



# Palm Sunday

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

309 Fourth Street Northeast  
Valley City, North Dakota

*Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai*

*Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith*

**Palm Sunday**

**April 2, 2023**

**9:30am worship service**

# WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME!

It is good to encounter Christ together. At Faith Lutheran we rise up to:

**Worship Christ, Welcome All, and Serve Others** because of Jesus.

A special welcome to visitors and guests! May God bless our time together as we celebrate Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the Word of God, and the community we share. Please fill out a welcome card if you have changes: address, phone number, prayer request. Break off the bottom half to place in the offering plate; keep the top as a bookmark and a reminder of worship times.

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\*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal)  
Prelude

## \*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 21:1-11** (PB pg. 23 - New Testament)

The Gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## \*BLESSING OF THE PALMS

\*(Please stand) PROCESSION OF PALMS      **Preschool-6th Grade Children**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN    **"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"** vs 1,2,3      ELW 344

♪♪ CHILDREN SING ♪♪

**"Hosanna Rock"**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** (PB pg. 755 - Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 31:9-16** (please read responsively)

**Philippians 2:5-11** (PB pg. 210 - New Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation                      **“Father, I Adore You”**                      see screen

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 27th chapter.

## Glory to you, O Lord

**Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26** (PB pg. 32 - New Testament)

The Gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY      “Prepare the Royal Highway”      ELW 264**

\*APOSTLES' CREED ELW pg. 127

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY      **“Rejoice, for Christ Is King!”** vs 1      ELW 430

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pg. 129

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(speaking) Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION ELW pg. 130

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg. 134

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - We welcome all the baptized to the meal celebrating the new life we have in Christ Jesus. Come forward as the ushers direct. Please take a cup for communion from the center boxes as you come forward. Start at the middle and fill to the sides. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children will receive a grape and a blessing. Place your empty cups in the boxes. If you wish to refrain from communion, God knows your heart.

Communion Hymns:	<b>“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”</b>	ELW 338
	<b>“How Great Thou Art”</b>	ELW 856
	<b>“O God in Heaven”</b>	ELW 748
	<b>“You Are My All in All” (chorus)</b>	see screen

**\*BLESSING**

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

<b>*SENDING HYMN</b>	<b>“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”</b> vs 3,4	ELW 344
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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Okay we will!**

**POSTLUDE**

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeter:** *Morgan Larson*  
**Ushers:** *Tim & Nancy Ost*  
**Lector:** *Elaine Walls*  
**Acolyte:** *Madison Mikkelsen*  
**Kitchen:** *Carol Smith, Tim & Nancy Ost, Elise Miller*  
**Keyboard:** *Amy Johnson*  
**Vocals:** *Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 3/26 121 72+ online views  
3/29 (Lent) 67 36+online views

Offering: 3/5 \$4,817.00  
3/12 \$3,075.00  
3/19 \$9,587.00  
3/26 \$4,726.00

Mission Plan monthly  
\$21,265.25

### The Week Ahead: April 3-9, 2023

#### Monday, April 3

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, April 4

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meeting

#### Wednesday, April 5

No Kids Club

1:00pm - Quilters

#### Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday

1st Communion Received

5:30-6:15pm - Lenten Meal

6:30pm - Worship Service  
w/Holy Communion

#### Friday, April 7

Office Closed at Noon

12:00pm - Community Good

Friday Service at Our Savior's  
7:30pm - Good Friday Service  
at Faith

#### Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

No Sunday School

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Mission Trip Youth  
Fundraiser

10:45am - Easter Egg Hunt

### Holy Week Schedule:

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**April 5: No meal or worship**

**April 6: Maundy Thursday**—Meal served  
(free will offering) by WELCA, **5:30-6:15pm;**  
Worship Service at **6:30pm. 1st Communion received.**

**April 7: Good Friday**—Worship Service at **7:30pm** here at  
Faith—enter and depart in silence.  
Community Good Friday Service at **12pm**  
at Our Savior's.

**April 9: Easter Sunday—**

**9:30am**—Worship w/Holy Communion

**10:30am**—Youth Mission Group fundraiser—serving  
Egg bake/muffins/coffee/juice—freewill offering

**10:45am**—Easter Egg Hunt for PreK-6th Grade

### Announcements

Stop in the fellowship hall for a cup of coffee or  
juice and a treat served at 10:30am following  
worship. It is good to enjoy each other's company  
and conversation.



**French Toast Brunch Fundraiser—Sunday, April 16**

the Men's Group will be serving French toast, sausage,  
applesauce, coffee/juice from 9:30am-12:30pm. This will be  
a freewill offering. WELCA will also have a **Bake Sale** during  
that time. We welcome anything from baked goods to canning  
goods for this. Please mark your items in advance. **All proceed**  
**will go to Faith Lutheran's General Fund.**



The office will be closed at **noon on Good**  
**Friday, April 7** and all day on **Monday, April**  
**10** in observance of Easter.



WELCA will be collecting items for **Personal Health Kits** for Lutheran World Relief through Lent. There is a great need for them.

**Items for the health kits are:**

- 1 - **light weight bath towel** (between 20"x40" and 52"x27")
  - 1 - **adult size toothbrush** in it's original packaging
  - 1 - **metal fingernail clipper**, remove packaging
  - 1 - **sturdy comb**, remove packaging
  - 2 or 3 **bath-size bars of soap**, equal 8 or 9 oz in original wrapping
- A container is in the gathering area for these items.



**Sunday, April 19, is Holy Humor Sunday!**

We will celebrate the joy we have in the risen Lord! Wear a silly hat or brightly colored shirt or both. We will tell some jokes and sing Christmas tunes with Easter words.

We are happy that your children enjoy playing in the nursery. If you would check the nursery when your children are through playing to see if the toys are put away, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

**Bea Faust will be 90 on April 5th!** In lieu of a big party, the family would like to invite you to send her a card or call at 701-760-5470. Dan and Bea have moved to be closer to 3 of their children. This is their new address: Bea Faust, Apt 132 The Glenn, 5300 Woodhill Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55345.



**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**SMP Health - St. Raphael:**—Clara Bredeson; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Laurette Zachrison.

**General Prayer List:**—Dan & Bea Faust; Paul Vangerud; Sandy Mulvaney; Tara Thumb; Doug Altringer; Sue Olson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Lori Hill (Tami Kratz's sister); Rory Mulvaney; Arleen Retzlaff; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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[www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org), we do have cards that say you may place in the offering plates that say you give electronically.

The cards are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

