

**Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion**

**March 24th, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

**Palm / Passion Sunday**

To join with video, go to our website and follow the video link

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**Welcome!** We are a family of faith, and so glad you are here! Congregation responses appear in bold throughout.

**Children's Bulletins** are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

We believe God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Please let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

**In Our Worship on Palm Sunday:** This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

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## - GATHERING -

### PRELUDE

### BEGINNING OUTSIDE FOR PROCESSION – WORDS OF WELCOME

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

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

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.

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

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

Jesus, you entered Jerusalem in joy. We long to go with you; to be in that place, within that crowd, knowing you are there. So in this place, we lift branches of our own: we lift hands and voices to offer praise for that entry long ago, and for your entry into our lives today.

**God bless these palms, and those who carry them.**

As we accompany you into the city, we proclaim that you accompany us in our own time and place, making every space where we reside a place to praise you.

**God bless these palms, and those who carry them.**

You take ordinary branches, and the ordinary hands that hold them, and make them holy. As your presence blessed the streets of Jerusalem, you bless our house of worship. You take an old, old story, and draw us to it in new ways. God, you have blessed these palms. And you have blessed we who carry them.

**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN*****All Glory, Laud, and Honor*****ELW #344***Refrain*

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

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**  
Let us pray ...

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

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?

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

## PSALM 31:9-16

### *Refrain*



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

**my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.**

For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

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.**

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

### *Refrain*

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.**

But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.

**I have said, "You | are my God.**

My times are | in your hand;

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,**

**and from those who | persecute me.**

Let your face shine up- | on your servant; **save me in your | steadfast love."**

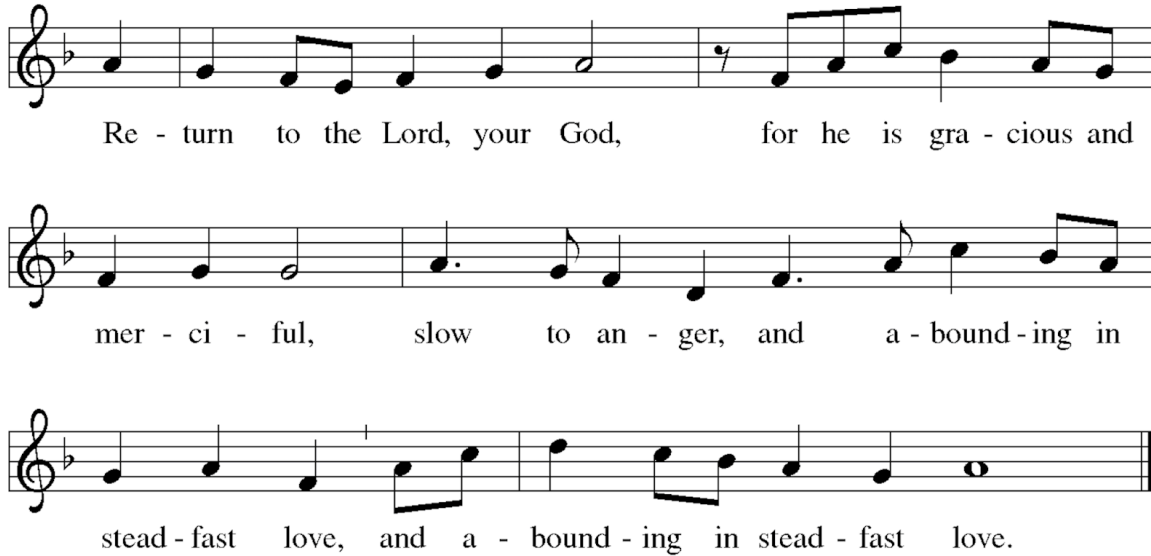
### *Refrain*

## SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

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.

Word of God; word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**



**LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:***Please stand as you are able***HOLY GOSPEL:**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.***Please be seated***Cantata and Passion Story: FLC chancel choir and readers.****HYMN OF THE DAY***My Song is Love Unknown***ELW #343****APOSTLES' CREED****A:** Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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**Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.****PEACE**The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.****- MEAL -****OFFERING****OFFERING HYMN*****Seed That in Earth Is Dying*****ELW #330, vs 1***Seed that in earth is dying grows into ears of grain.**Grapes that are crushed in the vessel turn into golden wine.**God, through this mystery grant us faith in our deepest darkness,  
life in our night and death.***OFFERING PRAYER****GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, and SANCTUS**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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...

... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup. Give us courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of life, Spirit of freedom!

And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

## 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

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, Grant us peace.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

- ***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***

**ELW #843**

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.



2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

• ***There Is a Balm in Gilead***

**ELW #614**

*Refrain*

*There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus  
and say, "He died for all."

*Refrain*

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again.

