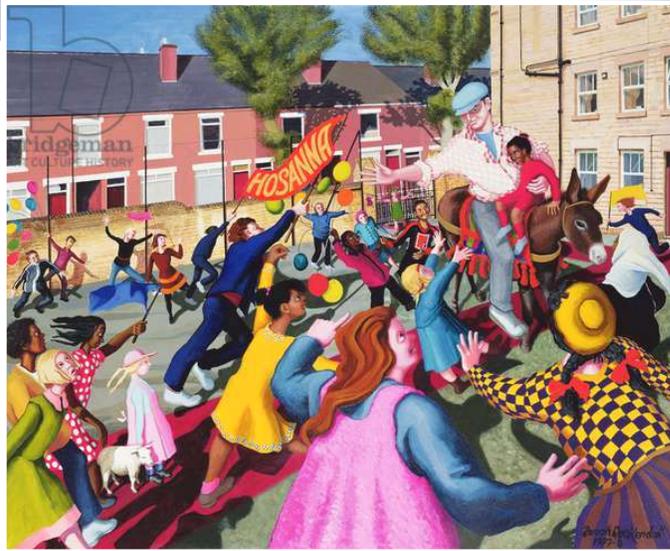


Dinah Roe Kendall
"Triumphant Entry"



Easter is approaching, and the drama of Holy Week reminds us that there have always been people who longed for strong leaders who could come and fix everything and

make the world a better place, at least for themselves. It was the same in Jesus' time. So, when he rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday long ago, many people welcomed him and praised him. They hoped for a leader, a king, who would free them from Roman oppression and bring prosperity and good conditions to the land. But shortly afterward, public opinion turned, when it became clear to them that Jesus was not that kind of king.

He came as a different kind of king. He did not come on a high horse with weapons in his saddlebags, forcing his will through violence and power. He came gently and humbly. He came riding on a donkey, an animal of work. He came to win human hearts for what is good; he was a spiritual savior.

Jesus knew well what would happen to him in Jerusalem. We can read in many places in the Bible that all of this was part of God's plan, and that he knew how it would end. It must have taken immense courage, an iron will, and an all-embracing love to mount that donkey on Palm Sunday and ride into Jerusalem to carry out the task that lay ahead.

At that time in Jerusalem, many years ago, our Lord sat upon a donkey's back and rode into the city to save humankind: to bear our guilt and shame upon his shoulders, to live out God's love for humanity to its furthest consequence. All the way to the point where everything is sacrificed and everything is given for the sake of the beloved. That was then - but it is also now.

Jesus' saving work for us back then reaches forward through time and comes to us today and continues to our children and future generations. He is "the one who was, and who is, and who is to come," as it is written in the Book of Revelation. Now and for all eternity - God.

Therefore, he is also the one who comes to us today as a savior from on high. In the midst of troubled and uncertain times, he is the one who comes toward us. With courage, love, and a will to save, he enters our lives and speaks to us today as he did then. He lifts the children of humanity up, takes us into his embrace, and gives us a share in the kingdom of God's love. He says: Let all the children come to me; I will welcome you into my following, carry you when needed, and bless you abundantly. And we can go out to meet him and answer him, just as the crowd did long ago in Jerusalem:

Hosanna, Son of David. Blessed are you who bring us salvation. Gentle and humble riding on a donkey. We rejoice, we praise you, we place our trust in you. Hosanna in the highest!

Happy Easter!
Pastor Jane

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A Message from the Board

The longer days and warm sun will soon turn into spring. It has been a snowy winter so let's enjoy the new season. Once the snow has melted, there will be room to park on the opposite side of the street again, as it has been difficult these last couple of months.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered at the Casino. The reward will be worth the two-day commitment. We should find out how much we earned in the second quarter. Our monthly donations are down and expenses have increased. The casino money will help us pay many monthly expenses. (Note that the money that we earn from the Casino can only be used for Church expenses but not for food, Pastors salary or manse expenses).

