

THE KING NO ONE EXPECTED

Sometimes we speak—or even shout—the truth without realizing just how right we are. That’s exactly what happened on the first Palm Sunday.

Jesus entered Jerusalem not on a prize-worthy stallion, but on a young, humble donkey. The crowd erupted in joy, shouting, *“Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”* They waved palm branches, symbols of peace, and hailed Jesus as their king.

Was He a king? Jesus didn’t deny it. When the Pharisees told him to silence the crowd, he replied, *“I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”*

Later, Pilate—the Roman governor—mocked the religious leaders by saying, *“Here is your king.”* The chief priests bristled with anger, shouting, *“We have no king but Caesar!”*

When Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified, he made one last jab at the furious crowd. John 19:19 tells us he ordered a sign to be placed above the cross. Written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, it declared:

“Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

The chief priests demanded the sign be changed, but Pilate refused. *“What I have written, I have written,”* he said.

Was Jesus a king? The witnesses of His resurrection knew the answer. In Acts 17:7, the early believers were accused of “saying there is another king, Jesus.” And the book of Revelation looks ahead to the day when all creation will know the truth:

“The Lamb will triumph ... for He is Lord of lords and King of kings.” —Revelation 17:14



BIBLE QUIZ

In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?



- A. Water
- B. Honey
- C. A Salt Solution
- D. Olive Oil

Answer: D (See Psalm 23:5)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK...

In the coming weeks, we will greet the coming Spring.

We also welcome the awakening of God’s Holy Spirit here at Faith Lutheran.

Pastor Don Safrit

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 3/1** **WOMEN'S SUNDAY**
9:30am Meeting for Women's Sunday
Participants
10:00am Women's Choir Practice
10:30am Women's Sunday Worship
4:00pm Middle/High School Youth
Meeting
- 3/3** 5:30pm Serve Meal at Rowan Helping
Ministries Jeannie's Kitchen
- 3/4** 6:00pm 2nd Lenten Meal & Bible Study
- 3/6** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
- 3/8** **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS**
4:00pm K-5 Youth Meeting in Assembly
Room (Tim & Becky Williams)
- 3/11** 6:00pm 3rd Lenten Meal & Bible Study
- 3/13** 2:00pm-5:00pm Church Reserved
- 3/15** 12:00pm-3:00pm Assembly Room
Reserved (John Bruce)
4:00pm All K-12 Youth Meeting in FLC
(Young Adults Ministry)
- 3/17** **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- 3/18** 6:00pm 4th Lenten Meal & Bible Study
- 3/20** **FIRST DAY OF SPRING**
FLC Reserved (Relay for Life)
- 3/21** 7:00am-10:30am Relay for Life Pancake
Breakfast Fundraiser in Family Life Center
9:00am-1:30pm Confirmation Class
- 3/22** 4:00pm Faith will host Luther League
- 3/25** 6:00pm 5th Lenten Meal & Bible Study
- 3/29** **PALM SUNDAY**
9:00am-10:15am Breakfast & Church Chat
(Discuss the 2025 Church Survey Results)
3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt

WEDNESDAYS – 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

- 10:00am – Bible Study / Chapel
6:30pm – Handbells (Sunday Mornings During Lent)
7:30pm – Choir Practice

SUNDAYS – 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

- 9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship
9:30am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship



- 5 – Hoyle Lingle
6 – Caylee Sheets
8 – Sue Bruce
 Jenna Mills Overcash
9 – Paisleigh Overcash
11 – Jeff Overcash
12 – Mark Gamewell
14 – Ashley Hunt Roberts
18 – Betty Hunt
21 – Dee Ann Thompson
23 – Lu Gamewell

FAITH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Family Life Center Reserved

Dates: 3/17, 3/18, 3/23, 3/25, 3/26, 3/30

Times: 3:30pm-5:30pm

CUB SCOUTS

Dates: Thursdays – 3/5, 3/19, 3/26

Times: 7:00pm-8:00pm

WiFFLe

Dates: Every Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC

Times: 10:00am-11:00am

WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Homily Given By: Jamie Sheets

Women's Choir Singing:
"The Light of God's Love"

March 1st Share Sunday:
Operation Hope Medical Missions

*Don't forget to join the Women of Faith
Facebook page!*

**Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Holy Week

2026 Schedule



**A JOURNEY
OF FAITH &
RENEWAL**

Experience the depth of
God's love through our
Holy Week services.

