

First Lutheran Church, Amery
A people and a place of grace.



Welcome to worship!

All are welcomed. All are loved.

*Our mission is to know Jesus
and to make Jesus known. John 17*



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark 11:1-11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 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.

KIDS COME FORWARD: Sing Unto the Lord, O Sing to the Lord

Help us, O Lord, to welcome your blessed son into our midst today with the same joy and hope that the people of Jerusalem received him with so long ago. May he abide with us and we with him. Help us to praise and adore both him and you, not just for a day, but for always. Amen.

OFFERING, PRAYER, HYMN: All glory, laud, & honor...Gr.108

PSALM: 118:1-2, 19-29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. **Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures forever."** Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD. **"This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."** I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. **The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.** This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. **On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.** Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! LORD, send us now success. **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Philippians 2:5-11 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON

LITANY Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." In the name of Jesus, we pray: **Lord, help us to take up our cross and follow you.** You stood before Pilate, your life condemned, your word rejected, your innocence ignored: **Keep us from rejecting your word of truth and salvation.** You carried your cross on the wounded stripes of your back, for love of us and for all the world. **Help us to bear our cross, for love of you and for love of others.** The weight of your cross was the weight of our sins which make us stumble and fall. **In our weakness, we turn to you for strength.** Although you suffered, you still reached out to care for your mother. **May our cross-bearing never keep us from caring for our families.** As you struggled to bear your cross to Calvary, a passerby was drafted to help you. **Make us as willing as Simon to bear the burdens of those in need.** Others also took risks to comfort you. **Strengthen our faith to take loving risks for our needy brothers and sisters.** Sin weighed heavily upon you as you stumbled along the way. **Forgive us, Lord, for the sins which make us fall.** Your suffering under the cross caused the women of Jerusalem to weep. **Make our suffering in life a share in your suffering.** The full burden of our sin crushed you mightily to the earth. **Do not forsake us in our falling, but bring us to repentance and faith.** Stripped and jeered, you endured humiliation without complaint. **Humble us in our work and daily lives.** Nailed to the cross, you took your place among the condemned. **Take your place beside us sinners, and bring us through faith to the Paradise of God.** When your sacrifice was complete, you handed your life to the Father, and he did not forsake you. **Keep us close to your cross and death, now and at the hour of our death.** Faithful friends and loving women took loving care of your lifeless body. **Turn the darkness of death into the bright-ness of day for those we love.** In the tomb you were laid, but from the tomb you arose. **Be the Lord of the resurrection for us and for all the baptized.** **PRAYER**

HYMN: Were You There.....Gr. 92
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The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: Lord Jesus.....Red 808

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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PRAYERS: Tim Crawley, Mark & Linda Mueller, Matt & Darnell Dunham, Dorie Peters, Don Cody, Shari Johnson, Doug Gunderson, Francine Marlow, Delores Barr, Lynn Albee, Shane Larkin, Amanda Gates, Ally Fox, Darrel Rothe, Jessica & Julie Heiden, Ruth Hard, Jim Smith, Mary Ames, Glenn Stevermer, Anonymous, Ron Hahn, Kelly Fitzgerald, Jackie Wenzel, Becky Martell, Kathy Hetzel, Jon Pankonien (Sharon), Loretta Wittig (Mary Lou), Marty Rimestad, Dave Knutson (Rasmussen), Sally & Casey Haasnoot, Jason Amans, Patti & Bill Hansen, Tom Gust, Jeanine, Karen Swager, Tracy Viebrock, Diane Salls, Colleen (Marge), Julie DuBois, Kim Hilda, Scott Wolden, Logan Gullickson, Troy Lange. Schools, wars, natural disasters, mental health. **Care facilities:** Lila Ward, Andrew Larsen **Families:** Barb Weisman (Janet Burke's sister), Julie Rust, Dennis Heiken, Eloise Heathfield, Mary Stevens, Al Bringewatt, Wrich family **Military:** Jason Werlinger, Chase & Connor Clausen, Kathi Buss, Curtis Williamson, Nick Sorensen, Keilan Mehls, Lexi Boe.

FIRST FRUITS GIVING BEYOND FIRST LUTHERAN

Jesus' command is to go out to all nations with the saving love of God. (Mt.28)

In our 2024 budget, we commit ourselves to giving **\$10,000 to the ELCA** and **\$2,000 to Seminary Scholarship**. Please write on your envelopes or memos.

Please continually give to these categories until we meet our goals.

LOOSE COINS in our offering go to Northwoods Homeless Shelter.

Please give generously! 2024 Year to Date: ELCA \$1568; Seminary \$315

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SUNDAY 9am Worship 10am COFFEE/TREATS, Youth breakfast postponed

Tuesday 9am-Noon Ironing Little Dresses for Africa

MAUNDY THURSDAY 8am Bible Study 8:30am Quilters

6pm Sample Seder Meal for our First Communion families 7pm Worship

GOOD FRIDAY 1pm Worship

Saturday 2-4pm Open House at Golden Age Manor for Lila Ward's 100th Birthday

EASTER 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Treats No Choir, No Sunday School

THE FLOWERS on the altar are from the family of Lila Ward in celebration of her 100th Birthday on March 28th. You are all invited to the Open House at GAM on Saturday, March 30th

EASTER FLOWERS: Please bring them in and let Karen know (in honor/memory). Thanks! Deadline: 3/26

Happy Birthday

24 Patti Andersen 25 Jim Dierke, Mary Lee
26 Jeff Chelberg, Miles Schuh
27 Larry Behne 28 Mary Chelberg-Polfus,
Lou Ann Schock, Lila Ward (100 years)
30 Kaylee Waalen

Happy Anniversary

224 Jim & Pat Anderson (72 years)
25 Robin & Julie Meyer (29 years)
25 Pat & Bonnie Keller (30 years)
27 Tony & Amanda Aizpurua (20 years)