# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11** *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

1When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying 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. 3If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” 4This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 5“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.” 6The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9The 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!” 10When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**Special Music** **“Give Me Oil in My Lamp”** Sunday school children

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.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

**Scripture Readings**

**Second Gospel Reading:** Matthew 27:11-23 11Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” 12But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. 13Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” 14But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. 15Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. 16At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. 17So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” 18For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. 19While 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.” 20Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. 21The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” 22Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” 23Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!” L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Reading:** Philippians 2:5 – 11

L: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

**C: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own**

 **advantage; but rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in**

 **human likeness.**

L: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient unto death —even

 death on a cross!

**C: Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,**

L: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**C: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Third Gospel Reading:** Matthew 27:24-32

24So 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; see to it yourselves.” 25Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” 26So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. 27Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. 28They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 30They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. 32As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Song “Jesus, Remember Me” (sing twice) #616**

**Fourth Gospel Reading:** Matthew 27:33-54

 33And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 34they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. 35And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; 36then they sat down there and kept watch over him. 37Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” 38Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads 40and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” 41In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 42“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. 43He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ” 44The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. 45From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 46And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” 47When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” 48At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. 49But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” 50Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. 51At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. 54Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

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

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Offering** *(Noisy Offering for Faith’s Pantry will also be collected at this time)*

**Offertory Response “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 #686**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your

 gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the

 wellspring of eternal life. C: **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord.

 With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your

 extravagant love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of

 farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved

 pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their

 religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places

 where conflict runs deep. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and

 stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Merciful

 God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons,

 technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany

 congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Jean Madson, Caynen Klessig, Shane Rusch,

 John Schiesl, Ethan Fahley, Dennis Karstaedt, Jayden Khail, Aislinn Galien, Carol A. Zutz, Paul Schmidt, Tyler

 Wetenkamp, Keith Schultz, Colt Christianson. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: the family of Delores Johnson. Funeral and visitation will be

 Tuesday, April 4, from 9:30-11:00 with an 11:00 am funeral and for the family of Jim Hansen whose funeral will

 be here Tuesday, April 11. Visitation is from 9:30-11:00 with an 11:00 a.m. funeral. James and Qwynn Jandrey,

 Cheryl Domrath, Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny,

 Donald Tienor, Ginger Linsmeier, Neil Meissner, Eliza Dekker, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen

 Huske. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P:Confident that you not only hear our prayers, but listen to them, you not only listen, but care. You not only

 care, but act with Almighty Love. Confident in your Almighty Love, we name now before you those in need

 of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know that our prayers are with them and you are

 with them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**Holy Communion**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**Distribution Hymns** **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”** #759 **“Have Mercy”** Page 203 (in front of hymnal)

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your

 promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing**

P: God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this

 Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song “The Old Rugged Cross”**

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 someday for a crown.

O 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.**

In the 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.**

To the 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.**  © Public Domain

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: Delton Duchow

Greeters: Addison Spindler Acolyte: Gage Spindler

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Communion Aide & Lector: Cheryl Duchow

Sound Operator & Projection: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 112 Wednesday: 63 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,293.25

**Faith’s Opportunities April 2-9**

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

 10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

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

 6:00 P.M. Board of Lay Ministry

**Tuesday** 6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism

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

 **NO Worship**

 7:00 P.M. Boards of Christian Education and Youth

**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. 2nd Saturday Bible Study

 10:00 A.M. Easter breakfast setup

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

 8:00 A.M. Breakfast in fellowship hall

 9:00 A.M. Worship

**Hey Kids...come join us for your very own night out!  When: Friday April 21st from 5-8pm.**  We will be doing an owl canvas painting with a local artist Lori Christel.  Pizza will be included—followed by games and lots of fun with friends!  Forms and details are available on the table outside of the Youth Coordinator’s office.  **Permission form and fee must be turned into the office or Sunday School teacher(s) by Sunday April 9th.** Cost is $15.00/child.