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Sunday, April 2, 2023

Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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**= Please rise in body or spirit*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please gather in the fellowship hall prior to worship. Following the opening prayer we will sing and process in while waving our palm branches. (Use caution when waving branches)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (wave branches while saying the responses)

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

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

Therefore God has exalted him and given him the name above every name.

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

Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of infinite power, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came riding into the city of Jerusalem on a lowly beast, victorious through love and not through violence. Help us to learn the meaning of power and of glory through Christ, who, though being one with you, took on the form of a

servant and shared our human life and suffering. May we truly participate in the life and struggles of the world's peoples, to our joy and your glory. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

THE TRIUNE GOD
178 **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**
 Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760-ca. 821 Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635
 Trans. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.

The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went; Our
 To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise; To
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King, To

praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
 Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - men.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Let us pray,

Oh God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humility and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us, that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Jesus Christ!

OPENING HYMN #187 all "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (wave branches)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know that our lives have missed the mark and fallen short of your call to love you and neighbor with our whole lives. At times we can enter into the circumstances of our lives with power over others, arrogance, or a lack of awareness of the needs of our neighbor. Forgive us for being more interested in our own achievements or our obsessed with seeking the approval of others. Come and save us now. Transform us into a people of humility and righteousness, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The good news of God this day is this: **This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.** For on this day, God has entered into our lives with love and compassion for all who surrender and lay down their lives in Christ. Friends, you are loved. You are embraced. You are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118 vs 1-2; 19-29

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say,

'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

RESPONSE: #277

“This Is the Day”

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘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.’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

SERMON

*HYMN #184 vs 1-5 "Were you There?"

HOLY COMMUNION

(God's table is open to ALL, regardless of affiliation or membership. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will partake together. All bread is gluten free. The inner circles are grape juice, the outer rings are wine.)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN #524 vs. 1-2 "Let us Break Bread Together"

THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Behold the Lamb of God 282

A musical score for the hymn "Behold the Lamb of God". The first system shows the vocal line and bass line. The vocal line has lyrics: "Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God". The bass line has lyrics: "Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God". Above the vocal line are chord symbols: A, D/A, E/A, Bm/A, D/A, Esus, E. The music is in G major and 4/4 time.

A musical score for the second system of "Behold the Lamb of God". The vocal line has lyrics: "who takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world." The bass line has lyrics: "who takes a - way the sin of the world." Above the vocal line are chord symbols: A, D/A, E/A, Bm/A, D/A, Esus, E. The music is in G major and 4/4 time.

WORDS and MUSIC: John L. Bell (1949-)
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Holy and Mysterious God,...and so we sing in praise of our Lord, first born of all creation:

Sing “Behold the Lamb of God”

Lord Jesus Christ, We come to the table to remember the love...

And so we remember in silence those who need your mercy this day.....

Hold silence

...We sing in remembrance of your grace: ***Sing “Behold the Lamb of God”***

Holy Spirit, move among us in kindness now... For we sing in wonder at his gifts:

Sing “Behold the Lamb of God”

Holy God, Three in One, ...

We offer our lives to you in the words Jesus taught us:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
We are so grateful for the gifts you have shared with us,
For we know what they cost you.
Send us out in the strength of the Holy Spirit,
Unafraid of what service in your name will cost us,
For we would be faithful to you now and always. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN #524 vs. 3 “Let us Break Bread Together”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**”

CALL TO THE OFFERING (Jingle change for March goes towards Bethlehem's OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) pledge)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology" (Written by GW Dub Shepherd, 2006)

**Praise God throughout these forty days,
Praise Christ, Our Lord, whom God did raise,
And praise the Spirit who imparts,
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, when we remember Jesus gave his life for us, our offering seems so small. Yet Jesus shows us five loaves and two fish can feed a multitude; a man dying on a cross becomes Living Bread for a hungry world. Bless these small gifts with your goodness so that the miracle of Jesus' love continues to amaze the world. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG "Go Now in Peace"

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith. Steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you, in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. A-men, A-men, A-men.***

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Do you have musical talent to share? We are looking for anyone will to provide special music (vocal or instrumental) as part of our Easter Sunday worship. Please contact Pastor Randy if you'd like to be a part of the service.
- PIZZA PARTY with ICE CREAM SUNDAES
Sunday, April 16 following worship service. Everyone is invited.
See the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Sponsored by Merry Christians
- Rural Church Fellowship Youth Event: Sunday, April 16 – 5-7pm at Immanuel UCC (Near Lakeland University) Wii bowling and other games – sign up in the fellowship hall.

