



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## APRIL 2ND, 2023 + PALM SUNDAY

"CALLED TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE"

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

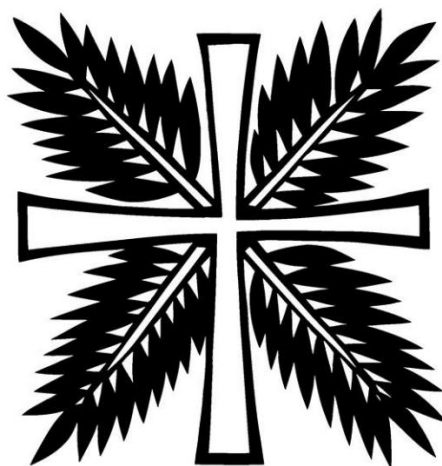
### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin... Gracious God, **in this unfinished life, we confess that our values do not always align with yours. We confess that we fail to be open to your vision for the world. We define people by their empty water jugs, and we fail to recognize how you are at work in surprising ways. We admit that where we focus our attention can prevent us from recognizing you at work right in front of us. We confess that we bind and entomb others and that our own lives are marked by grave clothes and tombs. Forgive us. Claim us. Call us anew. Through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, yours sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, you are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthen you in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life. **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

God bless these palms, and those who carry them. Take these ordinary branches and ordinary hands and make them holy. Take this old story and tell it in new ways. Together we praise God and say: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Amen.**

### HYMN:

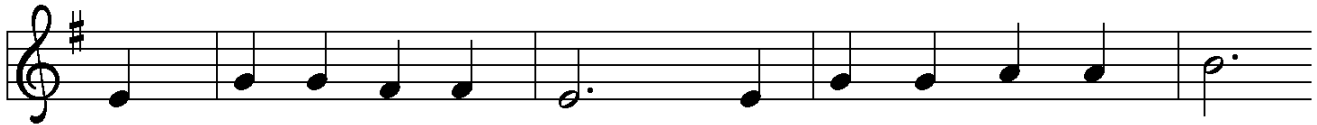
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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### REETING (p. 203)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE (p. 203)



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Help us, O God, amid all that is unfinished, to meet you in the ordinary experiences of our everyday lives. Still our hearts in this in between time that we might recognize you where we least expect to find you. Help us to believe that nothing is too insignificant to make your presence known. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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

<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—wakens 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?

*Response:* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16 (Read Responsively)

<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.**

<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."**

*Response:* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

- 3 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;  
as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.**
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.**

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11. **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>“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.” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!”

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON****“Called to Experience God’s Presence”****HYMN:****“There in God’s Garden”****#342****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- APOSTLES’ CREED (p. 105)**

**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 THE PEOPLE****SHARING OF THE PEACE****THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER****OFFERING HYMN:****“Just As I Am, without One Plea”****#592****HOLY COMMUNION (p. 206)**

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...we join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (p. 208)**

**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 HYMN (p. 208)**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER (p. 208)**

**BLESSING (p. 209)**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**"Lift High the Cross"**

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**OUR SAVIORS TREASURE SALE & the "Baby Quilt Bonanza Sale":** Friday April 28 2-6 p.m.,  
Saturday April 29. 8:30-Noon

Your unwanted items of household, decorating, seasonal, furniture, children's clothes and toys just may be someone else's treasure! We'll take really anything but adult clothing. If you have questions, you can call or text Jan Stowman—701-840-1808.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** -Spring Shipment of Quilts and Kits is in May.

Always needed: Bath & hand towels-dark colors, Ivory Soap for baby kits & other personal care kits.

Flannel sheets for Baby Care Kit diapers. Baby sleepers, sweaters or jackets, t-shirts or onesies, socks, blankets

Flat sheets for Quilt backs. Items may be left in the baskets by North Door entrance.



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**GIVE ONLINE**

**We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.**

**The Radio Broadcast** is in memory of Lloyd Anderson his birthday would have been on April 1<sup>st</sup> given by his family.