Our annual spring cleaning will be on Saturday, April 25th starting at 9:00 a.m. Please meet in the basement. Prior to the clean up, it would be helpful if kitchen users could decide what we need to keep of candle holders, vases, coffee urns and other kitchen equipment. We need to purge unnecessary items before kitchen renovations begin.

Our Lending Library needs a volunteer or two to swap or remove books. We have a few boxes of donated books that need to be gone through as well. If no one volunteers we will dispose of them by the end of April.

We are hosting a meeting for approximately twenty Lutheran chairpersons from the Edmonton area on April 22nd at 7:00 pm. We meet a couple of times per year to share ideas and learn from each other.

Sincerely
Dorrit Morrow

AADCO - Alberta Danish Federation meeting in Dickson

For the past few years, a representative from Ansgar has attended the Alberta regional meeting of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada. They meet twice per year at the Dickson Museum.

If someone in our congregation would be willing to attend the meeting in April and represent Ansgar, please contact Dorrit Morrow.

A delicious Danish lunch is served followed by the meeting. On the way back home, you could visit the Dickson store museum and the Markerville Dairy, if open.

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Ansgar Group Activities

DANISH WOMEN'S GROUP

Please note that the **Frikadeller Contest and Supper** has been moved to **FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**. The ticket price is \$35.00, and well worth it, but for anyone volunteering a plate of Frikadeller, the entry price will be \$20.00. This is always a fun event. Any recipe you choose is acceptable, just make sure to identify your plate with your name and the main meat, and to include 25 Frikadeller per plate. Who knows who might win the golden Pan for the tastiest Frikadeller this year?!

Please call Jasha Skousbol for tickets at 780-995-1953.

The Women's Group will be planning for next year's events at their remaining meetings this Spring and enjoying a day-out event for group members in mid-May, to conclude the season.

We do need some fresh arms and faces to assist with the few events we prepare for the Church congregation throughout the year. Any woman who wants to join us at regular Tuesday meetings, is certainly welcome.

Our regular meetings are always held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. If you're interested in joining us, come along to a meeting and remember to bring your lunch. For further information, contact Jeanna Baty at 780-474-4254

THE ANSGAR SINGERS

Eija Aalto has kindly offered to lead the Ansgar Singers. There will be an open rehearsal at the Aalto home, 9512-148 Street, on March 7th from 3-5 pm. New and existing singers are all welcome! Please bring your smile, voice and a treat to share.

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a choir member, please contact Eija Aalto at eijaalto@gmail.com

Pastor Jane will be on vacation from February 23rd - March 9th. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please call Dorrit Morrow at 780-722-9372.

HYGGEKLUBBEN

Patience, patience! Spring is coming. Our meeting in March is on the 18th and on April 15th we are honoured to have Susanne Balsløv come to share some of her life experiences with us, so we can look forward to that!

We meet at the church on the third Wednesday of each month at noon. Everyone brings something light to share for lunch. We sing from Højskole Sangbogen, a lot of sharing happens and the main thing on the menu is Hygge. Hope to see you there. Randi Mark.

MORGENKAFFE PÅ DANSK



Looking to brush up on your Danish speaking skills? Join us over coffee and good conversation.

We will meet again in the church basement at 9 am on March 15th and April 19th.

CHAT'N'CRAFT



Enjoy good company over a cup coffee, while working on your current personal craft project - a relaxing way to spend the afternoon.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the parsonage at 1:30 pm on March 11th and April 1st. Bring your knitting or whatever craft you have on the go.

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

We are thrilled with the participation in the revival of the Men's Breakfast Club (Mandeklubben). We will meet at 10 am on March 7th and again on April 4th.

We meet once a month to discuss the state of the world, share some bread and act constructively for the church.

Call Werner at 780-655-3227 for more information.

SINGING CIRCLE

We meet after the service on the third Sunday of the month and sing together. Everyone is welcome to join. Feel free to bring songs you like in English and Danish. March 15th and April 19th, 12:30 - 1:30.

