

## Palm Sunday

April 13, 2014

*Hail the King who humbly comes to save us! For 1700 years the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival that opens Holy Week. The time for Christ's glory had come (Verse of the Day). He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Rather, he would humble himself in great acts of love for us, and then the Father would exalt him to the highest place, because he had fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.*

**Communion** is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

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### PALM PROCESSIONAL

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*Those participating in the processional gather the entry. If you are unable to or do not wish to participate in the procession you are welcome to be seated. Please sit all the way to the middle of your pew so that there are places for those who are participating in the processional.*

**M:** The grace of our Lord [+] Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

**M:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C:** **Hosanna in the highest!**

### PSALM 118

*The refrain is sung. The verses and Gloria are spoken in unison.*

**Refrain** Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

**Refrain** All: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

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**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

**Refrain**

O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

**Refrain**

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

M: Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus, before his Passion, entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our words of praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King who came to save, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

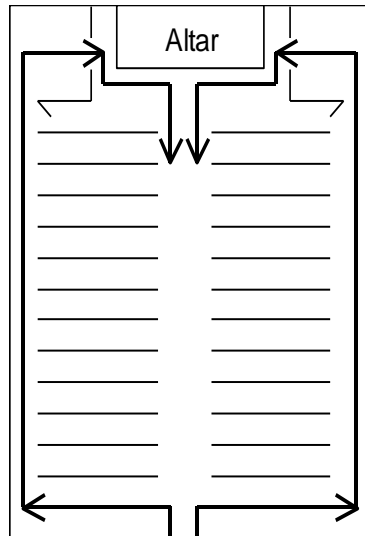
**C: Amen**

M: Let us go forth in peace

**C: In the name of the Lord.**

*The congregation processes into the church as directed by the chart below and places their palm branches on the altar, the symbol of God's presence in our church. "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (CW 131) will be sung as we enter.*

1. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and blessed one.
2. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels Is praising you on high,  
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.
3. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.
4. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To you before your passion They sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.



5. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
As you received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

*When all have reached their places, the minister says:*

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

**ANTHEM:** Kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Lift the Palms*

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**BAPTISM** (8:00 a.m.)

(pages 12-14 of CW)

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## THE WORD

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### FIRST LESSON

**Zechariah 9:9,10**

*Zechariah tells Jerusalem to rejoice when the messianic King comes to her, because he will have with him the righteousness she needs and the salvation she craves. This King would surpass the glory and power of all Israel's kings before him. King David's rule extended to the River Euphrates at its farthest—but this King's rule would extend from the Euphrates to the very ends of the earth, from sea to sea. His worldwide kingdom would mean the end of war and the advent of peace. All this he would do not with an army, but with his person—not with violence, but with gentleness. Rejoice, daughter of Zion! Your King comes to you. Hail him!*

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

### PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalms 24** (page 42 cws)

### SECOND LESSON

**Philippians 2:5-11**

*Jesus is our King, but he came humbly to save us. Though true God, he became man. Though all powerful, he became a servant. Though immortal and eternal, he died. He not only laid aside his glory, but he took our shame upon him. He not only humbled himself, but he died as one who was cursed. Yet in this great humility, he won the peace of forgiveness for us. The King came humbly because he wasn't on the way to a throne in Jerusalem, but to a hill called Golgotha where he would fulfill God's mission and save his people. Therefore, God would give him glory greater than his humiliation—every creature will bow the knee and hail him: Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

*(spoken by the pastor)*

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

**STAND**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

*The great King comes to his city and to his temple! He could have come with all the power and glory of the Son of God. He could have ridden a thunderstorm as his chariot with legions of angels striding beside him and creation itself singing forth the praise of its Maker. But look how he comes: Not on the storm, but on a donkey; not accompanied by heavenly warriors, but by fishermen with a spotty record of faith; not to the sound of creation singing, but to the shouts of fickle pilgrims who cheered him on Sunday but would desert him by Friday. Why did he come so humbly? Because he came not to rule us, but to save us. He came, not to command us, but to invite us. He came not to demand anything from us, but to give everything for us. He comes in the name of the Lord to save us. Hail him!*

**21** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Say to Daughter Zion,

‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (sung) Praise be to you O Christ!**

