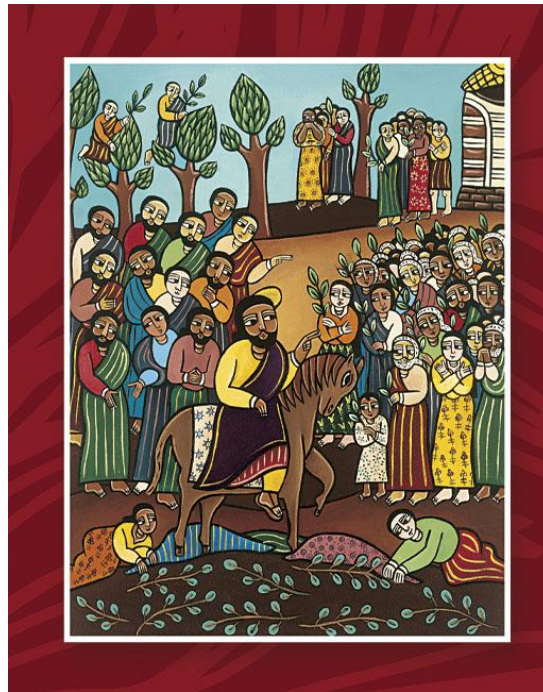


First Lutheran Church ELCA



Palm Sunday - Holy Week begins

Sunday ☩ April 13, 2025 ☩ 10:30 am

Today we begin the journey with Christ, from the triumphal entry to the cross. Each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

We enter this Holy Week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Dale Wood

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

CELEBRATION TIME!

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
 who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of
 God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In ✚ Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**Everlasting 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.**

God's Word for Us

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ 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;
- ⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
- ^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

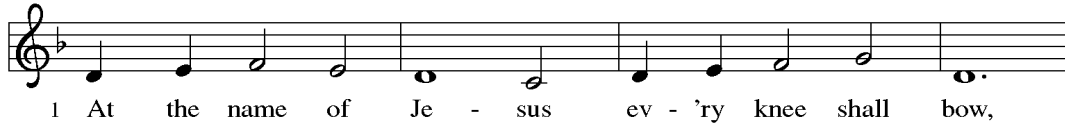
Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

- ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

At the Name of Jesus



**...Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last;
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.**

**...At the name of Jesus
ev'ry tongue confess him
king of glory now.
It is God's good pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

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

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

When my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand, lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river, I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord
Lead me home

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 to the dead.
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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each prayer, we respond...

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Welcome to God's table

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another with a gesture of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING "Fanfare for Palm Sunday" Katherine Davis
Choir Anthem

OFFERTORY SONG "Loaves were broken" ACS 966 (verse 1)

*Offerings are shared in the basket at the entry before or after worship.
Thanks to those who give on a regular basis through "direct deposit" giving.*

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church gathered be gathered together, for yours is the glory through Jess Christ, now and forever. **Amen.***

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
Almighty and merciful God.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts,
that renewed in the git of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so we praise your name,
and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Communion Prayers / Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe,
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

On the night before he was handed over to death,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father...

Invitation to the Table

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God!
All are welcome to God's table!

Communion

All are invited to receive these gifts of God. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Communion is served by intinction. Dip the bread in either the wine or the grape juice. Gluten-wafers are available, simply ask your server. If you prefer to remain in your pew, the pastor will come and serve you there. All are welcome at God's table!

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, he is with us
Break the bread, drink the wine
Christ is with us here

REFRAIN: In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace
Christ is with us, he is with us
Know his grace, find his peace
Feast on Jesus here -- *REFRAIN*

Here we are, joined in one
Christ is with us, he is with us
We'll proclaim, till he comes
Jesus crucified - *REFRAIN*

BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you,
and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,

in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Hosanna!"

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Dick Torrans

"All Glory, Laud and Honor/Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor David Halaas	<i>presider</i>
Alison Hertenstein	<i>assisting minister</i>
Yvonne Hazlett	<i>organist, choir director</i>
Catherine Rommel	<i>choir conductor</i>
Andrew Hagan	<i>crucifer</i>
Enola Peters	<i>reader</i>
Kaia Downing	<i>sacristan</i>
Stacy Hagan	<i>communion minister</i>
Denise Powell	<i>usher</i>
Bev Rosenkrans, Dorothy Chauncey	<i>greeters</i>
Ben and Ellie Hertenstein	<i>sound and media technicians</i>
Dee Bertram, Nadine Holst	<i>coffee fellowship</i>
Craig and Sandie LaMaster	<i>radio broadcast and livestream</i>

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Welcome to worship

You are valued and we welcome you!

We are grateful for God's gift of a diverse community.

If you would like to learn more about the ELCA and the Lutheran church please ask or visit www.elca.org



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Children always participate here!!

- Adults are encouraged to help children participate in the times we sing and pray together.
- All children are welcome at Holy Communion.
If parents prefer, children can receive a pastoral blessing.

About Holy Communion today

- Everyone (yes everyone!) is invited to God's table of grace!
- We believe that Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine
- Communion will be served today by intinction... dip the bread in either the wine (dark Color) or the grape juice (light color)
- If you prefer to remain seated, the pastor will come and serve you there.
- Gluten-free communion bread may be requested

Prayer concerns and pastoral care: There are several ways for you to share your prayer concerns and needs when ill, homebound, or celebrating. Please communicate your wishes and expectations to Pastor Halaas by phone, text, or email.

Discover the First Lutheran radio broadcast – every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on iHeart radio 620 am **Worship is also available at any time** on our Facebook livestream page <https://www.facebook.com/firstlutheransiouxcity/>

This week at First Lutheran

Monday, April 14

7:00 pm Handbells, choir room

Tuesday, April 15

6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 pm Congregational Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 16

9:00-11:30 am Holy Family Food Pantry, volunteers: Jeanne Hanna, Sue Mullin

8:00 pm Choir, choir room

Thursday, April 17

5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 18

5:30 pm Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, April 20

10:30 pm Easter Sunday Worship Service

Happy Birthday this week to:

Richard Rosenkrans (4/13) Bev Erlandson (4/17) Mike VanBeest (4/17)

Daily Devotional Books

"Christ in Our Home" devotional books for April-May-June are available today

Confirmation Together (April 23 – May 21)

6th – 8th graders from Augustana, First, St. John and St. Mark Lutheran Churches will be gathering together on Wednesdays at First Lutheran Church from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

High schoolers will be meeting 7:30 – 8:30 pm.

Thank you!! to the volunteers who served at the **Soup Kitchen** on April 10th:

Lori McClaren, Doug Webb, Janet Gross, Becki McGlaufflin, Deb and Doug Muilenburg.

As a member of the congregation, you are requested to **wear purple** on **April 27th** in honor of Candy Noonan Johnson. Candy is having treatments now. To let Candy know we are thinking of her, some of her friends have been wearing purple. We would like her to know how much we think of her and support her.

After church on **April 27th**, if the members could stay in the sanctuary and maybe move up to the steps in the front of the church, we could take a picture and post it on Facebook and let Candy know we wear **"purple for Candy"**.

If you have a purple scarf, shirt, tie, that would all work but if they don't have anything purple, you can still be in the picture. Cards will also be available to sign.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori McClaren at 712-253-2322.