*Refrain*

3 Don't ever be discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge  
he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

*Refrain*

• ***The Lord Is My Song***

**ELW #751**

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**- SENDING -**

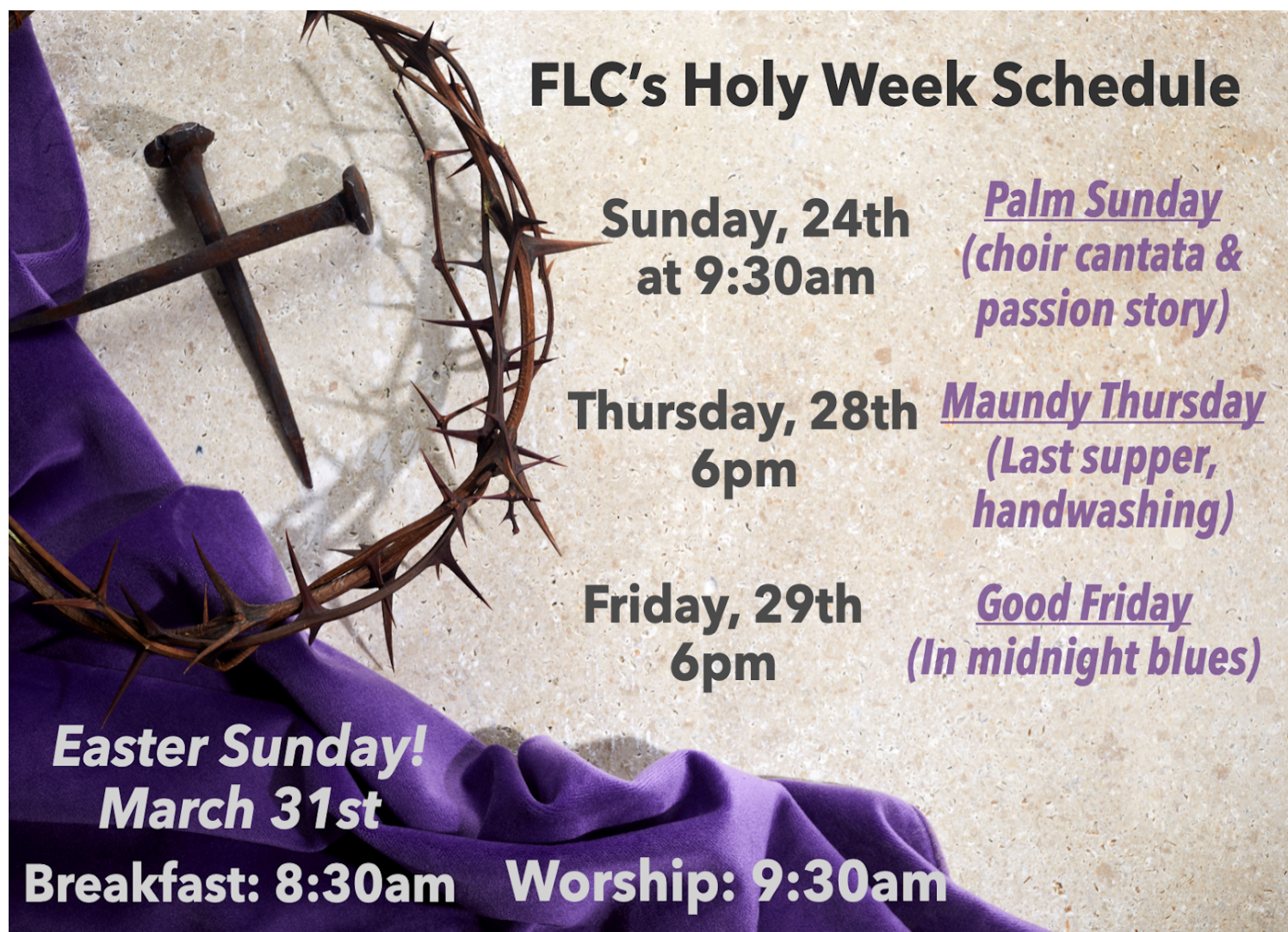
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN***By Gracious Powers***ELW #626****DISMISSAL**Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.***\*denotes favorite hymn of congregation*


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**Serving Today 03/24/24:** Greeter, Betty Thompson / Acolyte, O'Reilly Family / Readers, Bob T., Jean C., Becky S., Cindy T., Sierra S., Wynter O. / Asst Minister, Erica W. / Cantor, Riley C. / Ushers, Betty T. & Annette W. / Altar Guild, Betty T. & Annette W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Davyann S. & Linda Z. / Coffee after Worship, Zimmerman Family

