

PALM SUNDAY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING 11:00

"Hosanna", "God Loves Me Dearly" and
"Do You Know Who Died for Me?"

OPENING HYMN "Lift High the Cross" (LSB 837)

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8-9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

John 20:19-23

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, as the people in Jerusalem gathered to welcome Your Son, our Lord, when He came into His holy city, so we sing of Your coming among us today with songs of praise. Keep us steadfast in our hope and confession of faith throughout our lives that we may meet Him with grateful hearts when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 50:4–9a* (The servant's obedience)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Trisagion" (arr. James Barnard)
 Faith Choir

The Trisagion (meaning "thrice-holy" in Greek) is an ancient Christian hymn and prayer, often expressed as "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us". It is a central element of Orthodox, Catholic, and Anglican liturgies, used both as a general hymn of praise and in specific memorial services for the dead.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11 (Christ's example of humility)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

LENTEN RESPONSE

Joel 2:13

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
 stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–11 (The triumphal entry)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

21 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into

the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt,^[a] the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (LSB 442)

SERMON "All Stirred Up" (Matthew 21:1-11)
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING *We gather our tithes and gifts of love*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

King of glory, Lord of hosts, lift up the gates of our hearts, and make way for Your blessed Son. Forgive our sins and renew our souls, that we may glorify Him who died to save us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Lord, You have raised up faithful leaders for Your Church, and we appeal to You to continue to provide pastors and church workers.



Prosper the work of those who bring the light of Christ to those living in darkness. Bless those whose acts of mercy extend Your love to the disabled, wounded and forgotten throughout the world, that Your Church may serve You in faithful service and witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we may be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian fathers, that receiving Jesus and trusting in His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Mighty Lord, all the might of man is nothing before You, yet You have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in law enforcement and the armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, Your Son, Jesus, came to deliver His people from all evil. Take away the fear of all who suffer in this world [*especially* _____]. As they await the fullness of their salvation, fix their eyes upon their crucified Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, Your Son humbly rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of “Hosanna!” so that He might give us righteousness and salvation by His death and resurrection. Mercifully grant that we would repent of our sins and rejoice in His presence as He visits us with His body and blood in His Holy Supper this day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, make our ears like the ears of Your Son, Jesus, ever open to hear Your voice and ever eager to do Your will. As His precious Gospel

rings in our ears, enliven our tongues to praise and proclaim His wondrous works for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things; save us, O Lord, faithful God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Both Services

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Lamb of God" (LSB 550)
- "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" (LSB 423)
- "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (LSB 437)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

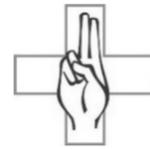
BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “No Tramp of Soldier’s Marching Feet” (LSB 444)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PALM SUNDAY



AS WE GATHER Today we enter the Great and Holy Week of our faith, the very heart and center of God’s greatest act since the Creation itself—the salvation of mankind by the overthrow of sin, death, and the devil, and the restoration of all creation through the power of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. As we join the crowds welcoming

Jesus, the one who comes in the name of the Lord, we plan to get swept up in the drama of the story many know so well.

Peter wrote, “Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:13). On this day “preparing [our] minds for action” makes us contemplate and consider what was in the mind of Jesus as He entered Jerusalem to the cheers of adults and children waving palms and shouting praise. What was our Lord thinking as He gathered His disciples for the Last Supper of Passover? As He prayed in Gethsemane’s garden? When He was arrested, falsely tried, beaten, abused, and sentenced to death by crucifixion? What was in the Savior’s mind as He hung on that cross? For the obvious impossibility of our ability to know the depths of the God who says, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways” (Isaiah 55:8), there is one thing we can know for sure—He had you in mind. We know that “God so loved the world” (John 3:16).

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. Psalm 118:19–20

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Palm Sunday! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Sam Handschke. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Mar. 18, Att. 166; Offering \$2,014.00, **Sun., Mar. 22, Att. 258;** General Fund \$16,233.60; Sunday School \$6.00; Building Fund \$275.00; Building-Prop. Mgt. \$500.00; Love Fund \$105.05; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Easter Flowers \$80.00; J. W. Pepper Refund \$39.23; Mexico Mission Corned Beef Meal \$40.00; PARS Townsend Challenge \$200.00; Mexico Mission \$100.00; Forever Young \$134.00; Broadcasts \$220.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Passover Seder Meal Tomorrow, Monday, March 30, at **6:00 pm** the Elders will host our Seder Meal. Passover is the oldest of the Jewish festivals and is specifically commanded by God to be observed by the Jewish people in Exodus 12. The



festival has its roots in the Exodus, God's act of deliverance of His chosen people Israel from the bondage of the Egyptians.