BE SEATED

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* 133:1-4

**NICENE CREED** (8:00 a.m.)

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**SERMON** **Islands of Refreshment: Our Island King Rules In Humility** Matthew 21:1-11

**OFFERING** *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Stephanie Beyer

(10:30 worship continues with The Rite of Confirmation)

STAND

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

(8:00 a.m. worship continues on page 6 with The Sacrament)

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**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

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*Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction, by one who has been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.*

*Those being confirmed shall stand.*

**CONFIRMATION VOWS**

**PRAYER**

**M:** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us therefore stand and pray.

**M:** Gracious Father, you have adopted these brothers and sisters in baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Move them to faithfully hear your holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Clothe them with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ and grant that they may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Protect them from the powers of evil and give them the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Keep them faithful and holy, so that they may inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**ANTHEM:** Kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Walk With Them Lord*

## **CONFIRMATION BLESSINGS**

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS HYMN**

*Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying CW 573:1-2*

**M:** Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's table a precious privilege given you by God through his church; receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

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## **THE SACRAMENT**

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*STAND*

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** (sung) **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** (sung) **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** (sung) **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**C:** (sung) **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** (sung) **Amen.**

### **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

**C:** (sung) **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	<i>“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”</i>	Hymn 130
	<i>“In Christ Alone”</i>	Hymn 742
	<i>“Let Me Be Yours Forever”</i>	Hymn 596

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## **THANKSGIVING**

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*STAND*

## SONG OF THANKS

Hymn 317:1

O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,  
In thanksgiving bow before you.  
Here with your body and your blood you nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!  
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And your blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

BE SEATED

**CLOSING HYMN:** *“Ride On Ride On In Majesty”*

Hymn 133:5

### Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 33

April 14- 19

Monday 2 Kings 17  
Tuesday 2 Kings 18-19  
Wednesday 1 Kings 20  
Thursday 2 Kings 21  
Friday 2 Kings 22-23  
Saturday 2 Kings 24-25

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## Announcements

**Baptism** In the early service Emersyn Lea Laabs will be baptized into Christ. Emersyn is the daughter of Rick and Lea Ann Laabs. She was born on March 22, 2014. Please remember this new child of God and her family in prayer!

**Confirmation** of this year's confirmation class is a part of worship in the late service today. Members of this year's class are: Jacob Gerald Beining, Benjamin Joel Dobberpuhl, Anthony Michael Feldkamp, Lauren Mackenzie Griepentrog, Leah Caroline Ihlenfeldt, Alexander James Laabs, Thomas John Schultz, Evan Mitchell Vaughn, Leah Josephine Voster, and Jared Keith Wiedow.

**Adult Christ Light** will meet at 9:15 a.m. in church today.

**Come Follow Me** This study is based on the movie, *Come Follow Me*. The movie shares the story of Peter's call to follow Jesus, his denial of Jesus, and his subsequent restoration. Just like Peter, we struggle with feelings of inadequacy. The solution is Jesus, who assures us that we are forgiven, can be his witnesses, and that he will give us the gifts needed for ministry. This study is 8 lessons long. We will watch the movie, discuss its biblical basis, apply it to our lives, and learn ways we can share this DVD with others as we Go with the Gospel. We meet today at 9:15 a.m. in the commons. DVDs will be available for you to use to invite people to our Easter worship.

**Today's Light Bible Discussion** will meet tonight. We will discuss the readings for this week and next week. We will not meet again until May 11. The April reading guides are now available in the basement and by the double doors in church. The reading guides now include suggested answers to the discussion questions!

**Tuesday Bible Study** will not meet in April.

**Soup Suppers** Thank you to everyone who made soup, bars, or served at our soup suppers this year. Special thanks to Tamar Schultz for overseeing the meals this year!

**Thank You** to everyone who helped with Easter for Kids yesterday! Your service to the Lord and his lambs is greatly appreciated!

**Holy Week Worship** This week is a week like none other in the church year. We celebrate the most meaningful events in the life of our Savior.

Maundy Thursday worship will focus on Christ's new command. The instructions for the End of Lent, communion, and the Stripping of the Altar will be a part of worship. The same worship service is offered at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday we have two different services. At 11:00 a.m. we focus on the Seven Words from the Cross. At 7:00 p.m. we have a service of darkness, or *Tenebrae* service. Both services have communion.

