

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

PRELUDE

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! C: Hosanna in the highest!

P: Christ was oppressed and was afflicted, C: yet He did not open His mouth;

P: like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, C: and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent.

P: Christ was wounded for our transgressions, C: crushed for our iniquities;

P: upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, C: and by His wounds we are healed.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LBW #108 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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.

C: 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.

P: Most merciful God, C: 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 the sins of all who trust on the merit of Jesus Christ alone. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

P: However, to all unrepentant sinners and despisers of God, of His Words, and of His Holy Sacraments, I say from God's Word and in the name of Jesus Christ, that God has kept their sins and will certainly punish in time and eternity, so long as they, during this time of grace, refuse to turn from them and to repent. We wish them from the heart that they would repent.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

LBW #495 “Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 118:19-29

L: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

C: "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."

L: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

C: The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! LORD, send us now success.

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

L: God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

C: "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please rise)

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 12:12-19

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

(After the Gospel is read) P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #94 "My Song Is Love Unknown" (Vs. 1-3)

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He

will come again 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 THE PEOPLE *L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE *P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 75 LBW) (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth....as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 (pg. 73 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) 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 (Sung)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #121 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*I imagine myself along the route you traveled into Jerusalem, dear Jesus.
I lay branches along your donkey's path and praise you: "Hosanna, Son of David!"*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Susan Millsap Chloe Messor (granddaughter/Jack & Brenda Spitz)
Karen Flessner

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Roberta Arthur	Robert Hayn	Steve Schluter	Eugene Schmidt
Maverick LeBouef	Tracie Sisneros	Glenn Behnke	John Keith
Pen Pendleton	Denny Doyle	Pr. Barb Busboom	Rodney Larkin
Rich Friemel	Geraldine Gorecki	Lee Briggs	Carla Adkins
Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Earl Smith	Gabbi Reynolds
Ben Moser	William Benton	Steve Ritchie	Sharon Lohen
Mary Mallicoat	Bob & Jenny Hobby	Nick Shepherd	Michael Markarian
Joyce Keith	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Ruth Lutz	Joan Mathis
Genet Dixon	Dave Overholt	Loretta Overholt	Luella Loschen

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

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti	Eli Baker

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Lloyd Schluter, Emily Deal

Ivie Albers, Liam Hall

Justin & Liam Kaiser

Ron Minch, Annie Minch

Lorraine McElwain

Justin Kaiser

Ron Howe

Judy Peck, Emily Deal, John Lux

WELCOME Hosanna to the Son of David! So sang people long ago as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and so sing we. Welcome to Palm Sunday worship!

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *DaVeda Reitz* in memory of her daughter, Dena Carver's, birthday on April 12th.

PRESCHOOL FLOWER FUNDRAISER is being held in the month of April. A preschool board member is available in the Narthex to take orders.

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Maundy Thursday (April 17th) - 7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Good Friday (April 18th) - 7:00 p.m. Worship Service. Easter Sunday (April 20th) – 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (to be held outside, weather permitting, otherwise in Chapel); 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE The area-wide Easter Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph.

VBS 2025 is the week of June 9th-13th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping out, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. The next meeting for anyone interested in helping will be held on Sunday, April 27th, after the Sunday School hour. Please see Heather Lehmann with any questions.

SHEETS NEEDED The Quilting group is in need of flat cotton sheets. These are used for liners in the quilts. Donations may be brought to the church office. Thank you in advance for any donation.

CHRIST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE-THRU PORK CHOP DINNER will be held today from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the High School located at 201 W. Lincoln St. in Buckley. Free-will donations will be appreciated.

GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT RETREAT will be held on Thursday, May 22nd, and Friday, May 23rd, at the Sacré Coeur Retreat Center in Magnolia, IL. This retreat is for all GRMD congregants and pastors. Please plan to arrive Thursday after lunch. Departure will be after lunch on Friday. The cost to attend is yet to be determined. Please contact Nikki in the church office if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

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 – 141

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART The cost to sponsor the broadcast on WPXN is \$50. The cost to provide flowers for Sunday is \$25. Please sign up on the chart outside the Narthex and call the office with the details to print in the bulletin.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS for Northview Grade School may be left in the donation tub in the Narthex. Gently used clothing, and new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages K - 5th (size 5T to men & women size small).

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April through June are available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside the church office.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 13 PALM SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, April 14

- 6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service
- 12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, April 15

- 6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 16

- 6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, April 17

- 6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18

- 6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19

- 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service (St. Joseph)

Sunday, April 20 EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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



EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20TH

If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please sign your name below and place it in the offering plate today. 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: _____

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025 – April 19, 2025

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	Isaiah 45:1-25; 46:1-13	Psalm 135	Ephesians 4:1-16
Holy Monday	Isaiah 47:1-15; 48:1-22	Psalm 136	Ephesians 4:17-24
Holy Tuesday	Isaiah 49:1-26; 50:1-11	Psalm 137	Ephesians 4:25-32
Holy Wednesday	Isaiah 51:1-23; 52:1-15	Psalm 138	Ephesians 5:1-14
Maundy Thursday	Isaiah 53:1-12; 54:1-17	Psalm 139	Ephesians 5:15-20
Good Friday	Isaiah 55:1-13; 56:1-12	Psalm 140	Ephesians 5:21-33
Holy Saturday	Isaiah 57:1-21; 58:1-14	Psalm 141	Ephesians 6:1-9

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