

PALM SUNDAY



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AS WE GATHER- NOW IS THE HOUR WHEN THE SON OF MAN IS GLORIFIED- “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming.” He comes in gentle humility, “sitting on a donkey’s colt,” yet also as the King of Israel “in the name of the Lord” (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service “to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face “from disgrace and spitting” (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that “after his resurrection” we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52-53)

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HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 12:12-19

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA”

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✠ READINGS ✠

OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR"

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SERMON

OFFERING

LENTEN OFFERTORY “ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE” 422

BLESSING THE ALTAR CANDLES AND CANDLELIGHTERS

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, Moses was commanded by the Lord to receive gifts from the people for the beautification and use of the sanctuary. Everyone whose heart stirred and whose spirit was moved brought a contribution to the Lord to be used in the Lord’s house in all its services.

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and these items for use in God’s holy house.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P The Lord be with you.

C and also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory. We implore You to bless these candles and candlelighters. Grant that it may reflect our love for You, benefit in teaching Your Church, and bring joy to those who use it; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Almighty Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these candles and candelabras for the use of worship at Faith Lutheran.

C Amen.

ALTAR CANDLES AND CANDLELIGHTERS

“Indeed, you are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord lightens my darkness.”

2 Samuel 22:29

Christians brought candles into worship to give light in dark rooms. Christians have used candles to help teach the faith. Light is a prominent theme of God found throughout Holy Scripture.

The Altar candles originate from the need to see. God directed Moses to have the people make lampstands for the tabernacle and later in the Temple. Christians in the early church adopted them. Most churches have candelabras that hold seven candles on the altar. Seven are us to remind God’s people of the seven lamps burning before the throne of God from John’s vision of heaven in Revelation 4:5.

The blessing of the Altar Candles and Candlelighters took place on March 29, 2026

††† SOLI DEO GLORIA †††

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COLLECTS/IN OUR PRAYERS

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In Our Prayers:

+ Scott Christenson	+ Darian Litzau
+ Andy Birkholz	+ Merlin Mathews
+ Dan Gueningsman	+ Karen Strei
+ Maya Radtke	+ Hillard Klaustermeier
+ Sonya Clausen	+ Angela Litzau
+ Bonnie Rehmann	+ Call Process for Associate Pastor
+ Danny Barlau	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**Attendance Last Week**

Sunday: 171
Sun School/Youth: 27
Bible Study: 21

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. EASTER GARDENS** - Join the Board of Ed TODAY Palm Sunday (3/29) for a family Sunday School event. We will be making Resurrection gardens during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- 2. EASTER EGG HUNT** - Join us Easter Sunday (4/5) for an Easter Egg hunt between worship services. Meet outside the preschool room at 8:15 am. Children of all ages are invited.
- 3. EASTER BREAKFAST HELP:** Please check the sign-up sheets in the upper narthex to help with the Easter breakfast Sunday, April 5th! ALL CONGREGATIONAL members are encouraged to participate in this joyful fellowship! Help is needed both Saturday and Sunday morning that weekend.
- 4. CARDS-** Easter greeting cards are available for \$1.00 each on the LWML table. Proceeds go to support the Mission projects. Thank you.
- 5. BINGO PRIZE DONATIONS-** The Board of Education is seeking donations for our end of year Sunday School party. Prize donations are requested for a variety of age ranges. Donations may be dropped off in the bin in the north education wing.
- 6. MISSION TRIP-** The Mission Trip to Camp Lutherhaven in July has been changed to Camp Omega June 7th - 12th, this trip is open to youth in grades 8-12th! We will complete some servant work for the camp and have some fun around camp. On Sunday, March 29th we will have a meeting between services for parents and youth.

7. NEW FREEDOM STORE COLLECTION: LWML will be collecting cash for VISA gift cards to support the Homeless Ministry at the Pigs Eye Encampment in St. Paul. This is a mission sponsored by the LWML MN. South District as part of the district convention held June 18-20th. A collection box is in the lower narthex. Deadline is May 15th. Thank you for your support.

8. VOTERS MEETING-Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Quarterly Voters Meeting. Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 9:15 AM.

9. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY ditch clean-up will take place on Sunday, May 17th. Please watch for more information.

10. SCHEDULE- April 5: Ushers: 1st Service-Kent Landin, Steven Dietel, Larry Roth 2nd Service: Gregg Machemehl, Chris Schultz, Neil Hecksel, Nick Rasset; Acolytes: 1st Service- J. Barlau, B. Mike; 2nd Service: B. Thompson, E. Garfunkel; Greeters- 1st Service: Christine Feltmann; 2nd Service: Ron & Shelly Trettin
Flowers: Lois Raduenz; Altar Guild: Tracy Jackson, LaJean Hoof, Terri Novotny; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

11. MCLEOD FOOD SHELF MARCH CAMPAIGN is happening now! This is a wonderful time to support the food shelf, as every donation made between now and April 6 will be matched through the GMCC Grant—doubling the impact of your gift for neighbors in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Making a donation is easy. You can give online at <https://mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/donate>, mail a check to 719 13th Street East, Glencoe, MN 55336, or stop by one of the food shelf locations in Hutchinson or Glencoe to see your support in action. Financial gifts help provide additional food purchases and support program expenses, allowing the food shelf to serve more families in need. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Calendar of Events

Sun. March 29	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
Mon. March 30		Release Time Classes
Tues. March 31	7:30 p.m.	Dartball Away vs. New Germany
Wed. April 1	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin Release Time Confirmation Class
Thur. April 2	7:00 p.m.	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION
Fri. April 3	7:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Church Offices Closed
Sat. April 4	7:45 p.m.	EASTER VIGIL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN, PLATO
Sun. April 5	6:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE WITH COMMUNION Easter Breakfast (until 8:45 a.m.) Easter Egg Hunt FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION SERVICE WITH COMMUNION



4/2 Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. “For Many Means For You”

4/3 Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. “His Dying Breath”

4/4 Easter Vigil, 7:45 p.m. “For Us He Rose” (at St. John, Plato)

4/5 Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service “For Us He Lives”

7:30-8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast

8:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

9:00 a.m. Feast of the Resurrection Service

(PLEASE NOTE TIME!)