



***He humbled himself
by becoming
obedient to the
point of death, even
death on a cross.***

Philippians 2:8

**March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday
9:30 AM Worship**

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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(Pilgrims who had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover heard that Jesus was coming into town. They went out to meet him, laid palm branches at his feet, and shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Today we remember Palm Sunday. Welcome to God's House.)

WELCOME

(put prayer requests on yellow cards)

HYMN LBW #108

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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.

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.

5 Their praises you accepted;
 Accept the prayers we bring,
 Great author of all goodness,
 O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

*Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESSp. 56

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

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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 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.

C: Amen

HOLY BAPTISM

(Baptized today is:

- ⇒ *Tateum Elizabeth Gardner, daughter of Christian Gardner and Serenity Duran. Tateum was born November 27, 2023. Her sponsors are Tara Roberts and Miloh Jaeger.*
- ⇒ *Hayden Jesse Hoffert, son of Jesse & Brittany Hoffert. Hayden was born June 24, 2023. His sponsors are Devan Schell and Calli Hoffert.)*

We welcome Tateum and Hayden as our newest members of First Lutheran.

HYMN (vs 1 & 2)..... LBW #474 **“Children of the Heavenly Father”**

- 1. Children of the heav’nly Father, Safely in his bosom gather; Nestling bird or star in heaven, Such a refuge ne’er was given.**
- 2. God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish, From all evil things he spare them, In his mighty arms he bears them.**

BAPTISM OF: Tateum Elizabeth Gardner and Hayden Jesse Hoffert.

HYMN (vs 3)..... LBW #474 **“Children of the Heavenly Father”**

- 3. Neither Life nor death shall ever, From the Lord his children sever; Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.**

FIRST READINGZechariah 9:9-12
(The coming of the Savior was foretold by the prophet Zechariah. These words point us to Christ on Palm Sunday, leaving no doubt as to who our Savior is.)

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be

cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11
(Christ Jesus humbles himself for us, taking on the form of a servant. His servanthood and obedience leads him to death on the cross that we might be forgiven.)

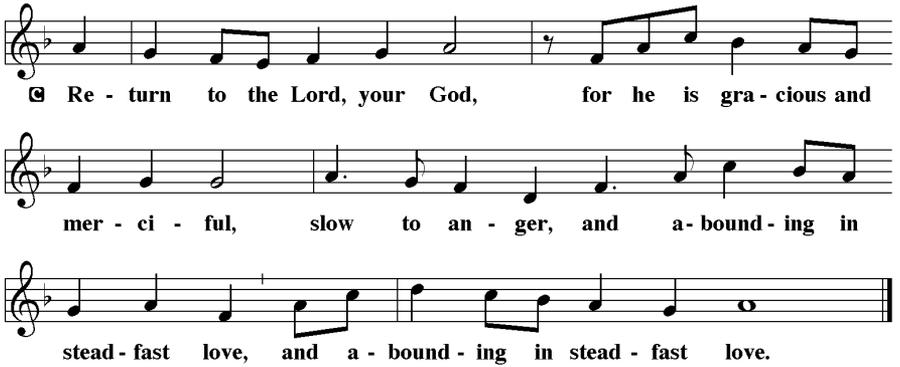
⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

BLANKET BLESSING (Read in Unison)

God of Peace, as these blankets wrap around Your children, may they feel comfort that only comes from You. Grant them joy in the colorful patterns, cradle them in hope, snuggle them during their trials and tribulations, warm them in Your peace, and wrap them up in Your abundant love. You alone know what each child and their families need when they receive these blankets. We entrust these blankets to You for Your glory! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RETURN TO THE LORD



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter.

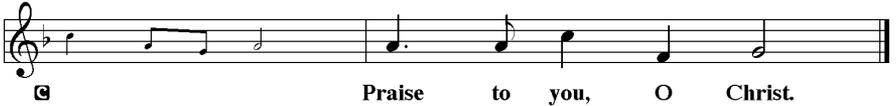


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READINGMark 11:1-10
(It was the week that the world was changed and it began with Jesus and a triumphal entry into Jerusalem.)