- We are still in need of delegates for the Northeast Association Annual Meeting – April 22 – 9a-2p. It will be held at Daycholah (formerly Pilgrim Center) on Green Lake, Ripon. See Randy if Interested.
- During the season of Lent, Prayer Stations will be offered on Wednesday's from 9a-7pm. The stations are self-guided and will be set up in the middle Sunday School room. Please come and engage in spiritual practice and quiet contemplation.
- Been attending awhile, but not a member? Bethlehem will be holding a "New-Member Sunday on May 21. From 8-9a we will have a brief "class" and discussion about Bethlehem. New members will be "installed" during the 9:30 worship service. Please let Pastor Randy know if you are interested in joining.

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Todd Lisowe
 June Propson
 Lucy Dreifuert (Brian Witkowski's Grandmother)

Those struggling with health issues:

Shirley Henschel	Fred Kraemer
Bob Radder	Daisy Sippel
Darlean Rumpff	Darlene Horneck
Doreen Schmidt	Helen Henning
Tom Lefeber	Hattie Lucille
Jessica Horneck	Sandra Tesch
Dawson Horneck	Gary Steinhardt
Tom Rabe	John Buchholz

Those unable to worship with us: Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

- Other Concerns:**
- Victims of violence -esp. school shooting in Nashville
 - Victims of recent natural disasters, especially victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and cyclone in Africa.
 - People affected by war and/or oppression (Esp. Ukraine)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Drive Thru Pork Chop Dinner – Thursday, April 20 – 4p-6pm – Saron UCC - See flyer in Fellowship Hall for more information.
- All you can Eat Potato and Buttermilk Pancake Dinner on Sunday April 30, 2023 from 3-6pm. Also Serving: Brats, Hamburgers, Applesauce, Desserts, Milk, & Coffee
Cost: \$14.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for Children 6-12 years, Free for Children 5 & Under
Zion Lutheran Church, 1702 Van Buren St., New Holstein, proceeds benefit the Zion LYF

Upcoming Class Do you have a fear of falling or losing your balance? The Aging & Disability Resource Center of the Lakeshore, along with Bethlehem UCC Church is offering Stepping On, a 7 week workshop, beginning Thursdays, April 13th-May 25th from 1:00-3:00pm. Trained leaders and community professionals guide you in recognizing your risk of falling by identifying fall hazards in the home and community, help you build the balance, strength and practical skills you need to avoid a fall, how to safely get up from a fall, identify vision, footwear and medication management risks, and how to manage safely in inclement weather. The cost is a suggested \$10 donation. Please contact the Aging & Disability Resource Center of the Lakeshore at 1-877-416-7083 for more information or to register.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 4/2: 8:00 Sunday School; 8:00 WISE Team; 9:30am Palm Sunday Worship w/ Communion

Monday 4/3: ~Happy Birthday Nikki Watson, Tyler Hanson, and Sheri Wilharms!

Tuesday 4/4: ~Happy Birthday Greg Schultz!

Wednesday 4/5: 9a-7pm Prayer Stations; 6:30pm Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 4/6: 7pm Maundy Thursday worship w. Communion ~Happy Birthday Lily Watson!

Friday 4/7: 7pm Good Friday Worship at Bethel UCC; ~Happy Birthday Marie Mueller!

Saturday 4/8: ~Happy Birthday Will Mathes!

Sunday 4/9: 8:00 Sunday School; 9:30am Easter Worship w/ Communion

April Pantry Items:

Bottle of hand soap, dish soap or shampoo