

**Palm Sunday**  
**Little Prairie United Methodist Church**  
**April 13, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**



***The Lord Needs it, a Beloved Cornerstone***  
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**Our Vision**

Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well and serves well;  
transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

**WELCOME AND GATHERING**

**Congregation Gathers in Fellowship Hall** -*You are welcome to pick a palm*

**Gathering Music** *"I Will Enter His Gates"* by Leona von Brethorst with *"This Is the Day"* by Les Garrett arr.  
*Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

**Welcome/Announcements** *(in Fellowship Hall)*

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Reading**

***Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29***

**Call to Worship** *(is in Fellowship Hall, we will all process in together after the Call to Worship)*

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

**Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!**

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

**Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!**

We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

**Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!**

The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

**Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.*

**Entrance into Jerusalem** (*Congregation enters the Sanctuary*)

**Processional Hymn of Praise**      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (UMH #278)*    *Led by Little Prairie Choir*

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Opening Prayer**

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

**From hope to despair to hope again.**

As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,

**Help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.**

As the story unfolds,

**Open us to both the hope and the pain.**

In this time of worship,

**prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.**

*Adapted from Rev Gord*

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,

With the psalmist, we declare, "Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them!"

**But we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous. With the crowds, we proclaim, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"**

But sometimes we neglect to follow you when you show us the ways to make peace on earth as it is in heaven. As with as the Pharisees, we notice our siblings doing their best to follow you and command, "Order them to stop!"

**But we refuse to listen to your command to love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus down the road into Jerusalem, confronting the death-dealing powers of this world with the truth of your peace and steadfast love. Amen.**

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**Sharing the Peace**

**Children's Moment**

## **THE WORD**

**Luke 19:28-40**

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

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## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor (UMH #280)*

**All**

## Joys/Concerns/Prayers of the People

We confess that sometimes we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice.

**Sometimes, we have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known.**

Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed.

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us.**

Jesus Christ, our King of glory, sometimes, we have not been outspoken for you. We have not called for your death, but neither have we shouted of your greatness, nor expressed delight in the salvation you have won for us.

**Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you that we may become more faithful and more joyful servants of the King. Amen.**

## Offering

*Offering: "The Love of the Lord" by Michael Joncas arr. Jeanne Cotter*

*Luann Alderks*

## Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH #95)*

**All**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom.

**Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

And the prayer which unites us...

## 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. Amen.**

## Hymn

*Lamb of God (TFWS #2113)*

**All**

## **SENDING**

Friends, go forth humbly to serve the God whose love endures forever. Go forth in the name of the Christ who entered Jerusalem on a lowly donkey, a symbol of peace. Go forth in the strength of the Holy Spirit that calls us to rejoice in this very day God has made. God's love endures forever. You are loved. **Amen!**

**God Bless! Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.**

## Postlude

*Postlude: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" by Rowland H. Prichard with "All Hail, King Jesus" by Dave Moody arr. Carol Tornquist*

*Luann Alderks*

## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions and Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tues. April 15, 8:30 am** Breakfast Club at L&M

**Tues. April 15, 1 pm** Admin board meeting

**Wed. April 16, 9:00-10:30 am** Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

**Thurs. April 17, 7:00 pm** Maundy Thursday Service

**Fri. April 18, 7:00 pm** Good Friday Service

**Sat. April 19, 9am:** Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

**Sun. April 20, Easter Sunday!**

**8:30 am** Continental Breakfast

**9:00 am** Easter Egg Hunt!

**9:30 am** Worship, Christ is Risen!

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