



## Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Pastor Hans Anderson

### Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

#### Blessing of the Palms

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

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

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

The gospel for this Palm Sunday is from Luke, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

#### Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

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

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

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

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of the Lord.**

**\*Processional Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (ELW 344)**

*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: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

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.**

**Psalms 31:9-16**

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

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

<sup>11</sup>I 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.

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

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

<sup>14</sup>**But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, ‘You are my God.’**

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

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

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**Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The assembly is seated until asked to rise*

**Passion Gospel: Luke 22:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it<sup>[a]</sup> until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood”

**Gospel Response:**

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

**Children’s Message**

**Message: “Garden of Sacrifice”**

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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 wav - 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!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a corresponding musical staff. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the narrative. The third system describes the entry of Jesus. The fourth system concludes with the children's praise and the eternal joy of the presence of Christ.

**-\*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.**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ’s resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. We pray for the following..... God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray.

**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**



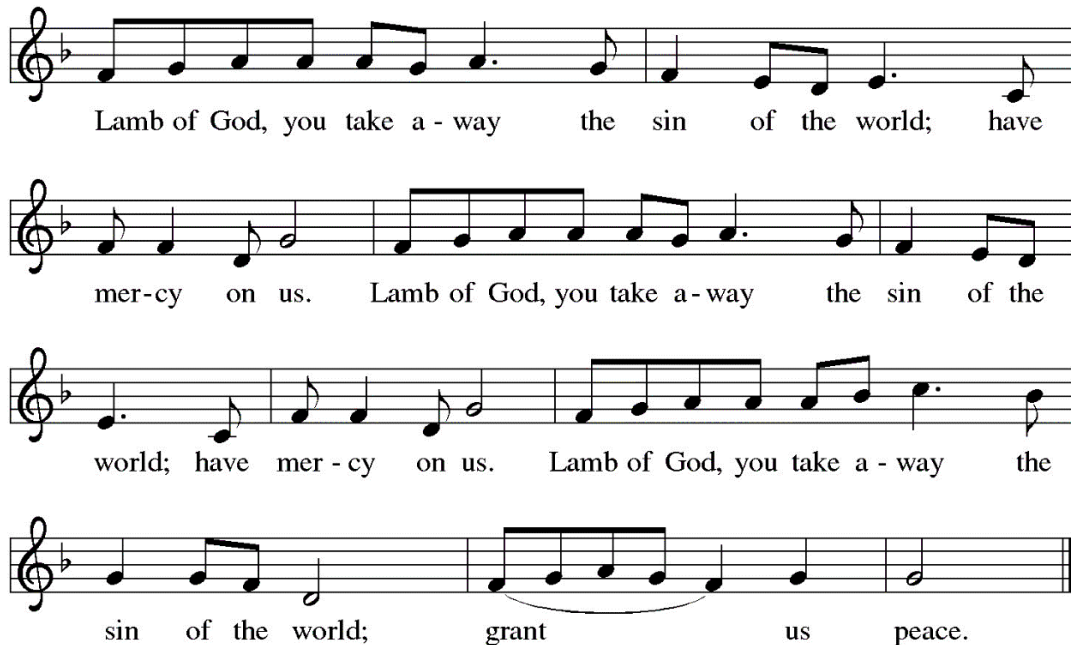
### \*Lord's Prayer

**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



### Post Communion Prayer:

Let us pray.

**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.

**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**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**



<b>Readers:</b>	Penny Siewert
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	
<b>Zoom:</b>	Cora Hohnstadt
<b>Sound:</b>	Tyler Hoplin
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Paul Pearson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Annette Newton & Gloria Johnson
<b>Coffee &amp; Fellowship:</b>	Annette Newton
<b>Counter:</b>	Irene Gearey

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, April 13, 2025

#### *Palm Sunday*

Worship Service ( <i>in-person &amp; Zoom</i> )	9:00 AM
Coffee	10:00AM

### Thursday, April 17, 2025

Dorcas Circle	9:00 AM
Naomi Circle, gathering at the church	1:30 PM
Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 PM

### Friday, April 18, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Good Friday Service	6:00 PM

### Sunday, April 20, 2025

#### *Easter Sunday*

Sanchez Guerrero & Tracy Johnson Wedding	8:00 AM
Easter Worship Service	9:00 AM
Easter Breakfast Sponsored by Youth	10:00 AM





## \*\*\*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 893-3233-9261 Passcode 053380

**Bulletins can be sponsored** for \$25.00 per week. This week's bulletin is sponsored by Irene Gearey, Elaina is 16! 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, Cyclamen and Begonias.

**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.

Next week's **Noisy Offering** is going to Lutheran Disaster Response. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Dear Families with younger children: we enthusiastically welcome you and your growing family to celebrate the worship service with us. *Please relax*. We understand that God put the wiggle in children and we want them to feel welcome -- it's their church, too! Be sure to participate in the service as kids learn how to "do" church by watching you. Quiet activity bags are available in the back of the church. Talk about church at home and in the car and address any curiosities children have.

Finally, **THANK YOU** for joining us -- we know it takes a lot of hard work and effort to get here.!

**New Member Classes** start April 27, at 10:00 AM and continue May 4th<sup>h</sup>, with New Member Sunday on May 11th. Please see Pastor Hans if interested.

Scholarships forms are due in the church office by **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. All 2025 graduates and returning college students are eligible. Forms have been mailed out, and additional forms are in the church office, if needed.

Next Sunday, at 8:00 AM Sanchez Guerrero and Tracy Johnson will be married at First Lutheran Church. ALL are invited!



## Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Grace Anderson

Jan Otness, as she prepares for heart surgery



Those in the service...

Senior Master Sargeant Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

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

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau

E-6 Nathaniel & E-6 Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

**Sunday, Apr. 6, 2025**

**Attendance:** 96

#### **Offering**

Apr. 6, 2025      \$2,823.75      Weekly Budget:      \$3,301.40

Direct Deposit:      \$ 205.00

Total Offerings:      \$3,028.75

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

2024-2025 Giving:      **\$97,506.42**      Expenses:      **\$93,407.23**

#### **Income less Expenses for March:**

\$14,961.26 - \$15,119.07 = (-\$157.81)

**If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-9166 or email him at [pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com)**



## Easter Garden Order Form

The following flowers are available to order for the  
Easter Garden at First Lutheran Church.

<u>TYPE OF PLANT</u>	<u>COST</u> <u>EACH</u>	<u>HOW</u> <u>MANY?</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>COST</u>
Easter Lily	\$10.00	_____	_____
Begonia	\$10.00	_____	_____
Cyclamen	\$10.00	_____	_____

Total Order: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

- Orders must be received by *Palm Sunday, April 13.*
- Drop off your order form at the church office.
- *Please include payment.*
- Please make checks payable to First Lutheran Church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_





### ***Holy Week Service Schedule***

*Maundy Thursday Service — Thursday, April 17 6:00 p.m.*

*Good Friday Service — Friday, April 18 — 6:00 p.m.*

*Easter Sunday Service — Sunday, April 20 — 9:00 a.m.*

