

**Faith Lutheran Church, Orange City, Iowa**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**April 13, 2025**



**DIVINE SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:00am**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 10:15am**

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# Order of Service

## Divine Service Setting One (*LSB 151*)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*LSB 443*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*LSB 442*

Sermon – “Jesus Comes To Win The Spiritual Warfare”

Installation of Jordon Pace as Lay Minister

Prayer of the Church

*LSB 159*

Offerings/Offertory

*LSB 159*

Benediction

*LSB 166*

Closing Hymn:

At the Name of Jesus

*LSB 512*

Postlude

Holy Communion will be offered following the Divine Service

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Our services continue to be livestreamed each week and can be viewed any time via our website ([faithlutheranorangecity.com](http://faithlutheranorangecity.com)) or our Facebook page (Orange City Faith Lutheran Church).

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**Portals of Prayer for April – June** are available  
on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

# Palm Sunday

## April 13, 2025

**Introit:** Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C: **that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C: **that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

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### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

### Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

<sup>36</sup> The LORD will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants,  
when he sees that their power is gone  
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

<sup>37</sup> Then he will say, "Where are their gods,  
the rock in which they took refuge,

<sup>38</sup> who ate the fat of their sacrifices  
and drank the wine of their drink offering?"

Let them rise up and help you;  
let them be your protection!

<sup>39</sup>“See now that I, even I, am he,  
and there is no god beside me;  
I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: John 12:12-43**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup> “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup> So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup> So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup> Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup> so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

<sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

<sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

<i>Financial Update - March 2025</i>				
	General Fund	Building Fund	Monthly Total	Year to Date 3/31/25
Offering Receipts	\$17,391.74	\$2,716.00	\$20,107.74	\$77,430.74
Needed for Budget	\$19,467.00	\$1,900.00	\$21,367.00	\$64,098.00
Over (Under) Budget	(\$2,075.26)	\$816.00	(\$1,259.26)	\$13,332.74

## Weekly Announcements

**Welcome to all visitors!** Please fill out an ‘Information Card’ (*located in the pew rack*) and turn it in to an usher after the service.

**Communion Policy for our Visitors:** Everyone who is a faithful communicant member in good standing of one of our sister LCMS congregations is welcome to partake of the Lord’s Supper here at Faith Lutheran Church. If you are not communing this day but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar. If you would like to become a communicant member here at Faith, please talk with Pastor about doing so.

**Today's bulletin is sponsored by Howard & Pam Vlieger in celebration of David & Ali Vlieger's Wedding Anniversary on April 17.** If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, please notify the church secretary. The cost is \$10.

**Constitution Review:** The draft of the constitution revisions has been emailed to the congregation. If you haven't received it, please talk to Paula about receiving a copy. Please take time to read through the changes, and jot down questions, thoughts, or suggestions that you can raise as we work toward finalizing this update.

**Easter Lillies:** There is still time to sponsor an Easter Lily. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$22.50.

**Matins** (Morning Prayer) is offered Wednesdays at 10:00am. Come as you are able to join in praying together in the Lord. This service will provide an additional opportunity for worship and fellowship in God's word.

**The Church Council** meets today (4/13) at 7:45am.

**JLYF (grades 4-6)** meets today (4/13) (4:00-5:00pm).

**Guiding Star Baby Bottle Fundraiser** – Bottles, filled with your change and/or cash, need to be turned in today (4/13).

**Faith Women's Luncheon** is Tuesday, April 15 at noon at the Roadhouse.

**Catechism classes:** There will be no catechism classes on April 16 due to Holy Week. Catechism for Grades 6 and 8 will continue April 23 and 30 from 6:30-7:45pm.

**Main Street Living, April 20:** This is the Life – “Three Days” – The disciples' reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection. Worship Service – Rev. Scott Sailer, District President of the SD District LCMS in Sioux Falls, SD, presents a message titled “Heart's Celebration”. The sermon is based on John 20:1-18. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**YouthLead, JLYF, and Parents** meet together on April 27 (6:30-7:45pm) for a year-end celebration.

**Women of Faith Tea Party** will be held on Saturday, May 10 (10:00am – Noon) in the Fellowship Hall. Guests are welcome. There will be food, tea, games, door prizes, friendly smiles, and good conversation. Please sign up with Paula or Hannah by May 1<sup>st</sup> (limited seating available).

<i>Calendar of Events</i>		
Apr 13	Church Council meeting	7:45am
Apr 13	JLFY (grades 4-6) meeting	4:00-5:00pm
Apr 15	Faith Women's Luncheon at the Roadhouse	Noon
Apr 16	Matins (Morning Prayer)	10.00am
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### Prayers of the Church

**Pray for Health and Healing of our FLC members:** Rex Foreman, Howard Gayer, Hope Hancock, Lily Huizenga, Bonnie Juffer, Angela Kilbride, Jen Korver, Will Lalk, Bev Rohrs, Marlene Tullar, and Sandy Zelewski.

**Pray for Health and Healing of Family and Friends:** Kaleb Bents (*Hope Hancock's son in the military*), Ciara Bents (*Hope Hancock's daughter*), Joyce Betts (*grandmother of Justin Derry, Pastor's friend*), Liam Corgan (*son of Howard Vlieger's friend*), Edd Harrison, Craig & Donna Hunt, Lisa Jasper (*friend of Heather Katt*), Silvina Kneif (*friend of Howard Vlieger*), Bernard Lackman (*grandfather of Jesa Pace*), Helen Lapel (*sister of Janice Gayer*), Mark Maple (*friend of Patti & Troy Van Skike*), Courtney Nelson (*friend of Paula Koller*), Barb Nicks, Andrew Romano and family, Rebecca Smit's mother, Brian Vanderstoep, and Cheryl Waggie (*mother of Alison Vlieger*).

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Renae Bahrke, Quintin Ward, and Barb Bengard

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Quintin Ward.

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** Dave & Ruth Katt, Kurt & Amanda Ruden, and David & Ali Vlieger.