10

Without Jesus, we are spiritually dead! *apart from me you can do nothing* John 15:5

VI) The controversy generated by John 14:6 in a world that demands inclusivity

Oprah “*One of the biggest mistakes people make is to believe that there’s only one way.*”

The beauty and power of believing that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Newbigin “*We can go forward with confidence because Jesus has gone that way before us and has come back from the deep valley. If he is himself the track, we can go forward confidently when the future is hidden. We are not lost. We have a reliable track.*”

Trusting in the Jesus way doesn’t make us arrogant, it makes us graciously humble

New Members

Today we welcome Jerry & Jane Koontz and Tim & Candice Gesaman into our congregation at the 8:30 service.

Explore

Women's Retreat

Our Women's One Day Retreat is on **Saturday, April 26th**, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at the Das Dutch Kitchen in Dalton. Join us for a day of Bible Study, praise, fellowship, and spiritual rejuvenation. We are blessed to have Patti Brown as our featured speaker. The cost is \$55 which includes lunch. This retreat is open to all women so join us and invite a friend, co-worker, or family member. Free child care is provided at the church for those who register in advance. Register by *April 13th* in the church office or at churchofthelakes.org/event/womens-retreat.

Widow's Connection

The widow's connection group will meet at LaPizzaria on **Wednesday, April 30th**, at 11:30 am. RSVP to Sue Hoffmeyer by April 27th, 330-704-1774.

Faithful Finances - Budgeting Workshop

Join us on **Sunday, May 4th**, 12:30 pm in the Activity Center as Paul Guerra presents a transformational budgeting seminar that blends practical financial strategies with timeless Christian principles. This is a FREE workshop, lunch is provided. Childcare is provided if requested when registering. Register at churchofthelakes.org/event/faithful-finances-workshop.

All Daughter's of God Luncheon

All women and girls are invited to a special luncheon on **Saturday, May 10th**, 11:30am in the Activity Center. Join us to celebrate that we are all daughters of God. For fun, ladies are encouraged to accessorize with your favorite or most creative purse. Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and laughter as we learn what God says about what is in the wonderful, wacky purses we carry while enjoying a meal from Mr. Mike's, playing Bingo, and other fun activities. Cost is \$15/person. Register on our website.

Serve

Blood Drive

Church of the Lakes is hosting a blood drive on **Saturday, May 17th**, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm in the Activity Center. The American Red Cross is in critical need of blood donations. Sign up for an appointment at redcrossblood.org and search using sponsor code 'churchofthelakes'.

Baby Bundles Plus

Baby Bundles Plus is a group that makes stuffed animals, little dolls for Children's Hospital and baby quilts for the needy organizations & hospitals. Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month (**April 24th**), 9:30 am in room 108. Everyone is welcome. It is a great chance for fellowship and to make new friends. We always need someone to draw, cut or stuff items.

WAYS TO GIVE

Visit churchofthelakes.org/online-giving or text: give to 330-961-5524

Offering envelopes are located in the pew pad clipboards.

For EFT instructions contact Stephanie Strock, stephanie@churchofthelakes.org

Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17th
Tennebrae &
Communion Service
7:30* pm
Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18th
Stations of the Cross
9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sanctuary

* These services will be available live online at churchofthelakes.org/live-worship
Childcare is available during all services for children 5 and under

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20th
Sunday Worship
8:30 & 11:00* am
Traditional
9:30* & 11:00 am
Contemporary

No Sunday School for
5th-12th grades on Easter Sunday

CELEBRATION OF
THE RESURRECTION
OF OUR SAVIOR

Children's Easter Party

KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

STARTS AT
5:30 PM



DINNER
RESURRECTION
EGGS,
SCAVENGER
EGG HUNT,
CRAFTS
& MORE

Join us on a journey as we follow Jesus through Holy Week from the Last Supper to the Empty Tomb. Children will discover why Jesus died on the cross and why His resurrection is the foundation of our faith.

COST IS ONLY \$5
AND CAN BE PAID
AT THE DOOR

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT
CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG/EVENT/EASTER-PARTY



Church of the Lakes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

For children age 4 - 6th grade

Mornings: June 9th - 13th
8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Evenings: June 8th - 12th
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:

CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG

JESUS in the HOME

Family FUN Night

BOWLING NIGHT

Sunday, April 27th
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Register at churchofthelakes.org

\$12 per person

2 hours of bowling
shoe rental
& pizza dinner



VBS Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to: Station Leaders, Station Assistants, Crew Leaders, Snack helpers, Dinner team, nursery workers and decorating team. Our VBS Volunteer Training meeting will be **Tuesday, April 29th**, 10:00 am or 6:30 pm in room 201. If you would like to volunteer for VBS contact Angela Fritz, angela@churchofthelakes.org.

Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.



Please pray for: Lori Moss, Lori Briggs, and Michael Bernard

To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.