Palm Sunday · March 29th

*CELEBRATE JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO
JERUSALEM AS WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE*
9:00am Refreshments & Fellowship (Church Chat)
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Passion Sunday Worship + Communion
3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday · April 2nd

*A MEANINGFUL SERVICE OF COMMUNION &
REMEMBRANCE OF THE LAST SUPPER*
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship + Communion

Good Friday · April 3rd

*A SOLEMN TIME OF REFLECTION & PRAYER AS WE
REMEMBER CHRIST'S SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS*
7:00pm Good Friday Worship

Easter Sunday · April 5th

*WORSHIP WITH US AS WE REJOICE IN THE VICTORY
OF OUR RISEN LORD*
7:30am Faith Community Easter Sunrise Service at
Shiloh Reformed Church
8:30am Annual Easter Breakfast
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Resurrection Sunday Worship + Communion

***Invite friends and family to join you for
this sacred week of worship!***

THE SEASON OF LENT

Our journey to Holy Week begins with Lent. Each Wednesday evening during the Lenten season, we will have a meal at 6:00pm (\$8 per plate, give as you are able), followed by Bible Study at 6:45pm.

God's Great Gift Of Grace To Us

As believers, we possess solid doctrine, based on Holy Scripture. Our 2026 Lenten Studies are a time to refocus... refresh... relook at these beliefs. A time to ask and get answers to any questions you may have.

SESSION 1: FEBRUARY 25

- Prayer & "Our Lord's Prayer"

SESSION 2: MARCH 4

- Apostles & Nicene Creed

SESSION 3: MARCH 11

- Incarnation

SESSION 4: MARCH 18

- Salvation

SESSION 5: MARCH 25

- Confession & Forgiveness



GOD'S TABLE

Another opportunity to put 'God's love into action'...



What a blessing! ... sign up to show God's Love in Action as God's Table volunteers

What is God's Table?

Because a growing number of individuals and families were suffering economic hardship in Rowan County, Rowan Helping Ministries expanded soup kitchen services to include Sundays. At that time an effort was made to provide spiritual as well as physical nourishment, thus "God's Table" was appropriately named. Fifty-two churches hosted one Sunday a year, and all denominations were welcome. During Covid we were forced to shut down this important part of our ministries. Five years later we are working to revive this meaningful opportunity.

What is the hosting church expected to provide?

The host church will plan and provide a 20-minute program of their choice. The community is invited to attend. Immediately following the program, the host church may but is not required to serve a hot meal prepared by the church volunteers. Programs can include sermons, devotionals, prayer, music, testimonials or a combination of talents and styles. Be as creative as you like!

How much time will it take on Sundays?

A staff member will open the kitchen at 9 am. The service is scheduled from 11:40 am to noon. The meal is served from noon until 1 pm with clean up following from 1:00 pm until 1:30 pm.

Can Rowan Helping Ministries help the host church organize the meal?

Churches may prepare the meal on site using available resources from the kitchen or bring the meal prepared and ready to heat and serve. Rowan Helping Ministries' Food Operations Manager Vicky Roth can assist the host church as they organize the noon meal and can be contacted at (704) 637-6838 ext. 108 Monday thru Friday from 8 am until 5 pm.

How many people will be attending the service/meal?

Historically approximately 15 individuals attended the service and approximately 120 eat lunch. In preparing the meal include the number of volunteers from your church.

How many volunteers are needed and how can our church sign up for God's Table?

Approximately 5 volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal. The number of volunteers for the program is at your discretion. Previously, host churches are providing as many as 5 to 10 volunteers.

For more information contact our Volunteer Coordinator
Samantha Stanley (704) 637-6838 ext. 112 or
ssstanley@rowanhelpingministries.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

BE THE HELPING HAND IN TIMES OF CRISIS!

