



We pray all service persons women, homeless and unemployed, shut-ins, our college students, military families & those serving in the military. We pray for our friends, families & loved ones:

Aaron, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Bailey, Barb, Barry & Shelby, Beverly, Bonnie, Boyd, Brayton, Brett, Carter Gronau, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Connie P., Courtney, Dawn, Debi, Denise, Dick, Don, Doris, Dustin, Ellis McGuire, Eloise, Gary, Gavin, Gene, George, Harriet, Heather, Heidi, Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jerry, Jim H., Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kennadi, Kenny, Kevin, Kian, Kim, Kris, Larry, Linda M., Lyla, Lyla Williams, Marion, Matt, Melissa, My Family, Nancy, Patti, Peggy, Rich, Roger, Sharon, Shelby, Steve, Tammi, Ted, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, Trisha, Todd, Twanna, Vicki, Zach, Zak, and Zoey.



Thanks so much for your generosity! Your donations will be taken to Caritas. Our food drive ends today.  
~ Thank you ~ Karen Murr and Patti Dunaway



**Annual Easter Sunday Pancake & Ham Breakfast\***

8-9:15 am in our Fellowship Room

*\*Please bring in your donations this week*

***Mon. -Fri. from 9am-Noon or Sat. from 10-12!***

*Thanks to all who donated items & to our cooks.*

**Saturday, March 24 - 10am: Help put up our butterflies**



**Saturday, March 24 from 1 - 2pm**

**Easter Egg Hunt (5th grade & younger)**



**Maundy Thursday, March 29 @ 7pm - Come to the play:**

**"Living Last Supper." You don't want to miss this very special event! Bring your family!**

**Good Friday, March 30 @ 7pm - Join us for our special Tennebrae (gradual darkening) service where we hear the last 7 words of Jesus from the cross.**

**Easter Sunday @ 8-9:15: Sunrise devotional & breakfast.**

**Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30am ~ Hallelujah!**



**Faith Lutheran Church**

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

**Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion**

**March 25, 2018 9:30 am**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11**

*The congregation gathers at the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.*

**P:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

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



Financials for Sunday, March 18, 2018 - Week 11

Attendance - 99

Weekly Offering Actual	\$2,181.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2018 YTD Actual Offering	\$25,844.64
2018 YTD Offering Needed	\$23,936.00

Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey**  
**Computer Technician - Anne & Rachel Strasser**  
**Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser**  
**Counters - Pat & Laurie Wicks**  
**Fellowship - Gerry Cliffe**  
**Greeters - Cathy & Mike Murphy**  
**Musician - Betty Comins**  
**Reader - Nicole Blakeman**  
**Ushers - Doug Congdon and Craig Miller**  
**Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**

Worship

**Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church.** We are happy to have you worship with us today! We hope you enjoyed your Easter Breakfast! **Communion** is by intinction. Come forward by rows to receive the bread with an open hand then dip in the wine (dark) or juice (light). Gluten-free wafers are available - just indicate to Pastor when it's your turn. If you eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal ~ ALL baptized believers are welcome.

**Offering** ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** next week. Or, if you'd like, mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope to be included in that week's offering, seen only by the designated counters. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

**In the event of a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization** ~ Please contact Pastor Rick at the Church office: 815-389-1824 or on his cell: 815-566-5247. Also, please let Pastor Rick know of anyone who is homebound and would like a visit and Communion.

**FYI - The church email address is: [faithsouthbeloit@gmail.com](mailto:faithsouthbeloit@gmail.com), and our website is: [faithluthेरansouthbeloit.org](http://faithluthेरansouthbeloit.org)**

**BLESSING OF PALMS**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*) 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace.

