

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Pastor Hans Anderson

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Blessing of the Palms

The Congregation will gather outside or in the narthex (depending on weather). Palms will be distributed.

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with you upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The gospel for this Palm Sunday is from Luke, the 19th chapter.

At the conclusion of the gospel reading, congregation raises the palms.

Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

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

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, ‘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. ³¹If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ ³⁴They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying,

‘Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!’

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Pastor: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of the Lord.**

***Processional Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"** (ELW 344) Trumpet arrangement by Connie Burton

The pastor leads the procession into the church; we begin the hymn as we are entering the church.

People process to pews; and remain standing.

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.

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

***Prayer of the Day:**

Pastor: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his suffering, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

All: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message
Noisy Offering

Pastor Hans Anderson

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.

¹⁰**For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street
flee from me.

¹²**I have passed out of mind like one who is
dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

¹³For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, 'You are my God.'**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of
my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

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Gospel Announcement

Pastor: The Holy Passion according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The assembly is seated until asked to rise

Passion Gospel: Matthew 26:36-46

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” ⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;^[a] the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

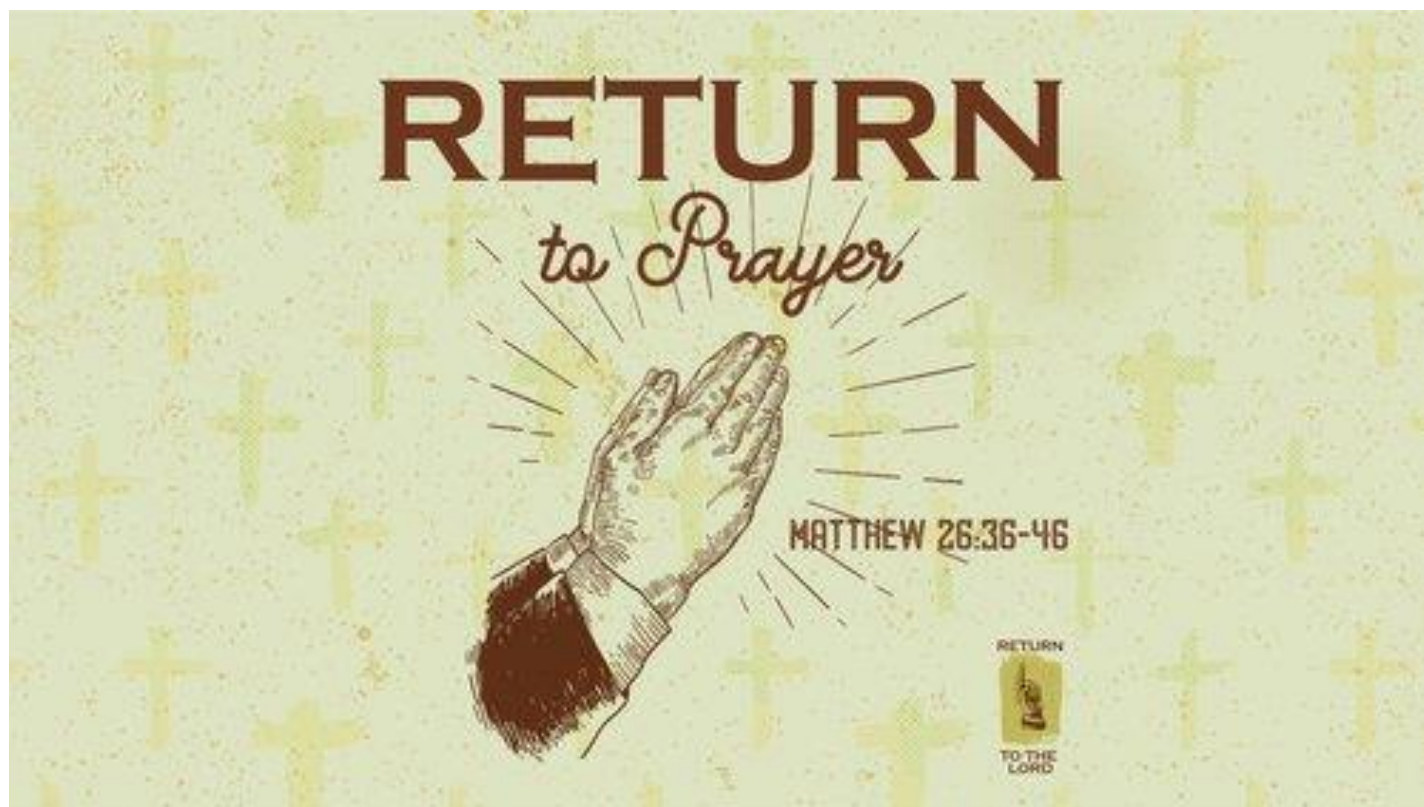
Gospel Response:

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

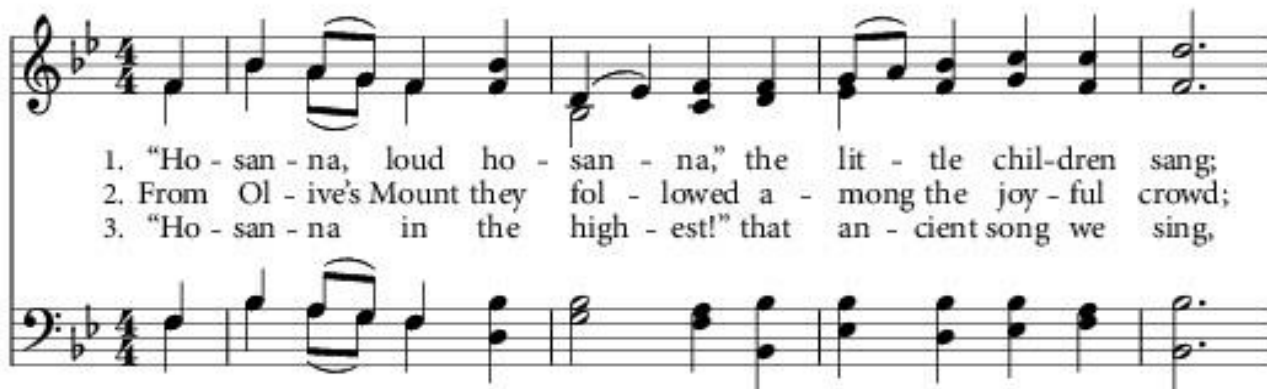
People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message: “Hosannah”

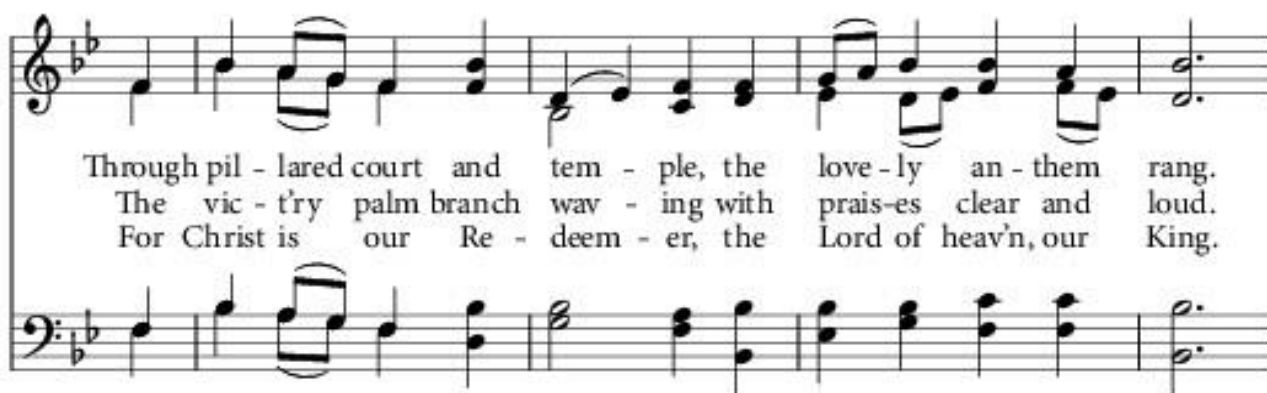
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Hymn of the Day: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (WHM 220)



1. "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - ive's Mount they fol - lowed a - mong the joy - ful crowd;
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple, the love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - t'ry palm branch way - ing with prais - es clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, Who had blessed them, close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

-*Statement of Faith – The 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 Intercession:**

Pastor: Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Pastor: Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ’s suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Establish peace and justice among the nations (*regions in conflict may be named*). Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.
Amen.**

