

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am
April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

Service of the Palms/Triumphant Entry

Gather in the Fellowship Hall

Opening Prayer

L: God of us all, you gave your only begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in glory, for Jesus lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, One God forever and ever.

ALL: Amen. Hosanna to our King!

Scripture Reading-The Triumphal Entry

Luke 19: 28-40 Pages 1631-1632

Procession of Palms

Pick up a palm, leaving your weekly tithe in the basket. Proceed to the sanctuary waving palm branches.

Call to Worship: "Psalm 118" (read responsively)

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever" Let the house of Aaron say: His love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever."

C: In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting me free. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.

L: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. All the nation surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I cut them off. They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the Lord I cut them off. They swarmed around me like bees, but they died out as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off.

C: I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

L: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "the Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things"

C: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

L: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

C: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in Hand join the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

C: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Hymn of Praise: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" #3 (*stand if able*)

Call to Confession:

L: As we enter Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to follow Jesus to the cross by confessing all that turns us from our Savior's path.

Prayer of Confession:

All: Abba God, Father of Jesus, forgive our lack of respect and attention as your son enters this most painful of weeks. We, like the disciples, fall asleep when Jesus asks us to stay awake and pray. Our minds wander as he sets his path straight for Jerusalem to speak truth to power on our behalf. We are careless with our faith, while Jesus acts with extraordinary love. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our inattention. Forgive our careless and self-serving attitudes. Remind us, this Holy Week, of the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ. Let us not take this gracious gift for granted. Amen

Gloria Patri: # 812

Special Music

Reading of Scriptures

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9 Page 1141

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11 Page 1827

Hymn: "Tell Me The Story of Jesus" #295

Gospel: Matthew 27: 11-54 Pages 1547-1549

Sermon: "Punished For Me"

Affirmation of Faith: (Apostles' Creed)

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology #815

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving (From our Reformed Heritage)

L: Hosanna!

C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: The One we have long awaited, the Messiah, has come.

C: Hosanna!

L: Riding into Jerusalem, not on a warhorse, but on a young donkey,

C: Hosanna!

L: The Prince of Peace has come, the one who heals our wounds.

C: Hosanna!

L: The Good Shepherd travels through Jerusalem, to the temple, to the final lessons for his disciples.

C: Hosanna!

L: The journey of the Lamb of God continues to Gethsemane and finally to the cross. Everything that was foretold, Christ has fulfilled.

C: We offer our thanks and praise. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Were You There" #315 (*stand if able*)

As you exit the church please leave your palms in the entryway.

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Leader: Al Grigg **Worship Music:** Denise Lev

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

03/26 Attendance: 20 Offering: \$2053.48

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: \$85

*Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 is \$48.00 2023 Paid: 14



From our Presbytery: Please pray for Associated Church of Hawarden. Rev. Judith Wascher.

If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Office 712-832-3401

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 – 11:00 am

Church Secretary Jeanie Hawn (712) 330-7454

THIS WEEK:

Birthdays:

April 6- Marian Tuinstra

Anniversaries:

April 5- Kurt and Bonnie Anderson

April 6- Mark and Karen Byers

SENIOR TEA

Wednesday, April, 5th at 1:30.

Guest Speaker is Karen Schwaller.

A DAY OF PRAYER

The board of session has set aside Thursday April 6th as a day of prayer for our church. A day of continual prayers, meditation, reflection about the future of our church and our congregation, the direction in which God is calling us, how we move forward. The church will be open starting at 8:00 am, please come and pray for our church.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY Due to April 6th being Maundy Thursday, the Mobile Food Pantry for April has been moved to Thursday, April 13th.

LENTEN SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday Service April, 6th.

Beef stew will be served at 5:00. Rev. Sara Sutter from Lakeshore at Okoboji will be here to preside over the service immediately following the meal. Communion will be served.

Beef Stew will be cooked at the church. If you wish to help with this, please contact the office. We are also needing someone to bake some fresh bread or rolls.

Good Friday Service April 7th.

We are hosting jointly with LPUMC and HMC. Rev. Sedar Shako will lead the service beginning at 6:00.

Easter Sunrise Service April 9th

A sunrise service will be held at LPUMC.



LAKE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT OMELET BREAKFAST TODAY

10.:30-1:00

At the fire station. Free will
donation.