Every day, neighbors facing eviction, utility shutoffs, and other emergencies turn to Rowan Helping Ministries for help. Through our Crisis Assistance Network, we work to prevent homelessness and keep families safe and housed—and we need volunteers like you.

Crisis Assistance Volunteers help greet clients, gather information, organize documents, and support staff as they connect individuals and families to critical resources such as rent and utility assistance.

 **Location:** 226 N. Long Street, Salisbury, NC

 **Commitment:** One weekday morning or afternoon per week

 **Requirements:** Basic computer skills, empathy, and a background check

Sign up today at

www.rowanhelpingministries.org/volunteer/



For more information, contact Samantha Stanley at **704-637-6838 ext. 112** or sstanley@rowanhelpingministries.org

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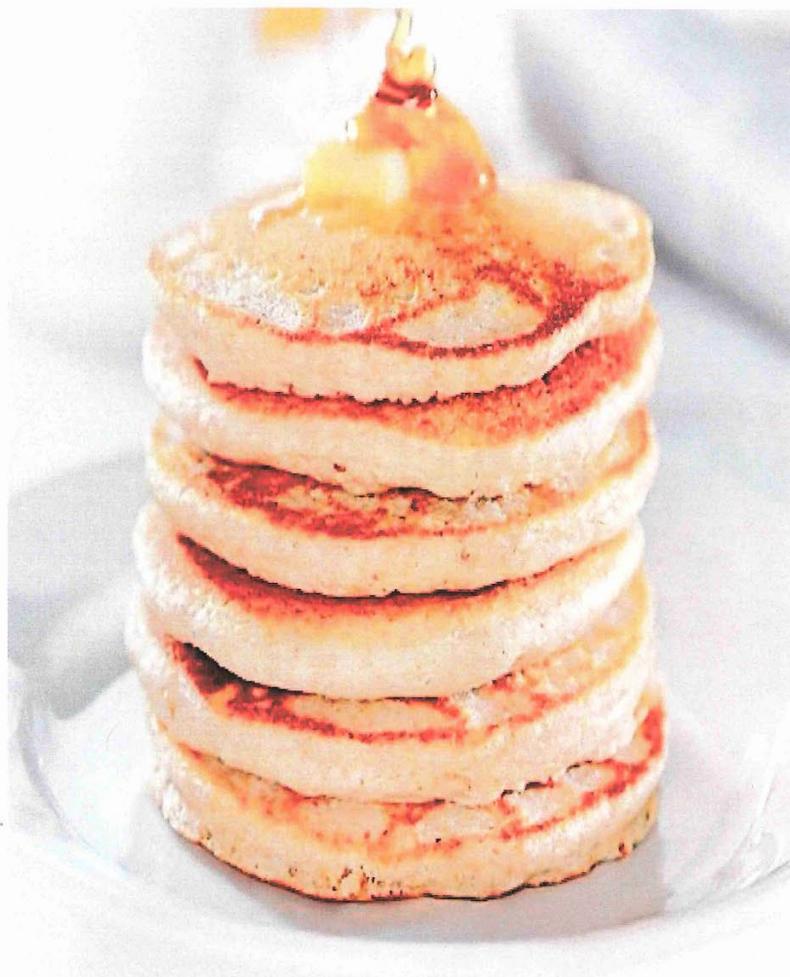




Faith Cruisers Annual Spring

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Saturday,

March 21, 2026

7:00 am – 10:30 am

Faith Lutheran Church

Family Life Center

205 South Main Street, Faith

Breakfast includes pancakes,
grits, sausage, scrambled
eggs, juice, and coffee

**DONATION AT THE
DOOR**

Silent Auction

Baked Goods

and MORE

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society through Faith Cruisers Relay for Life team.

March

YOUTH CORNER

YOUTH WILL MEET 4PM TO 5PM:

March 1: Middle/High School Youth (*No one has signed up.*
(If no one signs up, Youth will not meet).)

March 8: K-5 Youth in the Assembly Room (Tim & Becky Williams).