On Easter Eve we will celebrate the historic Easter Vigil. The service begins in darkness. As we begin our Easter celebration the lights and alleluias return. Communion is a part of worship. Please note the unusual starting time. Worship begins at 8:00 p.m. so that the church is darker.

Easter Festival Worship will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Communion, choirs, brass, and the band highlight the festival of the resurrection of Jesus! Both services are the same. Join us and bring a friend!

**Usher Sign Up Sheets** are on the white table in the middle of the basement. Please sign up for the service or services at which you would like to usher. Sign up as a family with your children!

**No Thursday Worship** on April 24. Thursday worship will begin again on May 1.

**Sunday School Teacher Needed** This Fall we will need a new Sunday School teacher. Sunday School is for students ages 3-5. It meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15. If you have any questions about it or would like to see what it is like, talk to Char Van Rossum or stop in for a class on Sunday!

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**Weekly Calendar**

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
	9:15 a.m.	Come, Follow Me Study, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Council restructuring meeting, school
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation (8th grade only)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Maundy Thurs. Worship, communion
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thurs. Worship, communion
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Seven Words Worship, communion
	7:00 p.m.	Tenebrae Worship, communion
Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Worship, communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Festival Worship, communion
	9:15 a.m.	Come, Follow Me Study, commons
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	10:30 a.m.	Festival Worship, communion

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**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace**

Worship	313 (106, 207)
Lent	220 (118, 102)
Bible Study	65 (16, 37, 12,)
Youth Group :	25

**Mobile Phone Gospel Outreach Conference**

The Christ in Media Institute sponsored a Christian Mobile Phone conference last month at Bethany College in Mankato, Minn. The conference included more than 30 high school and college students who presented strategies for Christian outreach via mobile phone technology.

"What a tremendous human resource the Lord has given us in these young people who are willing to use their knowledge of technology and their individual gifts to reach people with the gospel," says Dr. Tom Kuster, director, Christ in Media Institute.

The schools involved in the yearlong project include Northland Lutheran High School, Mosinee, Wis.; Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School, Denver, Colo.; Luther High School, Onalaska, Wis.; St. Croix Lutheran High School, West Saint Paul, Minn.; Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wis.; Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn.; and Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato. Each of these schools assembled a team of students to work directly with mission fields to create mobile friendly Web sites, mobile apps, audio and video content, even a solar powered charging station that can download the Bible while a phone charges. Their task was to design a strategy for using mobile technology devices for gospel outreach and to support the work of the church in their chosen mission field. "As we create new

print content we have to be automatically thinking 'what does the digital version look like' and how will it be presented on a smartphone," says Kuster.

"This project really opened the eyes of the students to our mission fields, and it was an opportunity to bring them together with our world missionaries to use smartphone technology to spread the gospel everywhere," says Adviser Mr. Greg Schibbelhut, Luther High School.

The teams researched the country, with the guidance of the missionary/consultant, in terms of message effectiveness, demographics, geography, history, culture (especially music, art, stories/legends), languages, and attitudes toward Christianity.

Trent Campbell, a junior from Rocky Mountain High School, says, "We designed a mobile friendly site for congregations in India [www.christinindia.com](http://www.christinindia.com). This project was incredible. One thing that I definitely took to heart was the teamwork needed, not only on our side, but also conversing back and forth with our contact in India to find out what he wanted to benefit his ministry."

Missionaries and consultants from Mexico, Pakistan, Malawi, Grenada, India, East Asia, and Chile worked with the students to develop the technology needed in their ministries. "The whole point of this project is to get more people to share the good news of Jesus. We need to help people in remote regions who have

smartphones gather people around God's Word," says Rev. Mike Hartman, missionary, Mexico.

While technology helps to spread the Word to a larger audience more quickly, it will never replace the individual contact needed to share the gospel. "The person-to-person contact, someone talking to someone about Jesus, is always basic and needs to be. Technology allows students with a segment of the [Come Follow Me](#) movie on their smartphone to share it with their friends at school. That then leads to a conversation about Jesus," says Kuster.

Learn more about the Christ in Media Institute at <http://christinmedia.org>.

**High Schools**

**MLHS Easter Concert.** Join us to worship with families from around the Federation, Wednesday 4/16 at 7pm. May we all reflect on the concert theme: "The Power of the Cross."

**Glorify**

**Gather**

**Grow**

**Go**

