

Athens Christian Church
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Worship Services



March 29, 2026

“They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Blessed is the King of Israel!’”

John 12:13

Welcome to Athens Christian Church

If this is your first visit, we're so glad you're here. To help us stay connected, please fill out a visitor card located at the back of the chair in front of you and drop it in the offering box. If you'd like to receive our monthly church newsletter by email, be sure to include your email address on the card.

We're thrilled you've joined us for worship today! During the service, the Lord's Supper is available to all believers. Please feel free to make yourself at home. On your way out, don't forget to stop by the foyer to pick up a complimentary Bible. We look forward to seeing you again next week!

At ACC, we strive to be a loving family of Christ-followers, bringing light into a dark world. Please call on us when we can help:

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8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 113:1-4

Blessed be the Name #352 (v. 1-4)

Fairest Lord Jesus #240 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing #318 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible - The King is Coming”

(John 12:12-19)

Invitation Hymn:

Have Thine Own Way, Lord #400 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Be Thou My Vision #468 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Hosanna

Praise

All Hail King Jesus

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship:

Ella Armitage, Olivia Baker, Isabella Link

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible - The King is Coming”

(John 12:12-19)

King of Kings

I Speak Jesus

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible - The King is Coming”

(John 12:12-19)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on “People of the Bible.” Lessons from their lives help us live our lives to become more like Jesus. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word to our own lives. This morning, as we focus on the King, we’ll also notice the people around Him and how they reacted to His presence.

Bible Study

I. The _____ (vs. 12-13)

II. The _____ (vs. 14-16)

III. The _____ (vs. 17-18)

IV. The _____ (vs. 19)

Application

1. Let _____ your _____.

2. _____ the _____.

CONCLUSION

We have the rest of the story. We know who Jesus is. We know what Jesus has done. So let’s let down our guard, give honor to whom honor is due, and faithfully follow our King!



Before you leave today, please take a moment to stop by the lobby and sign the greeting cards for friends and family of ACC.

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Angie Sutheard, Mary Jane Hurie

At St. John's: Landin Evans (Alix & Derik's baby)

At Lincoln hospital: Susie Pollistina (Peg Biggs' relative)

At Evansville hospital: Steve Knackmuhs (Linda Ethell's brother)

At FL hospital: Kieran Ward (Sarah Rempel's relative)

Tests: Dave/Sandy Magee, Dwayne Rudolph, Laurie Ingram's brother, Linda Hoffman's son, Alice Lasswell's brother, Tammy Garner, Sue Bishop's sister, Judy Bryant, Debbie Bolton, Bayleigh Gillum's grandpa, Katie Calhoun, Sandy Magee's daughter, Jim Daugherty, Jerry Judd's niece, Raina Halford, Stephanie Fricke's brother, Brad Ferrill's dad, Karen Fawns, Aaron Richardson, Mike Sleight

At home: Marvin Vance, Nancy Bell, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Deb Claypool's friend, Tom/Ruth Novy, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Jack/Betty Ethell's daughter, Jo Ellen Croft's mom, Dawn Medley, Dalton Worthington, Linda Caldwell, Ernie Gentry's friend, Ken/Sarah's nephew, Jackie Hines' nephew, Gwen Griffiths' friend, Mary Magee, Nancy Rudolph, Elsie Armitage, Gary Wright (Shari Fletcher's dad), Cole Halsey

Touched by death: Ron Gillette family (Linda Hoffman's brother/IA)

Transitions: Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett's nephew/hospice), Louie Murray/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgessner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram/Nancy Oliver (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Roberta Clark (hospice)/Marlene Wegner (Sunny Acres), Sharon Reichling, Erna Weatherby/Jan Schoenhard/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Cory Craig, Jr./Josh Harris/Nicholas McDaniel (Ozark Christian College), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro), Diane McCormick's b-in-law, Jordan Barnes

Children's Ministry Intern: Jaelyn Lasley/until June 15

Vacation Bible School: June 8-12, 6-8:00 p.m./all ages

112 to Christ In Youth Conf.: July 6-10/Lincoln, NE

ACC Mission Trip to DR: August 5-12

Blake Canterbury: [facebook.com/monroechurchplant](https://www.facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

Easter Offering

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Amount: \$ _____

IT IS FINISHED
John 19:30



This year's Easter offering will help send our local teenagers to *Christ In Youth* conference in Lincoln, NE. Easter Offering donations must be in an Easter Offering envelope or designated on your check with the words "Easter Offering" on the memo line.