11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Pastor Paul Krueger
“The Extreme Love” - Mark 11:1-10

APOSTLES’ CREEDp. 65
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

**HYMN LBW #327
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; Help - less, look to thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See thee on thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

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OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERTORYp. 75

☩ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir -
it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

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.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask that you sign our guest book in the narthex.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Wednesday, March 13th, Attendance – 87

Online Viewing – 14

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$642.00

Sunday, March 17th, Attendance – 125

Online Viewing – 26

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$6,079.00

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran has hearing assist systems to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this or want to try it, please see the ushers in the narthex.

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Paul (701-240-4712) or the church office (701-462-3775) if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

This week we pray for:

This Week's New Prayer Requests:

Prayers of Christian Sympathy:

Long Term prayer requests:

Members: Alton Krebsbach, Melisa Chrest, Howard Johnson, Karen Goehring

* The person in parenthesis is who the person is related to or friends of. Please feel free to ask these individuals how best you can pray for their family/friend.

This month we pray for:

Members: Jackie Olson, Judy Beaudry

Friends & Family: Perry Thyberg, Corrine Kerzmann (Donna Gunderson)

This Quarter we pray for:

Members:

Military Prayer and Card List

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

- **Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in the Military and the National Guard:**
SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard
SPC Olivia Retterath – National Guard - Deployed
SPC Christian Gardner – Army National Guard
SPC Cassidy Sommer – National Guard
SGT Jonathan Melvard – Army National Guard
- **Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:**
SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard
Emily Johnson – Air Force
Bryar Anderson – Marines
1SGT Jordan Ternes – Army National Guard
Tech. SGT Andre Austin – Air Force
Hunter Feigum – National Guard
Morris Duffy – Medical Air Guard
Brandon Searcy – Navy – Deployed
Adam Walsvik – National Guard

Notice of Prayer List Policy

We have a monthly /quarterly prayer list cycle. When you add someone to our prayer list the request will remain on our monthly list for four weeks and then be removed. If you would like to have the request moved to our quarterly list, please contact the office and the request will be added to our “This Quarter we pray for:” list for the next three months. Please help us keep our prayer list current by communicating updates to the office at 701-462-3775. Thank you all for your faithful prayers for all of God’s people.

Large Print Bulletins

We have large print bulletins for those wanting or needing larger print. Ask the ushers for one.

Flowers

Altar flowers today are from Steve & Peggy Wollmuth for thankfulness and praise for our God.

Call Committee

The call committee will meet at noon today, March 24th.

First Communion Class

5th Graders at First Lutheran Church or anyone older that is not already taking communion are invited to join Pastor Krueger on Sunday afternoon, March 24th, for First Communion Classes. It is customary for our children to have the privilege of growing their faith through the Sacrament of Holy Communion alongside their family members. Pastor Krueger will take our kids through the meaning of Holy Communion and the benefits that our Lord Jesus gives us through receiving the sacrament with first communion happening for our children at our Maundy Thursday worship service on March 28th. Our First Communion class will be held from 2 – 4 pm on Sunday, March 24th.

Quilting

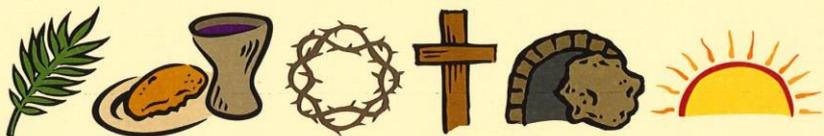
Women, come join the quilters this Thursday and Friday, March 28th & 29th, for quilting from 9:00 am – noon. If you don't know how to quilt, come learn. New faces are always welcome.

Brass Players Wanted and Practice Time

We are looking for brass players that would like to play on Easter Sunday at the 9:30 am service (and if willing at the 7:00 am as well). Please call the church office or talk to Jeannette if you are interested and let her know what instrument you will be playing. Pastor Paul has the music. Practice with the organ will be on Thursday, March 28th, at 5:00 pm.

Easter Lily Forms

We invite you to help decorate First Lutheran this Easter with your Easter Lilies and Easter plants. Forms are in the March newsletter and on the table in the narthex. ***Please attach the form to your Easter Lily or plant and bring it to the secretary's hallway no later than noon this Thursday, March 27th*** to be listed in the Easter bulletins.