**C: In the name of Christ. Amen.**



**PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

**Raise your palm as  
you enter the sanctuary.**

**Opening Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

**Refrain**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

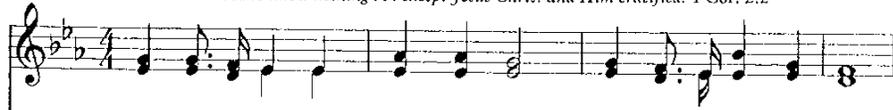
**You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. Refrain**

**The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. Refrain**

## CLOSING HYMN

# Lead Me to Calvary 176

*I resolved to know nothing . . . except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 1 Cor. 2:2*



1. King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glo - ry be;  
2. Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid, Fen - der-ly mourned and wept;  
3. Let me like Ma - ry, through the gloom, Come with a gift to Thee;  
4. May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear Dai - ly my cross for Thee;



Lest I for-get Thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
An - gels in robes of light ar - rayed Guard-ed Thee whilst Thou slept.  
Show to me now the emp - ty tomb, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
E - ven Thy cup of grief to share, Thou hast borne all for me.



*Refrain*



Lest I for-get Geth - sem - a - ne; Lest I for-get Thine ag - o - ny;



Lest I for-get Thy love for me, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.



## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

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

C: Hosanna in the highest!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray. (*A brief silence.*)

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.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH



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

A reading from Isaiah, the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### A Responsive Reading from Psalm 31

P: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**C: For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

P: I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**C: Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

P: 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.

**C: But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

P: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**C: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

### 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.**

### COMMUNION



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

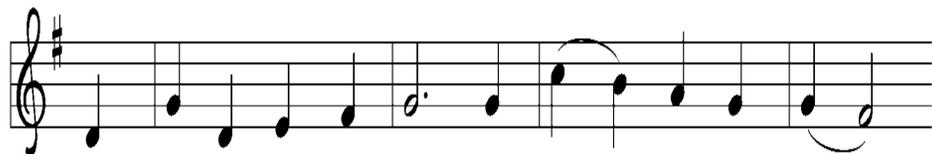
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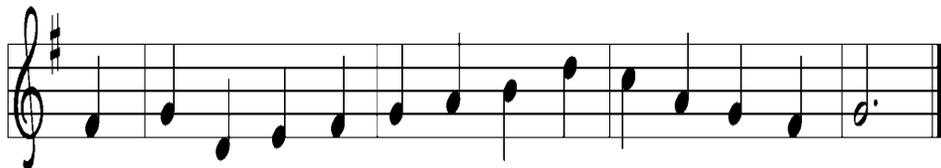
## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive.



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

## DIALOGUE:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## The Passion of Our Lord, according to Mark, The 14th and 15th chapters:

These are the events of the story: there is a plot to kill Jesus; Jesus is anointed with a costly ointment; Judas agrees to betray Jesus; Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples: Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper; Peter's denial of Jesus is foretold; Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane; Jesus is betrayed and arrested; Jesus goes before the Chief Priests; Peter denies Jesus three times; Jesus goes before Pontius Pilate, who hands Jesus over to be crucified; the soldiers mock Jesus; Jesus is crucified; Jesus dies on the cross; Jesus is buried.

## SERMON

“From Cheers to Jeers, and Then...?”

### HYMN OF THE DAY

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - reign die?  
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

### APOSTLES' CREED

**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 to the dead.  
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.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P:** Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for the church. Bless all who call upon your name. Unite your church in bearing witness to the gospel. Pour your love into our hearts, and inspire us to pour out our lives in service to your world. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** We pray for the world. For palm trees and figs. For trees with leafy branches. For olive groves and gardens. For mountains and hillsides, valleys and canyons. For places affected by rising sea levels or depleted water sources. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** We pray for the nations. For peace among all, especially those who honor Jerusalem as holy ground. For all who hold positions of authority and power. For all who suffer oppression, and for those who serve in the armed forces. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** We pray for those in need. For those who have suffered betrayal. For those who live in poverty. For those who have no voice or power. For the forsaken and forgotten. For those who are in crisis, and for those who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation. For musicians, altar guilds, ushers, and all who lead us in worship. For those who serve our community through food pantries, homeless shelters, and clothing banks. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** With thanksgiving, we remember all who have been obedient to your will and all who have died in faith (*especially*). Bring us with them into your glory, to dwell with you in life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: Amen.**

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