

# Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church

PALM SUNDAY

April 5, 2020

*Worship Service*

Print = Pastor or Worship Leader

**Bold** = Congregation

♪ = Sing



The procession with palms brings us into Holy Week and the celebration of the mystery of our salvation. We enter the week by hearing the story of Jesus' passion – his suffering and death. Our service begins with the order of Hosanna Praise.

GATHERING

LIGHT CANDLE



## **GREETING**

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

## **HOSANNA PRAISE**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Hosanna in the highest!

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Rejoice greatly, O People of Zion!

**Shout, children of Israel!**

See, our king comes to us, righteous and having salvation.

**See, our king comes to us, gentle and riding on a donkey.**

We welcome our king with palm branches.

**We welcome our king with shouts of joy.**

Now is our Lord Jesus Christ glorified.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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

**Hosanna to the King of kings.**

Hosanna to the highest!

**Hosanna to the highest!**

Hosanna!

**Hosanna!**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11 NT #23

### Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 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>[a]</sup>" <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<sup>[b]</sup> 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."

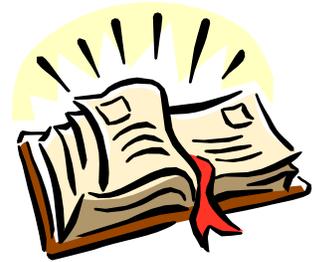
## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together the prayer of the day:

**Sovereign God, you establish your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



# WORD



The psalm for today is **Psalm 31:9-16** will you please read it responsively with me.  
*Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.

**<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love."**

The First Lesson is from Isaiah in the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** OT Page #755

*The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

4The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

5The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

6I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

7The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like 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 are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
9It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of **Philippians**.

**Philippians 2:5-11** NT Page #210

*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.*

5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
7but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
8he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

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

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## LENTEN VERSE

**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, the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 26:20-35** NT Page #30

20 When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve;<sup>[a]</sup> 21 and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” 22 And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” 23 He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” 25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

### ***The Institution of the Lord’s Supper***

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the<sup>[b]</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

30 When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### ***Peter’s Denial Foretold***

31 Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

32 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” 33 Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” 34 Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” 35 Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

**Matthew 27:15-26** NT# 32

### ***Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified***

15 Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. 16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> Barabbas. 17 So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”<sup>[c]</sup> 18 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. 19 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.” 20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. 21 The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” 22 Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”<sup>[d]</sup> All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” 23 Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

24 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;[e] see to it yourselves." 25 Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" 26 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.**

## MESSAGE

## OFFERING

*We also encourage those who are able to continue to make their faithful, generous offerings to FAITH. We know that some will be unable to do this, especially if they lose their jobs or work hourly in an industry that has been hard-hit by this situation. If you are able those offerings can be mailed to the church.*

## PRAYER

*Then enter into a time of prayer, sharing in prayer requests that you have received and praying for those specifically.*

## CLOSING

### 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.**

### PEACE BLESSING

Live in peace. Stay well.

**Thanks be to God**

## BLOW OUT THE CANDLE