The Holy Week

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday

10:30 am

English Service

APRIL 3

Langfredag

10:30 am

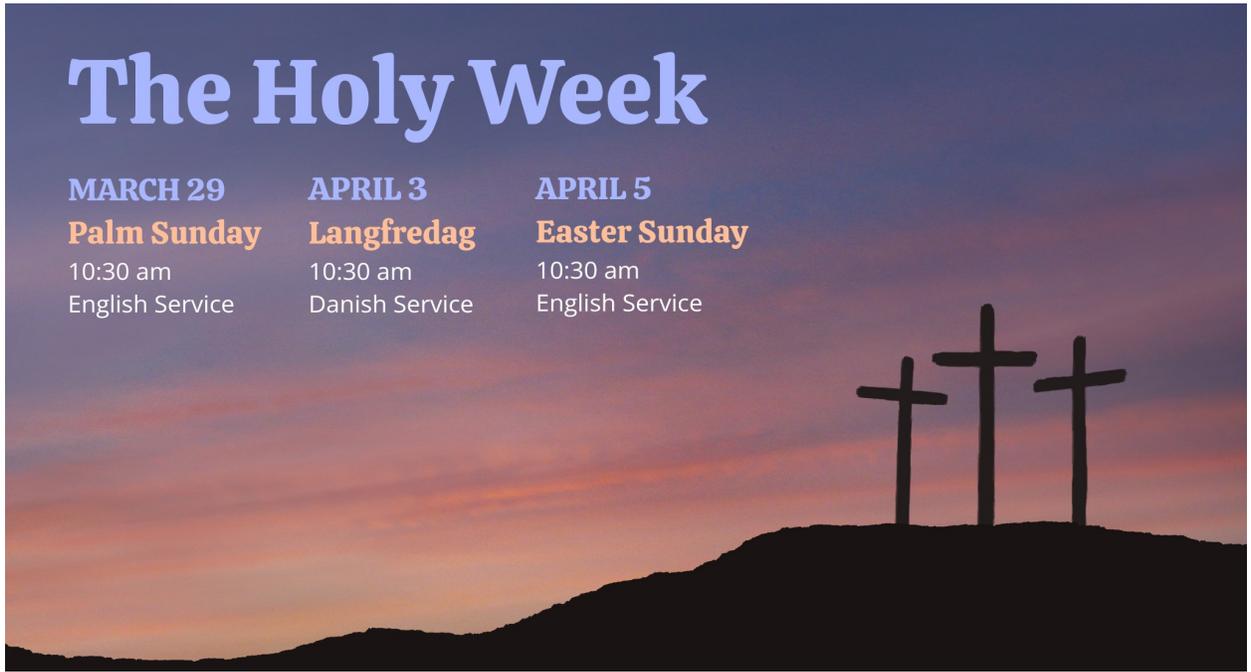
Danish Service

APRIL 5

Easter Sunday

10:30 am

English Service



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1 2. søndag i fasten Markus 9, 14-29 ved Charlotte Berg 10:30 am DANISH	2	3	4 6:30 pm Traveling Lent (see pg 12)	5	6	7 10:00 am Men's Breakfast Club (see pg 4) 3:00-5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at the Aaltos'
8 3rd Sunday in Lent John 8, 42-51 with Tim Pozyluzny 12:30 pm Board Meeting 10:30 am ENGLISH	9	10	11  1:30 pm Chat'n'Craft (see pg 4) 6:30 pm Traveling Lent (see pg 12)	12 11:00 am Operation Friendship (see pg 11) Confirmation Class	13	14
15 Mid Lent John 6, 24-36 with our friends from St. John's 9 am Morgenkaffe på Dansk  12:30-1:30 pm Singing Circle 10:30 am ENGLISH	16	17	18 12 noon Hyggeklubben 6:00 - 9:00 pm Frikadeller and Fairytales (see pg 11) 6:30 pm Traveling Lent	19	20	21
22 The Annunciation Luke 1, 46-55 10:30 am ENGLISH	23	24 10:00 am Danish Women's Group (see pg 4)	25 6:30 pm Traveling Lent at Ansgar (see pg 12)	26 Confirmation Class	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Mark 14, 3-9 10:30 am ENGLISH	30	31			SPECIAL THIS MONTH: March 11 Craft'n'Chat March 18 Hyggeklubben March 18 Frikadeller and Fairy Tales March 25 Travelling Lent	