As we celebrate the Passover Supper, we want to remember that in the East a meal also has a special significance which it does not have for us in the West. In the East, eating together is in itself a pledge of friendship and loyalty, and so in the eating of this meal we are binding ourselves in fellowship by sharing together the common meal in commemoration of the Last Supper which Jesus ate with His disciples. Please be thinking of this meal as an expression of your love and loyalty to Jesus and of the special Christian family we share.

We are limited to 70 participants. The Midweek 5-8 grades are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by a parent. Please sign up so we know how much to prepare. **A sign-up sheet is on a table in the Living Room next to the Narthex.**



GLORY CROSS This year for Easter the Altar Guild requests that each family or member bring a flower or flowers to insert in the wire surrounding the cross. What a beautiful expression of thanks to Jesus for His sacrifice.

Easter Breakfast will be between services on Easter morning. We need egg bakes, a quiche, cinnamon or caramel rolls, muffins, whatever you would like to have for breakfast. We usually get quite a crowd so need lots to feed them. Whatever you can supply will be appreciated!



The LWML would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Steve Ingram for his willingness to share his woodworking skills with us as he has crafted lovely wooden crosses to be used by the congregation for any events in the Fellowship Hall! The crosses are there for funerals, celebrations, parish gatherings or whenever a cross would add a lovely touch to the tables. The crosses are stored in the pantry of the kitchen when not in use. Thank you, Steve, for sharing your talent with the family of Faith!

FOOD DRIVE During the month of March, Faith Lutheran will collect items for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Food Pantry. A handy shopping list can be found on the donation tables in the Narthex. Current highest-need food items include: cooking oil and spray, ketchup, mayo, mustard, pasta (dry) and sugar. Other items currently in high need include cleaning supplies (such as dusting spray, floor cleaner, and tub and tile cleaner), deodorant, dish soap, facial tissue, garbage bags, paper towels, and toilet paper. The Food Pantry is in ongoing need of all types of nonperishable food items, personal hygiene products, and paper products. **FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME.** Make checks payable to PARS (Pierre Area Referral Service); leave in the church office or place in an offering plate. Write Townsend Challenge on the memo line. During March and April, local financial institutions will provide matching funds for donations made to the Ardis Townsend Challenge for the Food Pantry.



Food Donations

Greeters Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.



Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into

homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders or Pastor Sam if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

Mar 29, 2026 8 a.m. (KEVN/FOX) and 10 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “The Twisting Road” A young man and his wife deal with life, future and regrets of things left unspoken.

8:30 a.m. (KEVN/FOX) and 10:30 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “Main Street Living” Rev. Zachary Wessel, pastor at Trinity, Hartford, presents a message titled, “Behold Your King.” The sermon is based on Matthew 21:1-9.

Life Quotes “No place on earth should be a safer refuge for that tiny innocent child than the womb, the place of *racham*, the place of mercy. Abortion invades and destroys that refuge, that mercy, at its very source. Sadly, abortion has become a part of the brutalization of human life, a sad commentary on the cruelty of human nature.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Camp Minneboji is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026**. This year's camp theme is "Lifted Up". The Camp registration fee is \$465 for the week. The Honor's Camp registration is \$495 for the week. **The registration deadline is May 1.** Please download the Camp Booklet for registration materials and details and to find all of the information you will need to have a great summer camp experience.

Please let Pastor Sam or the office know if you are planning to attend Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp as the church will have scholarships to help with finances.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 29 PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Communion

9:45 pm Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

Mon: Mar. 30

6:00 pm Passover Seder Meal

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Mar. 31

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Wed: Apr. 1

5:45 pm *Revelation* -Wulf's home

Thurs: Apr. 2 Maundy Thursday

8:00 am Staff Devotions

11:00 am Maundy Thursday Worship

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Fri: Apr. 3 Good Friday

5:30-6:30 pm Baked Potato Bar Meal

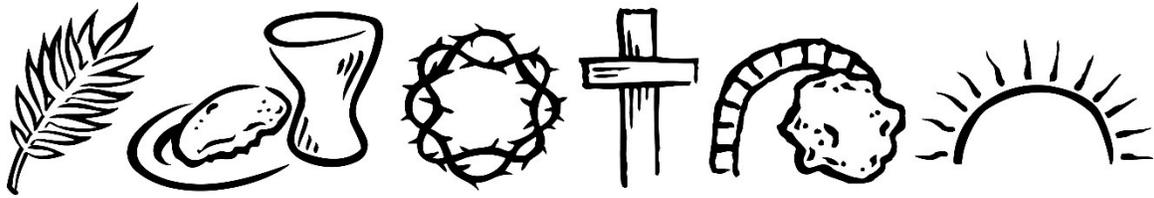
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship

Sun: Apr. 5 EASTER

8:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Easter Breakfast

11:00 am Worship/Communion



Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 30, 2026

Passover Seder Meal 6:00 PM

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday Worship 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

April 3, 2026

Good Friday Baked Potato Meal 5:30-6:30 PM

Good Friday Worship 7:00 PM

April 5, 2026

Easter Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:45 AM