# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

# *Sharing God’s Word; Showing God’s Love; Serving God’s World.*

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Sovereign God, you have established 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.**

**Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11** *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

1When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples 2and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” 4They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” 11Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Processional with Sunday School students*

**Hymn “All Glory Laud and Honor” #344**

**Special Music by Sunday School and Children’s Sermon**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

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. 9aIt is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

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.L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** ~ Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” #818**

**Apostles Creed**

**Passing of the Peace** *(We are conscious of the flu and cold season. You may shake hands, but feel free to offer*

 *your elbow for social distancing. There is sanitizer available in each pew. )*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to

 Christ’s suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with

 resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, farmers,

 scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds,

 and native plants. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Establish peace and justice among the nations. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will

 serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite

 families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that

 they may know your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for our Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our pastor, and for all

 the people of Faith Lutheran Church. We pray for this community of believers, inspire us with your Holy

 Spirit and lead us in your pathways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Lydia

 Kuenstler, Ryan Valleskey, Kolten Schisel, Dennis Hougen, Bailey Goehring, Colt Zutz, Robert Argall,

 Trevor Pinkerton, Deb Schreiner and Carter Schwoerer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Brian Thomsen, Bev Hildebrandt, Marge

 Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry

 Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Mike Heinzen (nephew of Steve Ahrens), Jameson Hetland, Jim Loritz, Merle

 Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We remember all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill,

 Dylan Conrad, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. Be their constant companion and bring them safely

 home to us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P:We name now before you, Lord, those in need of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to

 know and firmly believe that you are with them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your

 compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1 #595**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all

 people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.

 We pray this in your name.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

P: Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with

 mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “The Old Rugged Cross”**

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
 and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

**Refrain**
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

2 Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
 for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
 then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

P: Go in the Spirit of Christ to love and serve the Lord!

**C: Sharing God’s Word, Showing God’s Love, and Serving God’s World!**

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**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Arianna Herrick Acolyte: Liam Cline

Ushers: Marcus Galien and Ethan Ulness Lector: Sheryle Lyman

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Kolten Schisel

Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Serving Us Next Week @ 7:00 A.M.**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Erin Lenzner and Mark Zutz Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Ron Jandrey Lector & Communion: Jenniffer Zutz

Sound Operator: Carter Lenzner Projection: Luke Evenson

**Serving Us Next Week @ 9:00 A.M.**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Julie Hartman and Ava Ulness Acolyte: Cambria Behnke

Ushers: Brian Ulness, Loren Ulness, Dean Behnke Lector & Communion: Joyce Sorenson

Sound Operator: Mitchell Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

Projection: Makenna Kaderabek

**Last Week** – Sunday: 89 Wednesday: 55 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,058.00

**Flowers** are placed in the altar area in loving memory of Delores Johnson by her family. Delores passed away one year ago today.

**Faith’s Opportunities March 24-April 1**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Inspiration Choir

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 3:00 and 6:00 P.M. Bible Study

**Wednesday** 9:00 A.M. Jazzercise

 **NO** Worship

**Thursday** 6:15 P.M. Maundy Thursday Worship

**Friday** Office open until noon

 6:15 P.M. Good Friday Worship

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Breakfast setup

**Sunday** 7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service

 8:00 A.M. Breakfast in fellowship hall

 9:00 A.M. Easter Celebration Service

**Monday** Office Closed

**Help Needed!** Faith’s annual Easter breakfast will be held on March 31st, immediately after the Sunrise Service at approximately 8:00am.  The Board of Youth and Family ask that any confirmation age youth please attend set up for the event on Saturday, March 30th at 9:00am to prepare the food and to get tables/chairs set up.  We will also need help serving food/drinks and assistance with clean up on Sunday morning.  Please be at church at 7:45am.  Any time spent helping can be applied to your Faith in Action hours required for confirmation.  Many hands make light work, so we hope to see you there!

**Synod Assembly representatives are needed for Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18.**  Friday the assembly meets from 11:00 am-7:30pm and Saturday from 9:00am-3:30pm. It is being held at the Oshkosh Waterfront Conference Center. Expenses will be paid for by the church. If interested in attending, please see Pastor Dan. If you can only attend the assembly one day, that is fine.

It is again rummage sale season.  When out & about, could you be on the look-out for: receiving blankets, baby gowns (hole on the bottom, no feet) and t-shirts (9mo-2T) - NO ONSIES please. I will also need flat fold cloth diapers and diaper pins. All items must be without stains. Thank you for your continued support. – Terry Haupt