APRIL 2026

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5 10:30 am ENGLISH EASTER SUNDAY PÅSKEDAG Matthew 28, 1-8 	6	7	8	9 11 am Operation Friendship (see pg 11) Confirmation Class	10	11
12 10:30 am ENGLISH First Sunday after Easter John 21, 15-19 12:30 pm Board Meeting	13	14	15 12 noon Hyggeklubben	16	17 6:00 pm Frikadelle SUPPER & CONTEST (see pg 9)	18
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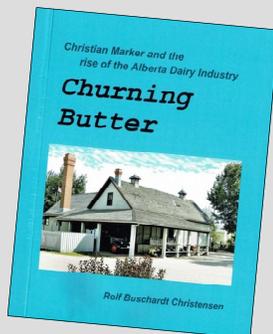
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and now joyfully pass the conductor's baton to Eija Aalto!*

*Thank you all for your encouragement and support
over the years, and let's look forward to this new chapter of
the Ansgar Singers!*

Amelia Kaminski

Frikadeller & Fairy Tales

Winter Evening for Young Adults (Ages 14–25)

Join us for cozy winter gathering with a shared meal, meaningful conversations, and classic storytelling.

Ansgar Church invites you to the last of these special evenings this winter where we explore one of H.C. Andersen's world-famous fairy tales, sing its themes to spark conversations about identity, longing, faith, friendship, love, and what it truly means to be human.

We meet on **March 18th** at 6 pm and eat together. Afterwards, we read a fairy tale and talk about selected themes based on the story. The evening ends at 9 pm. Sign up by the Sunday before.

Come for the food and company. Stay for the stories. Leave with something to think about.

CASINO FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to everyone who gave their time to make our recent Ansgar Casino fundraising event in January a success.

These funds help our little Church immensely.

We hope everyone looks forward to our next Casino in approximately 2 years time.

Thanks
Angela Moroz

New Relief Pastor

Pastor Tim Posyluzny has served as pulpit supply for Ansgar Church for many years. Pastor Tim has now taken a permanent position as part-time pulpit supply for Lord of Life, so he will no longer be able to serve at Ansgar Church.

We would like to thank Pastor Tim for his service here and wish him all the best. Pastor Tim's last service will be on March 8th.

Rev. Laird Borst, who serves as a Chaplain for the Good Samaritan Society, has kindly offered his services as pulpit supply at Ansgar Church.

We welcome Rev. Laird Borst and look forward to working with him.

OPERATION friendship

Ansgar Church has been a longtime supporter of Operation Friendship – a program to assist low-income seniors with meals, toiletries and clothing. Our dedicated volunteers provided and served, once each month at McCauley Seniors' Drop-in Centre, a meal of stew with ice cream & fruit sauce for dessert.

Operation Friendship has undergone a reorganization and no longer operates a Drop-in Program; it now concentrates its efforts on its 5 Seniors' Lodges.

Ansgar Church has been invited to continue our support in a different setting. We will still be providing a lunch of stew and dessert, but we will now be assigned to McCauley Lodge, located very near Ansgar Church. We will serve around 40 lodge residents and be able to visit and interact with them on a more personal level.

We are looking for volunteers willing to spend about 2 hours on the 2nd Thursday of each month to help with this worthwhile cause.

Please call Valerie Sorensen at 780-973-6526 for more information or to join our group.

Travelling Lent

This year Ansgar church will be a part of a "Travelling Lent". Five different churches in Edmonton will host a short Service on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Ansgar Church invites you to a musical devotion on

Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm

The devotion will follow the Gospel from the Danish lectionary for Sunday, March 22, the Feast of the Annunciation. We will reflect on Mary's life in the light of the Gospel and enjoy music by female composers performed by Daniel Aalto on the church's pipe organ and sung by Eija Aalto. Following the devotion, everyone is welcome to gather for cheese and crackers in the church basement.

Midweek Travelling Lent

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