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## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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+Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

*Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.*

(\*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

**Prelude**

*The Palms*

*arr. Jean Baptiste Faure*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Acclamation**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Blessing of the Palms**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## \*Processional Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

#344 (ELW)

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

2. The company of angels  
is praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

3. The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. [Refrain]

4. To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

5. Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. [Refrain]

## Children's Message

Pastor Kevin Olson

## \*Greeting

p. 147 (ELW)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem**

*In the Shadow of the Palms* arr. Lloyd Larson Temple Choir

"Hosanna!" they cry, as they welcome their King, in majesty He rides into town.  
See how the children line the streets; watch how Jerusalem bows down.

But in the shadow of the palms, evil hands lie in wait.  
In the shadow of the palms, darkened hearts are filled with hate.

Blessed is He who comes in the Lord, in glory and splendor He reigns!  
Coats and branches placed in the street; see how the palms are laid!

But in the shadow of the palms, crowds of anger and hatred scheme.  
In the shadow of the palms, pain and death remain unseen.

"Hosanna!" they cry, as they welcome their King, in majesty He rides into town.  
See how the children line the streets, watch how Jerusalem bows down.  
See in the shadow of the palms.

## **\*Gospel Acclamation**

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Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon***In the Shadow of the Palms*

Pastor Kevin Olson

**\*Hymn of the Day***My Song is Love Unknown*

(vs. 1,2,3)

1. My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2. He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own  
would not its Savior know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!

3. Sometimes we strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their king.  
Then, "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Reception of Offering** *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked* arr. Geoffrey O'Hara

## **\*Offertory Response**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

#186 (ELW)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## **\*Offering Prayer**

God our provider, **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **\*Great Thanksgiving**

p. 152

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

p. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## **Words of Institution**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

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### **Lamb of God**

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Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **Communion**

*All who believe that God is present in this meal are invited to share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is available upon request. With their parents permission, all children are also invited to commune. Come forward with your hands cupped to receive. Children not communing are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be brought to those unable to come to the chancel in the front pew and handicap row.*

## Communion Hymns

### *What Wondrous Love Is This*

#666 (ELW)

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

### *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

#335 (ELW)

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me.  
[Refrain]

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. [Refrain]



1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his  
blood.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my  
sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
[Refrain]

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his  
love.  
[Refrain]

**\*Prayer after Communion**

Compassionate God, **you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**     *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

#339 (ELW)

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| <p>1. Christ, the life of all the living,<br/>Christ, the death of death, our foe,<br/>Christ, yourself for me once giving<br/>to the darkest depths of woe:<br/>through your suffer'ing, death, and merit<br/>life eternal I inherit.<br/>Thousand, thousand thanks are due,<br/>dearest Jesus, unto you.</p> <p>2. You have suffered great affliction<br/>and have borne it patiently,<br/>even death by crucifixion,<br/>fully to atone for me;</p> | <p>for you chose to be tormented<br/>that my doom should be prevented.<br/>Thousand, thousand thanks are due,<br/>dearest Jesus, unto you.</p> <p>3. Then, for all that bought our pardon,<br/>for the sorrows deep and sore,<br/>for the anguish in the garden,<br/>I will thank you evermore;<br/>thank you for the groaning, sighing,<br/>for the bleeding and the dying,<br/>for that last triumphant cry,<br/>praise you evermore on high.</p> |
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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Palm Sunday*

arr. David Paxton

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## NEWS & NOTES

### ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Kevin Olson

Acolyte: Sam Pinkoski, Spencer Ruzich

Lector: Mary Hemmersbaugh

Choir Director: Roy Berg

Organist: Nadine Berg

Tellers: Kathy Anderson, Dick Hemmersbaugh

Ushers: Roy & Ada Hobbs, Jim McDonald

Videographer: Dustin Davidson, John Law

Altar Guild: Nancy Davidson & Cindy Gieselman

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Gary Verant celebrates his birthday on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Tom Koskela celebrates his birthday on April 6<sup>th</sup>

Sylvia Penn celebrates her birthday on April 9<sup>th</sup>

Fred & Phyllis Fawkes celebrate their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on April 2<sup>nd</sup>

### RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Arlene Pascuzzi in celebration of Palm Sunday. God bless you, Arlene!

Radio broadcast sponsorships are needed.

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event, please call the office at 218-263-7422.

Weekly broadcasts are \$50 each

**Congregational Care & Life Committee** will meet today in the Fireside Room following worship today

**Fifth Grade First Communion** will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### **Today, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 Worship & Communion  
10:30 CCL Meeting  
10:30 Radio Broadcast  
1240 AM WMFG

### **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 Quilting

### **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 Staff meeting  
6:00 TV Broadcast  
Chanel 805

### **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 TV Broadcast  
Chanel 805  
8:30 Bible Study  
NO Confirmation Class  
7:00 Choir

### **Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 Maundy Thursday  
Service and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade first  
communion

### **Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 Good Friday Service  
7:30 Easter Vigil Begins

### **Holy Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 Easter Vigil Ends

### **Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 Easter Service &  
Communion  
Brunch & Fellowship  
10:45 Easter Service &  
Communion

## **Lenten Services**

This Lenten season, back by popular demand, our Confirmation Youth will once again lead us in Wednesday evening, mid-week Lenten worship through skits in a dramatic retelling of our Lord's Passion leading to the cross.

April 6 (Maundy Thursday)

Scene Six

*Jesus Prays*

Mark 14:32-14

## **Join us for Holy Week**

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm with Holy Communion  
and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion

### **Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Service

### **Easter Vigil**

### **Good Friday & Holy Saturday**

7:30pm, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm, April 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Worship Service  
Easter Brunch & Fellowship  
10:45am Worship Service

## **Easter Vigil**

Our **Easter Vigil** will begin at the close of the Good Friday service, and will continue until 7:00 Holy Saturday. We reserve the Pilgrim's Chapel for the purpose of the vigil, providing a calm, quiet atmosphere. For those that don't feel comfortable being alone in the Pilgrims' Chapel during the night, you may sign up for a time, but "keep vigil" at homes.

When you participate in the vigil, you can pray, read the Bible or devotional materials, or simply contemplate what Jesus did for us that Friday on the cross.

Please consider committing to a 30-minute shift. Sign up chart is located in the in the narthex.

**You're invited to share Easter Brunch, which will be served between our Easter worship services!** There will be pastries, orange juice, coffee, (and jelly beans). Brunch will be served from 9:45 - 10:45. The proceeds of the free-will donations will go into our Campership Fund, to help pay the costs for our youth to go to Camp Vermilion, Camp Hiawatha, or on a BWCA canoe trip this summer.

## **Easter Lily & Mission Action Project**

As is the tradition at Our Savior's, we will be decorating the chancel with lilies for Easter. Lilies are \$20 each and envelopes may be found in the office or narthex.

This year's Lenten Mission Action project is collecting funds for wells and you may contribute to either/or both projects in the same envelope or by noting your wishes on the memo line of your check.

If you wish to place a lily in honor or memory of someone and wish to have it listed in the Easter bulletin, please have your donation to the office by March 29. Thanking you in advance for thinking of others during Lent.

## Hospital Baby Shower 2023

Thank you for your generous contributions to our Annual Baby Shower. Our donations help meet a critical need and the staff at Fairview Range Hospital are very grateful.

Quilts	22	Sleepers	65	Socks	26 pairs
Blankets	53	Outfits	14	Shoes	7 pairs
Afghans	10	Tops	7	Teddy Bears	20
Swaddles	9	Pants	10	Diapers	424
Pillow	1	Hats	40	Burp Cloths	57
Undershirts/Onesies	98	Sweaters	2		



### White Elephant Sale - Leadership Team

We are looking for someone to help lead future planning. Some of our team members are snowbirds so we are looking for someone to be a leader in the early months of the year. Join the team now to see what it is like and the great support network you will have! Contact the Church Office and leave your name, phone, and email address

**White Elephant Sale Volunteers** There are an endless number of items that need to be moved, unpacked, folded, tested, priced and stacked. Make the White Elephant a family event or better yet, a tradition!

- Even the youngest child can carry one toy at a time, even if they get a little distracted and that is the only toy they carry!
- Moms do everything mom's do while keeping an eye on the toddler!
- Older brothers and sisters help sort and set up holiday decorations (as a team or a competition?)
- While dads test one (or all 20!) donated coffee pots!
- Grandma is sitting next to her best (or a brand new) friend, knee deep in clothes to be sorted.

We need your hands to do God's work before and at the Sale!

**Farewell Reception** for Administrative Assistant, Sarah Garness, will be held after service on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.

### Register for Camp Vermilion & Camp Hiawatha this summer

OSLC will pay for your camp experience!

Register online using transfer code: **OSLC501**

Go to: [VLMcamps.org](http://VLMcamps.org)

Register by April 1<sup>st</sup> to get the **"Early Bird"** rate