Family Easter Event
Eggapalooza Party
TODAY AT
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2:00 - 3:30 PM
 COLLECT EGGS & TREATS
 AT OUR FUN ACTIVITY STATIONS!!

TODAY AT ACC
JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL
EASTER PARTY
6:00-8:00 PM
ALL GRADES 7-12 STUDENTS
 Join us for worship, games, & snacks

MOVE 2026
KINGDOM WORKERS
CHRIST IN YOUTH 2026
LINCOLN, NE, JULY 6-10
FOR CURRENT 8TH -12TH GRADERS
REGISTER TODAY!
ONLY 1 STUDENT OPENING LEFT!
 Scan for more info, to register, or
 to join the waitlist >>>>>>

98 Students Registered So Far!

*Celebrate the Risen Christ with us
 at Athens Christian Church
 this Easter Season*



Good Friday Service
Led by our Youth
Friday, April 3, 6:00 pm

Message: Brayden Seman
 "A Crow, a Criminal, and a Cross"
 (Luke 22-23)

Worship Team:
 Ava Gennicks, Emma Harris, Izzy Sokolis,
 Don Randle, Ashley Cantrall

Scripture Readers:
 Mylee Austin, Ava Gennicks, Ruby Stadsholt

Nail list of sins & confessions to the cross
 and take Holy Communion as you exit.

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 5
Traditional Worship 7:00 am
 (30 min. service),
8:00 am (1-hour traditional service)
Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 10:30 am
9:15-10:15 am Sunday School classes for all ages!

Ken Gennicks sharing the message,
 "Luke's A-B-C's of EASTER"
 (Luke 24:44-48)

Acts of Worship:
 Hank Daubs
 (7:00 am traditional worship)
 Gospel Quartet
 (8:00 am traditional worship)
 ACC Worship Choir
 (9:15 and 10:30 am contemporary worship)

8:00 and 10:30 am services will be live streamed

FREE Hot Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 5, 7:30-11:00 am
 Menu: Egg & cheese casserole, sausage links,
 biscuits & gravy, and fruit.



*A photo backdrop will be set up in
 the lobby for family photos*

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Our 2026 Bible studies focus on "People of the Bible" and what they teach us about living daily for the Lord Jesus Christ. Studying the lives of the early followers of God challenges us to examine our lives and commitment to faithfully follow God, even when life gets messy and hard. Our Verse-of-the-Week is John 12:13, "They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Blessed is the King of Israel!'" How can you lead others this week to celebrate Jesus?
2. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, what was the significance of the palm branches?
3. Why is it important that the writers of Scripture pointed out the fulfillment of prophecies like the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9 in our passage?
4. Jesus was not concerned with being popular, but what was it about Him that made Him popular?
5. What guard have you put up in your life that keeps you from fully trusting in Jesus? What parts of your life are you still trying to control?
6. How could you do a better job of "honoring the King?"
7. I will apply today's Bible study by:

VBS June 8-12, 2026
SURPRISE PARTY!
 Registration Opens April 5!
VBS For all ages!
 The unexpected Grace of Jesus

LET'S CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN!
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 9AM-NOON
 The ACC Kitchen Team is looking for people to help clean up the ACC kitchen cabinets, refrigerators, chairs and tables used in the Family Life Center. Anyone available to help is appreciated.
 See Linda Ethell for details.

Today & This Week



TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026, Palm Sunday

- 7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
- 8:00 am Traditional Worship Svc. (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)
- 9:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages:
 - Adult Classes:
 - » The Bible Recap, led by various ACC members (Rm. 223)
 - » Deep Divers, led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 106)
 - » Kingdom Seekers led by Terry Henrikson (Rm. 202)
 - » Christian Living, led by Harry Schirding & Doug Wendler (Rm. 203)
 - » The Ambassadors, led by Dan Haynes (Rm. 105)
 - Jr./Sr. High School (Rm. 113/114)
 - Kids C.L.U.B. for 4 yrs.-kind., 1st-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade
 - Childcare for birth-3 years
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
 - Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs
- 2:00 pm Eggapalooza Family Easter Event (Kids' Wing & FLC)
- 6:00 pm JH/HS Easter Party (ACC)

MONDAY, MARCH 30 LUKE 17
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 LUKE 18
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 LUKE 19
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 6:00 pm Worship Choir Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 LUKE 20
 10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 LUKE 21
 Church Office Closed
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 6:00 pm Good Friday Service (ACC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, EASTER SUNDAY
 VBS Registration Opens
 7:00 am Traditional Worship Service (30 min.)
 7:30-11:00 am Free Hot Easter Breakfast (FLC)
 (Egg & cheese casserole, sausage links, biscuits & gravy, fruit)
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