

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

(Please rise and turn and face the cross at the back of the Sanctuary.)

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God, . . .

ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LBW #377 "Lift High the Cross"

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

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

KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 58-59 LBW)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

Pew Bible pg. 995

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 31:9-16

L: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

C: For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

L: I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

C: I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

L: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

C: But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.

L: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

C: Make your face to shine up on your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible pg.1230

LENTEN VERSE (pg. 63 LBW)

Congregation Sings: 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.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:20-43

L: The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Neal White

HYMN OF THE DAY

**LBW #107 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
(Please rise as you are able)**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) P: Merciful Father, C: 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 73 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #108 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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“The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!’”

John 12:12-16

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Rena Shebesta	Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey	Joan Mathis
Robert Flessner	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds
Ben Moser	Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie
Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd
Joyce Keith	Bob & Jenny Hobby	Bob & Sue Selby	Merrill Wattjes
Joan Percival	Michael Markarian	Joyce Williamson	
Courtney Schoolcraft			

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	Mildred Flessner
Ruth Lutz	Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon	Janet Withers

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Kelly Williamson	Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod
Kasey Fenimore	Justice Long	Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen
Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti		

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris

Andrew Benton, Connor Suits

Tina & Joshua James

Jack & Brenda Spitz

Dennis Albers

Monica Carico

Ron Howe

Stan Wolken, Marleen Peavler, Shirley Friemel

WELCOME TO WORSHIP this Palm Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE & FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Rich & Shirley Friemel* in celebration of their 61st Wedding Anniversary on March 23rd.

PRAYER CONCERNS UPDATE The prayer concerns list has been updated to include only the names of those that have contacted the church office. If your name or a loved one's name has been removed and you would still like it to be included on the prayer list, please contact the church office and we will gladly add them back to the list. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

MORNING PRAYER SERVICES This is the final week for Morning Prayer Services. They are held in the chapel at 6:30 a.m. each morning through Good Friday.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE The area-wide Easter Vigil Service will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 30th, at First Lutheran Church in Paxton.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Pastor Lehmann to lead service. Good Friday - 7:00 p.m. Worship Service. Neal White to lead service. Easter Sunday - There will be NO Sunrise Service. 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Pastor Lehmann to lead service.

CARD SHOWER Please help us celebrate with a card shower Vernetta Schluter's 95th Birthday on March 28th. Cards may be sent to: Vernetta Schluter, 522 Garden St., Rantoul, IL 61866.

SHEETS NEEDED The Quilting group is in need of cotton sheets. These are used for liners in the quilts. So while you are doing your spring cleaning and have extra sheets, please think of the quilters. Donations may be brought to the church office. Thank you!

30 PIECES OF SILVER During Lent, we would encourage you to give 30 Pieces of Silver...30 dimes, quarters, dollars or a check as an extra gift of love for the cause of Christ. Please be sure to mark the outside of the envelope "30 Pieces of Silver".

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the 2nd Quarter (April-June) are available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside of the church office.

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord's table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord's table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 121

CANTEEN RUN Sign-up sheets to help make sandwiches, provide donations or go on the Canteen Run are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS (gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small) for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, March 25

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, March 26

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 27

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

5:30 p.m. NO Confirmation

Thursday, March 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29 GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31 EASTER

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study-TBD

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM



EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31ST

If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please sign your name below and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by Palm Sunday, March 24th. The lilies will be displayed in the front of the Sanctuary on Easter morning.

The cost for each lily is \$15.00. You may place the money in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope "LILY" (be sure your name is on it) and place it in the offering plate by Easter Sunday.

(Please write your name below as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)

NAME: _____



Funeral Meals

Funeral meal donations are an important ministry that we provide to our families after the loss of a loved one. Needed are salads and desserts to be provided for the funeral meals.

We are updating our list of people who are willing to make donations for these meals. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Sunday, April 7th, if you would be willing to provide for these meals.

Please fill out this form even if you have filled one out before. The names and numbers we receive from this insert will be the ones that we call.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024 – March 30, 2024

Prayer: Almighty God, Heavenly Father you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his Resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forevermore. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Passion Sunday	Numbers 2:1-34	Psalm 113	Mark 10:1-12
Holy Monday	Numbers 3:1-32	Psalm 114	Mark 10:13-22
Holy Tuesday	Numbers 3:33-4:15	Psalm 115	Mark 10:23-34
Holy Wednesday	Numbers 4:16-49	Psalm 116	Mark 10:35-45
Maundy Thursday	Numbers 5:1-31	Psalm 117	Mark 10:46-52
Good Friday	Numbers 6:1-27	Psalm 118	Mark 11:1-11
Holy Saturday	Numbers 7:1-35	Psalm 119:1-8	Mark 11:12-26

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen