



- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -  
March 24, 2024 • Palm Sunday

## INTRODUCTION

*Lent has concluded. Welcome to Holy Week. Today is Palm Sunday and we proclaim, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of The Lord." But soon, the cries of "Hosanna" become cries of "Crucify Him!" Please attend all our worship services this week to experience the fullness of Jesus' passion.*

*Maundy Thursday, 7pm; Good Friday, noon & 7pm; Easter Sunday, 9 & 11:11am.*

**GATHERING SONG** *The Prayer*

Sandra Bohlken, Collin Kasefang

## GATHER OUTSIDE AT THE ANGEL STATUE

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Congregation: Hosanna in the highest.**

*Raise palm branches for blessing.*

P: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,

**All: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Congregation processes to the sanctuary. Cletus and the children lead the way.*

## CHILDREN'S TALK

**PALM SUNDAY SONG** *Hosanna Praise is Rising*

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

**GOSPEL READING Luke 19:29-38** *Pew Bible, page #959*

*Holy Week begins with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey.*

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

**SERMON** *The Guy With the Donkey*

Pastor Bob Stelter

**SERMON SONG** *Graves into Gardens*

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY**

**OFFERING SONG**

**BLESSING OF THE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION SONG**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you  
and keep you in His grace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*Here Is Our King*

**DISMISSAL**

Praise Band: Our mission calls us to love God, love others, serve!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Arrangements on the altar today commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the donkey.*  
**Please enjoy Palm Sunday breakfast with family and friends today in *The Cup*, 10am-11am.**

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**Welcome!** Please sign a **Worship Card** and place it in **offering plate.** As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve.

**Holy Week & Easter**

**PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24**

- + 9am Cletus the donkey at worship
- + 10am pancake breakfast
- + 11:11am Cletus the donkey at worship

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28**

- + 7pm worship & celebration of First Communion

**GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29**

- + Noon brief worship
- + 7pm worship

**EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31**

- + 9am traditional worship
- + 10am Easter egg hunt & childrens' activities
- + 11:11am contemporary worship



**First Wednesday April 3**

Join us for dinner, fellowship, and growing in faith with classes, choirs, and groups. RSVP for dinner with this QR code or at

<https://tinyurl.com/FirstWed040324>


**A new Grief Support Group led by Rev. Wyn Bryant begins Apr 3**



Large arrangements of beautiful spring flowers will adorn our sanctuary on Easter. Suggested donation for memorials and honorariums is \$15. Please note your intention on your contribution or pew envelope.





**Thank you, Cletus!**  
We encourage you to visit & support our friends at Little Ponderosa Zoo in Clinton, who've brought Cletus or Festus for over 20 years! <https://littleponderosazoo.com/>



**SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT**  
**Tues Mar 26, depart from Faith 5pm**  
Current Needs L-XL men's boxer briefs & women's sizes 8-11 briefs  
Contact Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945




**Easter Egg Hunt & Kid's Activites**  
Sunday March 31, 10am meet in *The Cup*  
For families and kids grades 5 and under



**Join us for Spirituality Book Club!**  
Tues Apr 2, 6:30pm  
Mary Bales presents  
*All the Broken Places* by John Boyne

**YOUTH EVENTS**  
**Apr 3** youth group (grd 6-12) at First Wed 6:30-7:30pm



**Sign up for AFFIRM camp!**  
Incredible youth camp June 9-14 for students grade 6 to college. Our Youth Scholarship fund refunds you \$200+ after camp. Use [sesyouth.org/AFFIRM](http://sesyouth.org/AFFIRM) to sign up. Questions? [greg@faithloves.org](mailto:greg@faithloves.org) or Carrie Parrott.

**Mark your calendars!** Vacation Bible School is coming this summer **June 3-6** from 6:30-8pm

**WORSHIP THEMES**


† Mar 24 - Palm Sunday - Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem to begin Holy Week

**DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS**

- † Adult Bible Class Sundays, 10:15am in *The Cup* (Resumes April 7)
- † Confirmation in the Library (Resumes April 7)
- † Teen Sunday School, 10:15am in the Youth Room (Resumes April 7)
- † Children's Sunday School, 10:15am (Resumes April 7)
- † Tuesday Bible Study, 1:30pm in *The Cup*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

- † Everyone is invited to today's Pancake Breakfast between services in *The Cup*
- † Sleep in Heavenly Peace is building beds for Knox-area kids sleeping on the floor without a bed. Faith Lutheran Church is hosting the Bed Build Day on Saturday, Apr 13, 8am-Noon in our parking lot. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/FarragutBedBuild2024SignUp> and <http://tinyurl.com/FarragutBedBuild2024Waiver>.
- † Congregational Council hosts Q&A session Sun, Apr 7 in *The Cup* after each worship service
- † Encourage our college students with a note on the letters in *The Cup* and bring \$10 Starbucks or Wal-Mart gift cards to Greg Bohlken to be mailed Apr 15
- † Columbarium Niches are available for \$1,800 (members) and \$2,500 (non-members). Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.
- † Handbell Rehearsal, Wednesdays 5:30pm
- † Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Wednesdays 6:30pm
- † Praise Band Rehearsal, Thurs 6pm & Sun 10:15am



**Interest meeting for teaching English as a Second Language**  
April 14, 10:15am in the Community Room  
Questions? talk to Mildred Fenske, [gomer2@hotmail.com](mailto:gomer2@hotmail.com)

**Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers**

- Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor
- Greg Bohlken — Ministry Associate
- Lynn Rognsvoog — Organist
- Collin Kasefang — Choir Director

- Sandra Bohlken — Contemporary Worship Leader
- Trace Taylor — Sound Technician
- Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver
- Kim Frasch — Quiet Music Ministry
- Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries

- Mary Boring — Office Manager
- Dan Primka — Communication Specialist
- Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary
- Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Members:** Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Barbara Bird, Mary Blackburn, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Pat & Nick Gary, Green family, Jonas Greenman, Jim Hallahan, Michael Lee, Bonnie Legako, Cori Lehman, Kris Lehman, Lin & Mike McKinley, Patricia Mabry, Joe Morelli, Walter Paquet, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Randy Schaefer, Bobbie Steele, Ann Stelter, Jim Van Deusen, Dave Willis, Maurice and Rebecca.

*This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.*

**Friends:** App family, Lisa Atkinson, Brian Austin, Valborg Berdal, Glenn Bird, Bill Birkholz, Dee Bohn, Sharon Brokenshire, Ginger Cameron, Jeff Carter, Jaigne Chrisman, James Copeland, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Sharon Danek, Deloris Daniels, Errol Dennis, Sr. & family, Judy DiStefano, Brandy & Brian Duke, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Joel Garber, Frank Galbraith, Craig Graf, Grayson family, Matt Green & family, Gutelius family, John Hancock, John Hargrove, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Hwangbo family, Joy Hymer, Dan Johnson, Dave Jones, Rob Keiser, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Clara Landau, Becky Larsen, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Judy McMillan, Pat Miller, Audra Tyler Moore, Mike Morgan, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, Sylvia Smith, Austin Stephens, Frank Tyler, Carla Welch, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Dave Yackle, Christi, Darcy, Jody, Katie, Michael and those we name to you.

**Inspiration:** Holy Week services.

**First Communion Blessings:** Daniel Hwangbo, Sophia Hwangbo, Victoria Hwangbo, Asher Patterson, Brighton Walker, Clifford Walker.

**Joy:** First Wednesday gatherings each month!

### **Comfort in the Midst of Death for the Family & Friends of:**

Lester Varnes, Vader Ernst, Bea Horian, Nat Ellis, Big Jake, Kyle Ollig

**Salvation Army Friends:** Maggie, Sarah, Denisha, Stephanie, Janelle, Genesis, Annette, Jada, Chase, Kensey, Caitlin, J. D., Chase, Brandon, Schott, Snake, Clyde, Randy, J.R., Teddy, Eddie, Jeffery, Shane, Darius, Bill

**Prayers, Concern & Assistance:** The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

**Partnerships:** Bishop Pro-Tem Michael Burk & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

**Peace:** Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Tyler Hitter, Anthony Hu, Chase Linell, HM, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

## Week of March 24 - March 30, 2024

### Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

- 9am Traditional Worship Service - *begins outside*
- 10am Pancake Breakfast *The Cup*  
Confirmation Class helps serve breakfast
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service - *begins outside*

### Monday, March 25

- Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

### Tuesday, March 26

- 1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
- 5pm Salvation Army Shelters Visit
- 6pm MOPS *Nursery*
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Wednesday, March 27

- 4:15pm Office Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday

- 7pm Maundy Thursday Service  
Rite of First Communion
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Friday, March 29 Good Friday

- 9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community
- Noon Good Friday Service (brief service)
- 7pm Good Friday Service (with music)
- 7pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Saturday, March 30

- 11am AL-ANON meeting

### Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

- 9am Traditional Worship Service
- 10am Easter Egg Hunt & Activities *The Cup*
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service



### Giving 3/17/24

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 16,497

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 164,235

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### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 9am Traditional

- Altar Guild: Ann Stewart
- Assisting Minister: Greg Bohlken
- Lector: Randy Schaefer
- Communion Ministers: Mary Bales, Doug Bales  
Carol Schaefer, Randy Schaefer
- Greeter: Mary Beth Hallahan
- Ushers: Jim Hallahan, Gary Mount
- Projection & Lights: James Griswold
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 11:11am Contemporary

- Altar Guild: Vicki Adams
- Communion Ministers: Teensy Weldon, Frank Weldon, Jennifer Berry  
Jamie Daut, Ava Daut
- Greeter: Joanne Sills
- Ushers: Brad Berry, Christian Berry, Matt Daut, Ethan Daut
- Projection & Lights: Hoon Hwangbo
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

### Preparing for Next Week

**Mon:** Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11 • **Tues:** Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:20-36  
**Wed:** Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32 • **Thurs:** Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 116:1-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17  
**Fri:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 2, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42 • **Sat:** Isaiah 55:1-11, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 6:3-11, John 20:1-18  
**Sun:** Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8