Holy Week Schedule



March 24
9:30 AM Worship



Maundy Thursday
SERVICE

March 28
7:00 PM
Worship
w/Holy
Communion
& First
Communion



March 29
7:00 PM
Worship

Easter Sunday - March 31



w/Holy Communion
7:00 AM



Easter Sunday
Breakfast

7:45 - 9:15 AM
Served by FLY



w/Holy Communion
9:30 AM

Easter Breakfast

First Lutheran youth will be serving Easter Breakfast next Sunday, March 31st from 7:45 – 9:15 am. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and fruit. Freewill donation.

Thrivent Choice Members

Thrivent Choice Members, a reminder if you already haven't, March 31st is the last day to direct your remaining 2023 Choice Dollars. First Lutheran received \$1,031.00 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding in 2023. Thank you to all that donated your choice dollars to First Lutheran.

Confirmation Café Servers Needed

We are looking for a couple people each of the following Wednesdays to volunteer to make and serve a meal to our confirmation students and helpers. Serving begins between 5:15 pm and 5:30 pm and ends at 6:15 pm. You decide the meal you want to serve. April 17 & 24. Contact Claudette Ness with questions or if you are willing to make and serve a meal. People that have already served enjoy seeing the kids and how polite they are. Thank you to all that have stepped up and helped out so far.

Camp of the Cross Camp Scholarships

THANKS to the FLC Church Council, FLCW, Evangelism Committee and an anonymous party, all registration fees will be covered for the FLC campers to Camp of the Cross Ministries this summer. There is an early bird discount for registering with CCM by **April 1, 2024**. Please let Peggy Moran know by **May 19, 2024**, if you have any campers registered so funds can be sent to the camp before camp season begins.

Connections

The March/April issue of *Connections* is in the magazine rack in the narthex. Take a copy today to read updates on the LCMC and NALC plus other interesting articles.

Our Daily Bread and Portals of Prayer

The March/April/May issue of *Our Daily Bread* and the April - June 2024 issue of *Portals of Prayer* are in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Baptisms
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
		Fireside Bible Reading
	Noon	Call Committee Meeting
	2:00 – 4:00 PM	First Communion Class
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
		Al-Anon Meeting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	Noon	Easter Lily Deadline
	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Choir
		FLY
THURS.	9:00 AM	Quilting
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion & First Communion
FRI.	9:00 AM	Quilting
	7:00 PM	Good Friday Worship
SUN.		EASTER SUNDAY
	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Worship w/Holy Communion
	7:45 – 9:15 AM	Easter Breakfast served by FLY
	9:30 AM	Easter Celebration Worship
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
		Al-Anon Meeting

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Palm/Passion Sunday — March 24, 2024

*“Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief, my soul and my body also.”*

– Psalm 31:9 –

Jesus knew long before He arrived in Jerusalem that it would be His last visit to the beloved city. He warned the disciples and the crowds that the Son of Man had to be lifted up, persecuted, and killed. Jesus knew the time was coming when the world would turn away from Him. I wonder how it felt, then, to arrive in Jerusalem to a cheering crowd. We describe the Palm Sunday parade as a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but was it a triumph to Jesus? Did He embrace their praise? He knew that in just days that same crowd would be shouting for His crucifixion.

Jesus loved His people. He wanted the best for them, but it must have been difficult even for Him to accept the cross. There was so much left to do. There were still sick people to be healed and poor who needed encouragement. There were many who had not heard the promise of God’s Kingdom. His disciples still did not understand. The donkey ride into Jerusalem was part of the plan, but must have seemed premature. How could He leave them now? They weren’t ready to continue on their own.

The psalmist knew the tug of war that goes on in the hearts of people struggling to be obedient to God’s will. Even Jesus prayed that His Father might find another way. After all, how could death be the answer? Nevertheless, Jesus did not listen to the demands of the crowd. He did not save Himself; He obeyed the will of His Father. God’s promises could only be complete through death, the final enemy. The amazing grace of God was realized through the most incredible act of sacrifice: the beloved Son, the Priest-King, offered Himself as the Lamb to be slain for the sake of God’s people.

Jesus accepted the praise of the crowds on Palm Sunday, but just days later He also accepted the anguish and loneliness of the garden and the cross. Through it all, He trusted in God. He willingly died on the cross to fulfill the promise of God’s unfailing love for His people. We are delivered by His blood from the greatest enemy: death. By His grace we are forgiven and through Him we have life in His Kingdom forever.