



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Larimore, ND
March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

(This symbol * indicates where to stand)

GATHERING

***LEADER:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!!

ASSEMBLY: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!!

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned from you and given myself into the power of sin. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive me of my sins, known and unknown, things I have done and things I have failed to do. Turn me again to you, and uphold me by your Spirit, so that I may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"All Glory Laud and Honor" ELW 344 vs.1,3-5

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / NOISY OFFERING

WORD

1st Reading: *Isaiah 50:1-9*

1 Thus says the Lord: Where is your mother's bill of divorce with which I put her away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? No, because of your sins you were sold, and for your transgressions your mother was put away. **2** Why was no one there when I came? Why did no one answer when I called? Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem? Or have I

no power to deliver? By my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a desert; their fish stink for lack of water, and die of thirst. **3** I clothe the heavens with blackness, and make sackcloth their covering. **4** The 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. **5** The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. **6** I 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. **7** The 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; **8** he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. **9** It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

Psalm 31:1-18 (read responsively)

1 In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. **2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.** **3** You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, **4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.** **5** Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. **6 You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.** **7** I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities, **8 and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.** **9** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. **10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.** **11** I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. **12 I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.** **13** For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. **14 But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."** **15** My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. **16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.** **17** Do not let me be put to shame, O Lord, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol. **18 Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, **7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in

human likeness. And being found in human form, **8** he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“God’s Word is Our Great Heritage” ELW 509

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

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11**

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

1- Ride on, Ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, your road pursue, with palms and scattered garments strewed.

2- Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your triumphs now begin o’er captive death and conquered sin.

3- Ride on, ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky look down with sad and wond’ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

4- Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow’r and reign!

***APOSTLE’S CREED** ELW pg. 217

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

OFFERING

***OFFERING** “*Create in Me a Clean Heart*” ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Sing: We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

***THE 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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN**

***“I Love to Tell the Story”* ELW 661**

***DISMISSAL**

**P: Go in peace to love and serve our Lord!
A: HOSANNA! Thanks be to God!**

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

CALENDAR

Today, 3/17/2024—Palm Sunday!

9:30am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 3/27/2024

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

Thursday, 3/28/2024

9:30am—NEEDLES UP!! (Quilting)

7:00pm—Maundy-Thursday Service

Friday, 3/29/2024

8:00pm—Good Friday Service

Next Sunday, 3/24/2024—EASTER SUNDAY!

9:00am—No Sunday School

10:00am—Worship w/High Festival Offering & Communion

11:00am—Fellowship

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: Mar. – Apr.:** FURNACE FUND
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Mission Action Month: March:** See sheet in the Narthex (on coffee table), or your March Inviter for the specific “weekly action”
- **Easter Lilies and Flowers:** For more information, refer to the small sheets on the coffee table in the Narthex, or your March Inviter.
- **Special Sundays in March:** **Maundy-Thursday Service:** March 28th @ 7pm; **Good Friday Service:** March 29th @ 8pm; **Easter Sunday Service:** March 31st @ 10am
- **Youth Breakfast & Silent Auction:** 11:00am – 1:00pm; April 7, 2024 (Holy Humor Sunday)

PRAYER LIST

To add/remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church:
oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Sarah Anderson Michael & Evynn Schlender (nephew of Ann Ferdon)
Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior
and Lord Mark Sletten Robbie Leake OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee
Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Dave Voight, Gordy Peterson* (non-voting members: *Luke Reinhold, Sadie
Aamodt*)

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv Jemtrud
Arlene Lilja Gloria Temple

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

“**Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to
WORSHIP, **inspired** to teach, **we are our Savior's!**”



Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Ethan & Garrett

Reader: Confirmation Students

Prayer:

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: Nelsons & Belyeas

Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer to participate in Sunday Worship services.

We need ushers, readers, and prayer readers. (worship leaders encouraged as well)

If you don't feel comfortable reading from the front, you are more than welcome to read from the microphone (on the organ) in the back of the church. All or welcome and encouraged!

Serving Next Sunday (3/31/24)

***Ushers:* Volunteer(s) Encouraged**

***Reader:* Analee Williams**

***Prayer:* Volunteer Encouraged**

***Communion:* T. Welder & Ra. Stover**

***Fellowship:* N/A**

SERVING IN MARCH

Reminder: **If you are unable to serve on the schedule listed, please refer to the monthly inviter for a list of people to contact.*

USHERS & READERS: Refer to the “clipboard of fun” in church

1st Sunday-Mar. 3

COMMUNION: ~~Kristi Williamson & Diann Rudolf~~

FELLOWSHIP: ~~D. Rudolf & K. Williamson~~

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 6

2nd Sunday-Mar. 10

FELLOWSHIP: ~~Reinholds (coffee only)~~

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 13

3rd Sunday-Mar. 17

FELLOWSHIP: ~~Nelsons & Belyeas~~

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 20

H O L Y W E E K

4th Sunday-Mar. 24—PALM SUNDAY

USHERS & READERS: Refer to the “clipboard of fun” in church

FELLOWSHIP: Stovers & Knudsons

Maundy-Thursday-March 28

Service @ 7:00pm

Good Friday-March 29

Service @ 8:00pm

5th Sunday-Mar. 31—EASTER SUNDAY

FELLOWSHIP: N/A

APRIL

1st Sunday-Apr. 7—Holy Humor Sunday

Youth Breakfast and Silent Auction 11am – 1pm

(Wear silly clothes to church)