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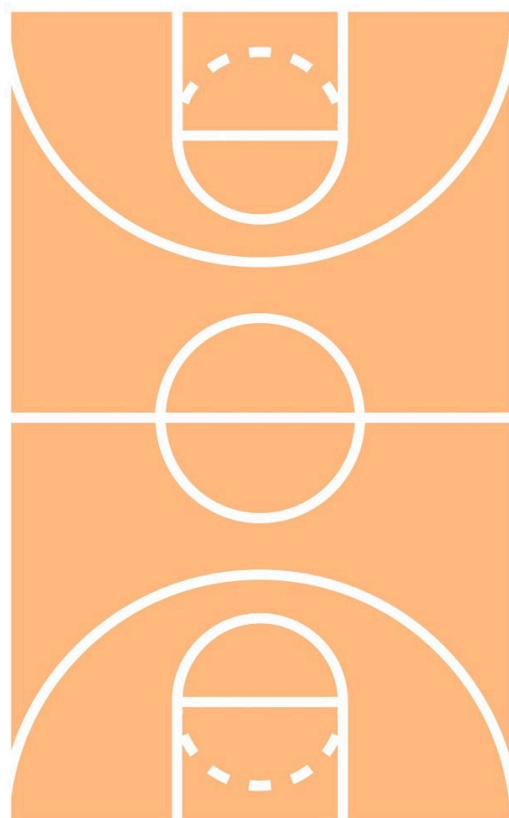
**- Activities at Faith -**


## FLC's Holy Week Schedule

<p><b>Sunday, 24th</b> at 9:30am</p>	<p><u><b>Palm Sunday</b></u> (choir cantata &amp; passion story)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 28th</b> 6pm</p>	<p><u><b>Maundy Thursday</b></u> (Last supper, handwashing)</p>
<p><b>Friday, 29th</b> 6pm</p>	<p><u><b>Good Friday</b></u> (In midnight blues)</p>
<p><b>Easter Sunday!</b> <b>March 31st</b></p>	
<p><b>Breakfast: 8:30am    Worship: 9:30am</b></p>	

**- Activities at Faith (continued) -**

- **Easter Mums** - Today really is the last day to place your order!
- **No Adult Forum or Kids' Place today.**
- **Faith Formation Saturday class – postponed until later in April**
- **Easter Brunch** - Easter Sunday (03/31) @ 8:30 am before worship.  
*Brunch food sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.*
- **Spartans and Wolf Pack and Blue Devils Oh My!** This year during NCAA March Madness, our Reno Young Adult Ministry (aka "lovingkindness collective") is participating in Campus Ministry Madness, a fundraising challenge between Lutheran Campus Ministry sites across the country. Did you know that 89% of students who participated in campus ministry planned to continue being active in a faith community? Your support of Campus Ministry allows students to have a space to explore and grow in their faith and prepare themselves for a deep faith life after they graduate. Help UNR's Lovingkindness Collective reign supreme or give to your alma mater to support the transformational work happening at our Campuses nationwide! Please share to support this ministry, and Give today at <https://campusministrymadness.org>



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COLLECTIVE



Monthly church budget for 2024 is: **\$15,530.00**

Recent giving for the month of **February 2024** was **\$12,564.00**

**Online Giving** through Tithe.ly.com for **Feb 2024** was **\$100.00**. You may give through our website, click on "Support Faith" at the top of our homepage.

	Mar 2024				
Task	3	10	17	24	31
Greeter	Erica Wilfrid	Judy Carlin	Welmerink Family	Betty Thompson	Annette Warner
Acolyte	Welmerink Family	O'Reilly Family	Pesis Family	Storey Family	Pesis Family
Reader	Linda Zimmerman	Judi Hein	Pam Shannon	Bob Tonkins	Davyann Schalnatz
Asst. Minister	Cindy Thompson	Todd Mauldin	Louis Ling	Erica Wilfrid	Judi Hein
Cantor	Sharon Scagliotti	Todd Mauldin	Louis Ling	Riley Cloud	Matthew Rhiley
Usher	Tom Landis & Matthew Rhiley	Annette Warner & Debbie Hansen	Tom Landis & Matthew Rhiley	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson
Altar Guild (2)	Trish Dyer & Kathy Wilson	Annette Warner	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Kathy Wilson & Trish Dyer	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner
Musician	Dom Gonzalez - Piano			Olivia Knock - Cellist	
Tech Support	Riley Cloyd & the FLC Tech Team!				
Counters	Theresa Wolken & Linda Zimmerman	Davyann Schalnatz & Stan Pesis	Katie Weldon & Linda Zimmerman	Davyann Schalnatz & Linda Zimmerman	Sigrun Coffman & Theresa Wolken
Coffee after Worship	Jean Carter		Faith Johnson	Zimmerman Family	Fellowship

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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