March 15: All K-12 Youth Meeting in the Family Life Center (Young Adults Ministry).

March 22: Faith will host Luther League (Middle/High School Youth Parents are to help with this).

EASTER EGG HUNT

March 29 at 3:00pm: Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Middle/High School Youth will help. Light refreshments served afterward. Donations of candy are appreciated (leave on table near the outside door in the kitchen).

LENTEN WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S LESSONS

March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6:45pm: We will have a class in the Youth Room for K-5 during Lent, led by Lisa Overcash and Dallas Cobb. MS/HS Youth are invited to join Pastor Don's Bible Study with the adults.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Saturday, March 21: 9:00am to 1:30pm. Pizza will be provided.

CMR YOUTH SPRING RETREAT 2026

Register by March 4. 6th-12th Grade Youth. April 17-19. Murrells Inlet, SC.

SIGN UP: FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Any first/second grade youth that wishes to participate in first communion training please contact the church office so that we can compile a list for training in the fall.

Puzzle!

HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A = ☺	D = ❄️	H = ❄️	M = ☆	P = ◆	T = ■	W = ☁️
B = 💧	E = ✦	I = ✨	N = ↑	R = ●	U = □	Y = 🌀
C = ⚙️	G = ✨	L = ★	O = ↓	S = ○	V = ☒	Z = 🌀

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Jericho _ _ _
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Jerusalem _ _ _ _
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Dead Sea Area _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
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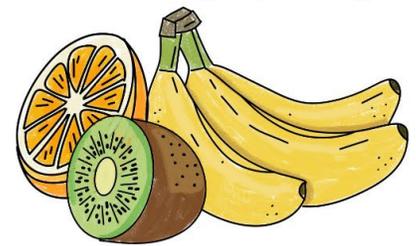
Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy



These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

Scripture Tie-In:
"Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!"
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

DATE	TOTAL OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
FEBRUARY 1	<i>SERVICE CANCELLED DUE TO WINTER WEATHER</i>	
FEBRUARY 8	\$12,794.00	50 Sunday School, 98 Worship
FEBRUARY 15	\$3,770.00	41 Sunday School, 108 Worship
FEBRUARY 18 (<i>Ash Wed.</i>)	\$968.00	69 Worship

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

	MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29
Acolytes	Reagan Bradshaw, Sailor Shoaf	Leila Roberts, Caylee Sheets	Griffin and Sydney Alderman	Julianna Sheets, Mia Spinella	Brooks Moody, Sailor Shoaf
Audio/Broadcast Team	David Alderman, Aaron Smith, Jeff Mills, Jeff Overcash, Caitlin Rimmer				
Children's Church	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Sallie Herrin	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Wendi Bradshaw	Jennifer Alderman
Children's Message	LeaAnn Buckwell	Lu Gamewell	Jayne Lingle	<i>Faith Kids Sing</i>	Barbara Moose
Church Sign	Tim Williams				
Communion Prep.	Donnie Gandy & Barbara Moose				
Fellowship Refreshments	Jake & Barbara Moose	John & Ann Bruce	Tony & Sallie Herrin	Jeff & Wanda Mills	<i>Church Chat</i>
Lector	Chandra Fink	Meredyth Fisher	Jennifer Alderman	Dallas Cobb	Vicki Fink
Nursery	Meredyth Fisher, Lela Brooks	Amanda Meacham, Holly Moody	Carolyn Rogers, Crystal Bradshaw	Stephanie Barkley, Marissa Asbury	Jamie Sheets, Chris Earnhardt
Offering Tellers	Ken Fink, Ashley Roberts				
Ushers	Lane Bost, Ted Peeler, Frankie Livesey, Jimmy Hudson (<i>Women's Sunday: Petrea Family</i>)				
2026 Council Members	Rhonda Alderman, Dwight Bradshaw, Randy Buckwell, Dallas Cobb (<i>Vice President</i>), Chandra Fink, Lisa Laws, Perry McKnight (<i>President</i>), Jake Moose, Laura Peeler (<i>Secretary</i>)				

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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