***Words of Institution**

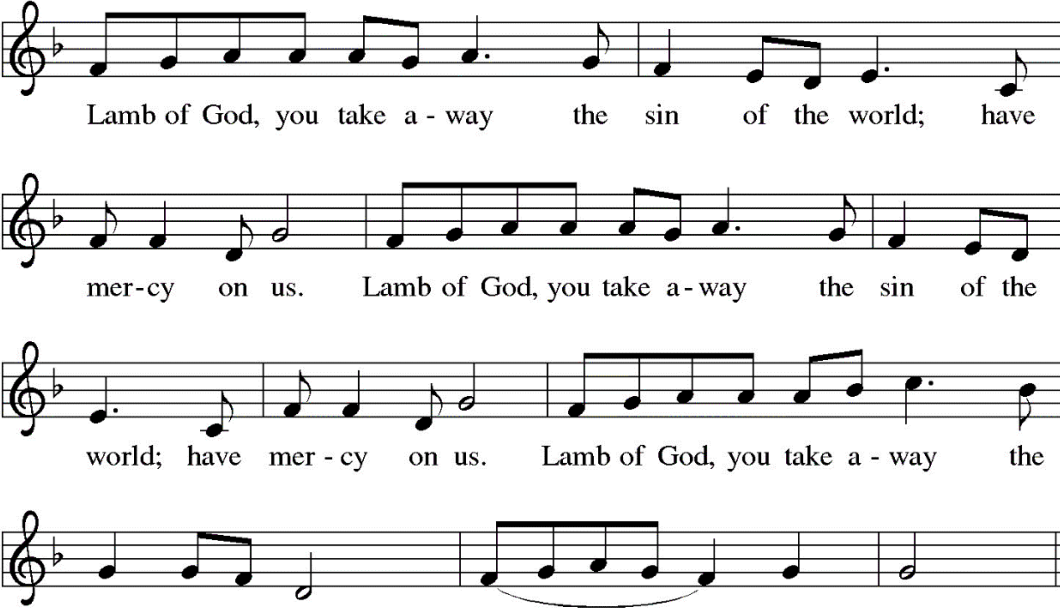
***Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

† Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.
Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.
Gluten free wafers are available from the communion server upon request.
You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.*

Holy Communion Distribution



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.

Post Communion Prayer:

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.**

Amen.

Blessing:

Pastor: God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✝ give you peace.

People: Amen

*Sending Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (ELW 338)

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

*Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Share your bread.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “How Firm A Foundation” (ELW 808)

Trumpet arrangement by Gary Lanier

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Readers:

Acolytes:

Communion Assistants:

Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

Sound: Tyler Hoplin

Head Usher: Paul Pearson

Altar Guild: Annette Newton & Gloria Johnson

Counter: Brenda Anderson

Next Sunday’s Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

Easter Breakfast

Please join us this morning for Easter Breakfast made and served by youth who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 14-21.



The Senior High Youth attending the National Youth Gathering are **Ashley Shamp, Maddie Knapp, Kaya Anderson, Hudson Juel, Zairion English, Camden Zinda, Blake Hoplin, and Bella Raasch**. The adults accompanying these youth are **Pastor Hans Anderson and Kayci Finley**.

Holy Week Service Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service — Thursday, March 28 — 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service — Friday, March 29 — 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service — Sunday, March 31 — 9:00 a.m.

Announcements

Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. Just type in the following Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID is 823-6162-1569. Passcode is 367288

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. This week’s bulletin is sponsored by the Lindquist family in memory of Evan. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

Easter Flowers: Today is the last day to order **Easter Flowers** for \$10 each. We have ordered Easter Lilies, Cymane and Begonias.

Save the Date! April 12, at 7 pm the Legacy Chorale will be performing here. Invite your friends and neighbors!

A Lenten Stewardship Project began on Ash Wednesday. First Lutheran Church Women are collecting *donations of bars of soap*. The bars of soap collected will be evenly divided and given to the Pine River Food Shelf, Tiger’s Den Food Shelf, & the Little Church. The collection box is in the church narthex, so donations can be given anytime the church is open.

Today’s **Noisy Offering** is going to the Pine River Backus Food Shelf. March is Food Shelf Month in Minnesota. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to Thomas Olmstead for sharing his wonderful music with us today.

“**Quiet Activity Bags**” are available for children’s use during worship. They are at the back of the sanctuary on the right-hand side.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Worship Service (<i>in-person & Zoom</i>)	9:00 AM
Coffee	10:00AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM

Monday, March 25, 2024

Kitchen Committee	4:00 PM
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Thursday, March 29, 2024

Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 PM
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Friday, March 30, 2024

