



## Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church

A place of healing and reconciliation in Christ

# *nonviolent.*

WALKING THE WAY WITH JESUS



Jesus enters the city without warhorses, without domination. The Passion exposes how violence protects itself: fear, betrayal, propaganda, scapegoating. Peacemaking is the church refusing empire's methods and practicing costly truth and repair.

## **PALM & PASSION SUNDAY**

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

✝ March 29 2026 | 9:30 a.m. ✝

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

*\*THE ASTERISK INDICATES WHEN THE ASSEMBLY RISES THROUGHOUT THE WORSHIP SERVICE.*

AS YOU ENTER THIS MORNING YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A PALM BRANCH (OR SEVERAL!) AND TO JOIN IN THE PALM PROCESSION DURING THE SINGING OF THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR. WALK WITH JOY IN YOUR STEP! WAVE YOUR BRANCHES IN PRAISE OF JESUS! SING HOSANNA!

ACCLAMATION

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

**Many Hosanna in the highest!**

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor ELW 344

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**Many And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE As we now enter into the contemplation ..... and resurrection, we pray

**Many 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. Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

(Readings on screen)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*One* Word of God, Word of Life  
*Many* **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:6-11

*One* Word of God, Word of Life  
*Many* **Thanks be to God.**

We rise for the reading of the Gospel.

\*LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING 3

ELW PG 142

*One* The holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
*Many* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*GOSPEL | Matthew 21:1-11

*One* The Gospel of our Lord.  
*Many* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Grant Vanderford

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Save Us, Lord! Hosanna

Insert

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*One* Hear us, O God.  
*Many* **Your mercy is great.**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

*One* The peace of Christ be with you always.  
*Many* **And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You may place your offering in the plates as they are passed by the ushers. You may also scan the QR code to the right for online giving.*



MUSICAL OFFERING

LISA KORNKVEN

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

ELW 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

One O God, maker of heaven and earth, ....  
... We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Many Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

One The Lord be with you.

**Many And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

**Many We lift them to the Lord.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*PREFACE: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,....  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SETTING 3

ELW PG144

\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

\*LORD'S PRAYER

One: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Many Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
 who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ONE Here is food and drink for the journey.  
 Take and be filled.

HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

INSERT



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS  
 O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED

ELW 338  
 ELW 351

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

One God of our salvation,.....  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Many Amen.**

BLESSING

*Blessing That Becomes Empty As It Goes*

By Jan Richardson

One This blessing .....  
.... is making way.

✝ SENDING ✝

\*SENDING HYMN

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Insert

\*DISMISSAL

One Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  
Many **Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE

Tyler Pyle

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|                             | <b>SERVING TODAY - MARCH 29, 2026</b> | <b>SERVING NEXT SUNDAY - APRIL 5 2026</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>               | Palm Sunday                           | Easter                                    |
| <b>PRESIDING MINISTER</b>   | Grant Vanderford                      | Grant Vanderford                          |
| <b>PIANIST</b>              | Tyler Pyle                            | Tyler Pyle                                |
| <b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>       | Jillian Jaros                         | Jillian Jaros                             |
| <b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>   | Andrew Sternhagen Schwenk             | Lisa Kornkven                             |
| <b>READER</b>               | Jane Johnson                          | Julie Phillips                            |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>          | Pernell Knutson                       | Shannon Vanderford                        |
| <b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b> | Deb Fogel<br>Shannon Vanderford       | Shannon Vanderford<br>Petra Vanderford    |
| <b>CLICKER</b>              | Becky Erickson                        | Kristen Ohren                             |
| <b>CAMERA</b>               | Libby Sternhagen Schwenk              | Jane Johnson                              |
| <b>USHERS</b>               |                                       |   |
| <b>CPOD</b>                 | Aaron Wenaas                          | Marty Ohren                               |

### HOLY WEEK

|                           | <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b><br>APRIL 2 | <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b><br>APRIL 3        | <b>EASTER VIGIL</b><br>APRIL 4 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>PRESIDING MINISTER</b> | Grant Vanderford                  | Grant Vanderford                     | Grant Vanderford               |
| <b>PIANIST</b>            | Tyler Pyle                        | Tyler Pyle                           | Tyler Pyle                     |
| <b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b> | Roger Reinhart                    | NOT NEEDED                           | Terri Jo Wold                  |
| <b>Reader</b>             | Allan Brings                      | Shannon Vanderford,<br>Cindy Larson- | Roger Reinhart<br>Sue Reinhart |

|                             |  |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
|                             |  | Casselton, Jane Johnson     |                       |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>          | Sue Reinhart                                 | No Communion                | Pastor Grant          |
| <b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b> | Sue Reinhart<br>Jane Johnson<br>Lynn Tkachuk | NO COMMUNION                | Assistants not needed |
| <b>CAMERA</b>               | Becky Erickson                               | Jane Johnson                | No Recording          |
| <b>USHERS</b>               |  |                             |                       |
| <b>CPOD</b>                 | Heath Baxter                                 | Libby Sternhagen<br>Schwenk | Heath Baxter          |