**Holy Week 2023** Join us as we tell the incredible story of God's love through these powerful worship opportunities.

Maundy Thursday + "Called to Love" + April 6th @ 6:30 p.m. with a Celebration of 1st Communion

Good Friday + "Called to the Cross" + April 7th @ 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday + "Called to Resurrection" + April 9th @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS):** Please hold June 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for our 2023 VBS! **VBS is FREE** for all kids because of your amazing congregational support and because of our partners at Faith Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and Red Willow Bible Camp! Registration and information forms will be distributed this month, so be on the lookout!

**Red Willow Bible Camp Registration** for all ages is now open. Our Savior's has a special code for registration, so be in touch with Pr. Kyle before you register. For more information or to register, visit [redwillowministries.com](https://redwillowministries.com)

**THANK YOU** to all who supported our 2022/2023 Senior High Lunch with your amazing desserts. SHL will come to an end this April as the school year begins to wind down and rest up before returning in September for our 2023/2024 run.

**Radio Broadcast Sponsorships** are available for lots of dates throughout 2023. Contact the church office to sponsor a radio worship time for \$100.

**Thank you for your ongoing support of our Growing in Grace Capital Appeal!** As you prayerfully consider your 2023 support, you can find appeal materials and pledges cards on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Again, thank you for all the "above and beyond" ways you continue to support the mission and ministry of OSLC.

**Christ In Our Home** daily devotional booklets (in regular and large print) for April, May and June are now available at the information Counter. Pick up your copy today and begin the daily practice of bible reading and reflection.

Join **Valley City Green Dot** this Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention Month, on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at the Grand Stay Hotel on Winter Show Rd. to learn and develop bystander intervention and prevention skills to help us end violence in Valley City. To register or with any questions, call (701) 840 – 6270, email [vcgreendot@gmail.com](mailto:vcgreendot@gmail.com) or visit [vcgreendot.com/upcoming-events](https://vcgreendot.com/upcoming-events).

**April 10<sup>th</sup>-Easter Monday:** The Church Office will be closed. The building will also be closed.

A **"Building an Inclusive Church" Online Training** will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This training will equip us a church together with ways to create dialogue and deepen relationships throughout our faith community rather than sparking debate and division. This is not only a great resource for us as a church but will also help us an individual's explore our own Christian call to hospitality, welcome, and evangelism. Lunch will be provided. **Those interested in registering should contact Pr. Kyle no later than Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and persevere in praying for all the Lord's people." (Ephesians 6:18).** This week we hold these people of Our Savior's in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts: Lisa Yokom; Tony & Megan Zarbano, Gavin, Ethan; Tracie Zaun, Kiana; Keith & Jan Zerface; John & Kortney Ziembra; Timothy & Alicia Ziembra, Adalyn; Airyn; Lenora Ziembra.

This Week: **April 2-9**

TODAY: **Palm Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Worship

8:30 a.m. Facebook Live

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MON: 11:15 & 12:15pm Sr. High Lunch

TUES: 9:00 a.m. Quilters

1:30 p.m. Text Study

WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

No Confirmation

8:00 p.m. Youth Group

THURS: **Maundy Thursday**

6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship w/5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

FRI: **Good Friday**

12:00-1:00 p.m. Community Good Friday

6:30 p.m. Our Savior's Good Friday Worship

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship

NEXT SUN: **Easter Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Worship

8:30 a.m. Facebook Live

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

No Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Radio broadcast

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### Mission Support

#### January-February 2023

Year To Date Income \$70,720.05

Year To Date Expense 55,398.00

YTD Income over Expense 15,322.05

A week of OSLC ministry: \$7,116.00

General Fund Offering: \$5,704.07

### 2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$846,180.00 Total Pledged

By 125 Households  
through March 27, 2023

\$688,047.38 Total Given  
through March 27, 2023