Good Friday Service	6:30 PM
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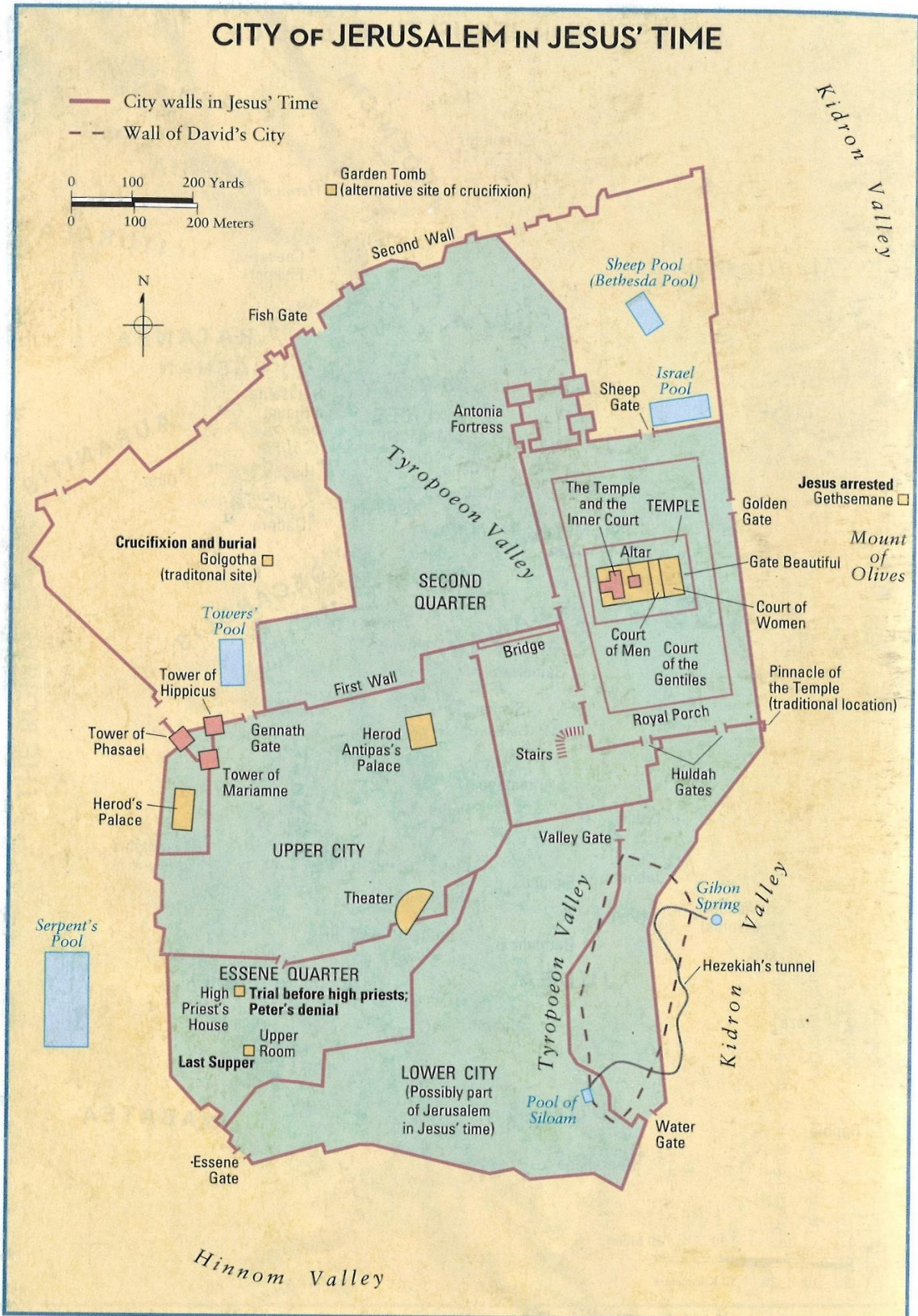
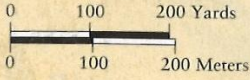
Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Easter Worship Service (<i>in-person & Zoom</i>)	9:00 AM
Easter Breakfast Sponsored by Youth going to the National Youth Gathering	10:00 AM
NO Sunday School	

CITY OF JERUSALEM IN JESUS' TIME

- City walls in Jesus' Time
- - Wall of David's City



Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Barb Richards

Lars Larson

Clifford, great grandson of Leonard and Jan Nelson

Bonnie Bandy, sister of Shirley Schmidt

Andy Anderson

Denny Aleckson

Harvey and Marion Kelley

Penny Siewert

Gordon Greenwald, friend of Cora Hohnstadt



Those in the service...

SMSgt Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Captain A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Attendance: 86

Offering:

Mar. 17, 2024 \$2,806.00 Weekly Budget: \$3,132.40

Direct Deposit: \$ 75.00

Total Offering: \$ 2,881.00

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

Giving: \$84,853.05 Expenses: \$71,559.93

Income less Expenses for February:

\$11,473.25 - \$10,623.83 = \$849.42

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-2969 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com