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**If you want help signing up or desire training - call 218-236-1420 or email [janej@bethesdamhd.org](mailto:janej@bethesdamhd.org).**

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
‡ MARCH 29-APR 4, 2026 HOLY WEEK‡**

| <b>TIME</b>            | <b>DAY</b>       | <b>Event</b>                                    |
|------------------------|------------------|---|
|                        | <b>SUNDAY</b>    |   |
| 9:30 AM                |                  | Worship   |
| 10:30                  |                  | Coffee Fellowship                               |
|                        | <b>MONDAY</b>    |   |
| 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. |                  | Office Hours <sup>†</sup>                       |
| 10:00 A.M.             |                  | Lectionary Study -Lounge                        |
|                        | <b>TUESDAY:</b>  |   |
| 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. |                  | Office Hours                                    |
| 6:00 P.M.              |                  | Bell Set up                                     |
| 6:30 P.M.              |                  | Bell Rehearsal                                  |
|                        | <b>WEDNESDAY</b> |   |
| 9:00 A.M.              |                  | Quilting  |
| 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. |                  | Office Hours                                    |
| 7:00 P.M.              |                  | Choir   |
|                        | <b>THURSDAY</b>  |   |
| 3:45 P.M               |                  | BAS Chapel                                      |
| 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. |                  | Office Hours                                    |
| 7:00 P.M.              |                  | Maundy Thursday with feet washing and Communion |
|                        | <b>FRIDAY</b>    |   |
| ALL DAY                |                  | Office Closed                                   |
| 7:00 PM                |                  | Good Friday Service                             |
| 9:00 P.M.              |                  | NA Meeting                                      |
|                        | <b>SATURDAY</b>  |   |
| 11:00 AM               |                  | Set up for Sunday's breakfast                   |
| 7:00 PM                |                  | Saturday Easter Vigil                           |

# *holy* week

**PALM SUNDAY**  
MARCH 29 @ 9:30 A.M.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
APRIL 2 @ 7 P.M.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
APRIL 3 @ 7 P.M.

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
APRIL 4 @ 7 P.M.

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
APRIL 5 @ 9:30 A.M.



# *Easter* at Bethesda

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST  
CAMEL & ORANGE SWEET ROLLS

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP



April prayer prompt "Hope"

**Pray for Hope and New  
Beginnings**



# **BLOOD DRIVE** at Bethesda

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**  
3:30 - 7:00 P.M. BLOOD DONATIONS  
+ ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR FOR  
DONORS & VOLUNTEERS!

**SIGN UP >**



OR FIND THE LINK AT  
[BETHESDAMHD.ORG/EVENTS](http://BETHESDAMHD.ORG/EVENTS)

# O Save Us, Lord! Hosanna

1. "O save us, Lord! Ho - san - na!" the peo - ple cried and sang;  
 2. They fol - lowed down the moun - tain, a cheer - ing, chant - ing crowd,  
 3. From Sen - e - ca to Stone - wall, from Sel - ma till to - day,  
 4. "O save us, Lord! Ho - san - na!" we hear our chil - dren sing.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple, their ur - gent an - them rang.  
 their palms raised high in pro - test, their voic - es clear and loud.  
 in chants of "¡Sí, se pue - de!"\* in voic - es bold and brave,  
 From school, and street, and side - walk, we hear their voic - es ring.

To Je - sus who stood by them, the One who heard their plea,  
 They sang no songs to Cae - sar; they gave the king no laud.  
 when peo - ple cry for jus - tice, for rights, or for re - lease,  
 And there in ev - 'ry pro - test, till weap - ons kill no more,

the peo - ple sang their long - ing, their hun - ger to be free.  
 In - stead the don - key rid - er they hailed as blessed of God.  
 still ech - o those "Ho - san - nas!" still rides the Prince of Peace.  
 still rides de - fi - ant Je - sus, just as he rode be - fore.

## May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

1 May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,  
2 May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,  
3 May the peace of God, my Fa - ther, rule my life in ev - ery - thing,  
4 May the love of Je - sus fill me, as the wa - ters fill the sea,  
5 May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,

by his love and power con - trol - ling all I do and say.  
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his power.  
that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.  
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing—this is vic - to - ry.  
look - ing on - ly un - to Je - sus as I on - ward go.

**PALM SUNDAY  
FAITH ACTION**

RECLAIMING CHRISTIANITY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

JOIN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHRISTIANS ON PALM SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE THE CALL OF OUR FAITH TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS: HEALING THE SICK, FEEDING THE HUNGRY, AND WELCOMING THE STRANGER.

**MARCH 29, 2026**

📍 ACTIONS ACROSS THE U.S.

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Palm Sunday,  
March 29

3pm- Interfaith  
Processional  
beginning at  
Moorhead  
Hjemkomst Center

3:30pm- Worship at  
 Fargo City Hall

<https://fmpalmsundaypath.com/>

For more information