



# PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

**March 24, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

4515 Dobie Road  
Okemos, MI 48864  
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To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .  
. . . we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer, study and fellowship  
. . . we **Equip** the people of God with a faith that works in real life  
. . . we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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[The congregation gathers in the Narthex.]

**“Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths.” Psalm 25:4**

### **ACCLAMATION**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup>Then 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,

- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>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—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

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

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16**

R Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.

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<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

**R Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

**R Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>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.**

## **THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MARK**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Narrator – Rich Weingartner

Jesus – Raymond Herek

Peter – Matt Schnizlein

Judas – Andrew Herek

High Priest – Nick Hirschenberger

Servant Girl – Makayla Marquardt

Pilate – Ray Herek

Bystander – Tammy Heilman

Centurian – Warren Heilman

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# HYMN OF THE DAY – My Song is Love Unknown (ELW 343)



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its  
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that  
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my  
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is  
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!  
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.  
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home  
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—  
 no story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!

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LOVE UNKNOWN  
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Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**



# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## PRAYER SONG – Open Our Eyes (W&P 113)

D G<sup>2</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup>/A A<sup>7</sup>  
O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

G/D D A/C# Bm D/A GM<sup>9</sup>  
Je - sus, to reach out and touch

Em A<sup>7</sup> G/D D<sup>2</sup> D  
him, and say that we love him.

DM<sup>7</sup> A/G G Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>  
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

G/D D A Bm<sup>7</sup> D/A GM<sup>9</sup>  
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D  
Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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## PRAYERS

**Sing PRAYER SONG again (repeat above)**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

“Hosanna, Hosanna!”

Joseph Martin / J. Paul Williams

*Chancel Choir*

*[Please stand if you are able.]*

## OFFERING PRAYER

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

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - (ELW 190)



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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin[g]-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin[g]-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG: LAMB OF GOD (Your Only Son) – (ELW 336)

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should - have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

arr. Max Reger

*[Please stand if you are able.]*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG - Three Holy Days Enfold Us (ACS 930)



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share God's grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

arr. Wilbur Held

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## FAITH VOLUNTEERS

Reader: John McCracken  
Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner  
Ushers: Brenda Kopf  
Acolyte: Makayla Marquart

Greeter(s): Mike Eschelbach  
Altar Care: Jamie Royalty  
Coffee Hour: Kathy Richardson

## WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

<u>March 10, 2024</u>		<u>March 17, 2024</u>	
Loose Cash	\$ 60.00	Loose Cash	\$ 11.00
General Fund	\$ 1,345.00	General Fund	\$ 880.00
Memorial-Walter Kopf	\$ 100.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 258.00	<b>Subtotal</b>	\$ 911.00
Quilters	\$ 506.00	<u>Vanco</u>	
Music Fund	\$ 1,500.00	General Operating	\$ 1,787.72
Building Rental	\$ 175.00	Building	\$ 25.00
Parish House MRH Reim	\$ 1,104.74	Caring Committee	\$ 25.81
Easter Flowers	\$ 100.00	Youth EFT	\$ 25.25
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$ 5,148.74	Pantry Fund	\$ 25.81
<u>Vanco</u>		<b>Subtotal</b>	\$ 1,889.59
General Operating	\$ 1,464.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 2,800.59
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$ 1,464.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 6,612.74		

## FLC SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 24:

- 10:00 am – Worship Service: **PALM / PASSION SUNDAY**
  - loose change/dollars offering for the Parish House

### Monday, March 25:

- Girl Scouts Meeting @ 6:15 pm – Old Fellowship Hall
- Boy Scouts Meeting @ 7:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, March 26:

- Bible Study @ 12:00 pm – Zoom Call

### Wednesday, March 27:

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 pm

### Thursday, March 28:

- Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 pm

### Friday, March 29:

- Good Friday Service @ 7:00 pm

### Sunday, March 31:

- 8:45 am – Easter Brunch
- 10:00 am – Worship Service: **EASTER**

There will be no coffee hour following the worship service.

## Welcome New Council Members

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new Council members. Brenda Kopf has graciously agreed to step into the role of Council Member-at-Large, and Kathy Mace has assumed the position of Vice President. Please congratulate these two members on their continued dedication to Faith Lutheran Church.

### Property Committee News

Our annual yard Spring Cleanup will be on Sunday, May 5th after the morning service. We will do the usual trimming, weed pulling, clean the stairwells, etc. The rain date will be May 19th. Please put it on your calendar and help us if you can.

Thank you,  
Property Committee

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