



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**March 25, 2018**

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**Processional Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ELW 344

**Welcome**

**Cherub Choir:** "Hosanna"

**Sr. Choir:** "The Palms"

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Leader: Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a OT Page 640

**Psalm 31:9-16** OT Page 469

Leader: <sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.

**All: <sup>10</sup>For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,  
and my bones waste away.**

Leader: <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**All: <sup>12</sup>I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**

Leader: <sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror all around!—

as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

**All: <sup>14</sup>But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my God."**

Leader: <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**All: <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11

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**Children's Sermon**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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**Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: The Gospel according to Mark, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

**\*Gospel:** Mark 11:1-11

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Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Mark

**Hymn of the Day** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Offering "The Holy City" Solo: Mark Joenks

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: "Lord in your mercy"

**Response: "Hear our prayer"**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn "Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded" ELW 352**

**\*Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 113    Offering: \$3,537.25  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Attendance: 58    Offering: \$349.00  
**Greeters:** Karen Brugman and Mary Lundbeck  
**Reader:** Mindy Means  
**Organist:** Sue Brugman  
**Power Point Operator:** Trey Stoneking



-Ethan Batschelet, Missionary--Siloam Girls' School in India--Joyce Sabel (daughter of Roger & Betty Kruse)

-Virginia Christensen--Roger Struve--Doug Seavert (son of Donnabelle Seavert)--Heath Huberg (Heath is son of Gary Huberg)--Gabe Toft (son of Gary Toft)--Barb Mortensen (aunt of Pam Virelli & Rollie Mortensen)--Eleanor Nielsen--Ruth Russell (Mindy Means' Mother)--Jack Phillips (He and Judy need prayers) *(Please call the church office to add someone to the prayer list. Requests stay on the list for one month unless you instruct us to do otherwise.*

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM**

Today:	9:30	Worship/Palm Sunday
		Sunday School
	10:30	Fellowship
	11:00	Choir practice
	11:00	Quilting
Tuesday:	6:00	RevWell exercise class
Wednesday:	3:30	King's Kamp
	7:00	Youth Group
Thursday:	6:30	Maundy Thursday-1 <sup>st</sup> Communion
Friday:	6:30	Good Friday with Tenebrae Service
Sunday:	7:00	Easter Worship with Communion
	8:00	Easter Breakfast
	9:30	Easter Worship with Communion

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**Missing:** Wooden bowl from last year's Maundy Thursday service. Please contact the church office or an Altar Guild member if you know where it might be. Thanks!

**Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2017 must be directed to your charitable nonprofit by March 31, 2018.** In 2017 Bethlehem Lutheran received \$940.00 in charitable outreach funding.



### **Kings Kamp!**

We meet each Wednesday from 3:30- 5:00.

Children ages 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome.

**This week in the Good Shepherd Centers**

Holy Week Program

The **2018 Annual Meeting of the Willow Creek Cemetery** will be held on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran.

**All women are invited to attend LCMC Women's Conference "Come Together Sisters in Christ"** at Zion Lutheran Church at Clear Lake, IA., at their new "The Dock" facility on Saturday, April 14. Doors open at 8:45a.m., with opening worship at 9:00 a.m., and closing worship at 2:30 p.m. There will be 8 break out sessions to choose from and each person can choose 2 sessions to attend. The eight sessions are: "Finding Your Peace" – AM; "Finding Your Prayer Voice" – AM; "Finding Your Purpose" – AM; "Finding Your Balance" – AM; "Finding Your Balance" – PM; "Finding Your Mission in Christ" – PM; "Finding Your Transforming Beauty" – PM; "Finding Your Joy Through Pain" – PM. A list of the sessions is available on the table under the bulletin boxes. Please let Kay Kracht (262-2421 or 260-3666) or Alice Roghair (933-2465 or 363-3957) know if you plan to attend and which 2 sessions you are interested in attending so we can email the people at Zion and let them know how many to plan for. We can car pool from the church.

**Come & Go Bridal Shower for Tori Rayner**, Bride-to-be of John Labernik will be Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00am at the St. Louis Social Hall in Royal. They are registered at Target and the Hen House. All are welcome!

**Exercise: Revelation Wellness** is having exercise classes here at Bethlehem on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm. Their motto is Love God, Get Healthy, Be Whole, Love Others. The exercises are for all levels of fitness. Any questions call the church office or Iesha Toft.

**Amazon Smile** donates 0.5% of designated purchases to the recipient charitable organization. This could add up to a lot of money for our church if people used Amazon Smile to do their shopping. It's exactly the same as Amazon. People can use Amazon Smile.com and designate BLC.

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### **LENTEN AND EASTER GATHERINGS**

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** – 3:30-5:00 p.m. King's Kamp Holy Week Program

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with First Communion Milestone

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 p.m Good Friday Worship with Tenebrae Service

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** – 7:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion  
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion



On Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:30  
worship, the children of Bethlehem and Kings' Kamp will  
present "Dr. Seuss Shares God's Love for His Children"  
featuring songs and rhymes that will bring the message of  
Jesus Christ in a wonderful way, as only a Dr. Seuss theme  
can. Don't miss it!



### **Giving Moment**

Giving is fun! Especially when we know it is making a  
difference. Palm Sunday starts Holy Week with joy in the  
Savior's entrance into Jerusalem, as He gave all He had, including  
His life, for our salvation.

**\*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 into hell.  
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.**

**\*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.**

***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.

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

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

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

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

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

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## #666 What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. When I was sinking down,  
sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath god's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing God's love for me,  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

## *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (ELW 351)

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.
- 2 How pale thou art with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish,  
which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion  
were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.
- 3 What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever,  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.
- 4 Lord, be my consolation;  
shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion  
when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving,  
from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing  
die safely in thy love.

***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>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

***Philippians 2:5-11***

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Mark 11:1-11**

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”<sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it,<sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”<sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.<sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.<sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.<sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup> 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.