



The Palm Sunday Path

A Public Witness of Our Christian Values

The Palm Sunday Path is a growing, ecumenical movement of church leaders that recognize now is the time for Christians to publicly witness to our Christian values as laid out for us by Jesus in Matthew 25. We will publicly and visibly discuss and advocate for these values of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and welcoming the stranger. We will stand up to violations of these values by our elected leaders and we will call on every elected leader at every level - regardless of party - to work with us on policies that promote these values.

Together, we will join in with those in other upper midwest states and across the country in a non-partisan path of action with multiple points of entry, roles, and room for everyone who holds these values.

The first step of this path envisions tens of thousands of Christians across multiple states gathering for public witness on Palm Sunday afternoon. This day was chosen because Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of Passover, on a donkey, as a just, humble leader who honors the dignity and needs of the children of God through healing the sick, feeding the hungry, honoring and welcoming the stranger. Christian communities from across our region of western North Dakota are invited to gather at 3 pm on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 in a procession to the ND State Capitol grounds for a time of communal worship and prayer reflecting these shared Biblical values to feed the hungry, care for the vulnerable and welcome the stranger.

The first thing Jesus did after entering Jerusalem was to overturn tables in the Temple, taking public action to disrupt violations of these values in his community. As followers of Jesus, we, too, stand for healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger. The second step of this path is for Christians to take coordinated local action - at county and city commissions, and by contacting their state and federal representatives - to advocate for our healthcare, the food on our tables, our foreign-born neighbors, and the dignity of everyone in our communities. By having so many Christians publicly standing in these values at the local level, we hope to shape the platform and agenda of every candidate for public office heading into this year's election season.

These two steps will lead to the third - a mass action in Philadelphia on July 3rd, 2026, the eve of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We will draw a contrast to the military parade being planned in Washington D.C. on the 4th. We will publicly witness to our values - to care for the sick, the hungry, and the stranger in our midst. We will protect our freedom of speech and our ability to proclaim the gospel. We will tell our nation that the violations of these values happening in our country is wrong, and there is another way.

We hope you will join us in this path of public witness, whenever and however you can, and that you will invite others of goodwill who share these values. Working together, we as the Body of Christ in this time and place can make positive change for our neighbors and our communities.

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