

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

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 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.'

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.

WOW students Sing

***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.

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.**

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

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it^[a] until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹Then 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.” ²⁰And 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.

Message: “Palms -up Praise!”

Pastor Hans Anderson

***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 the People:**

Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day . Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

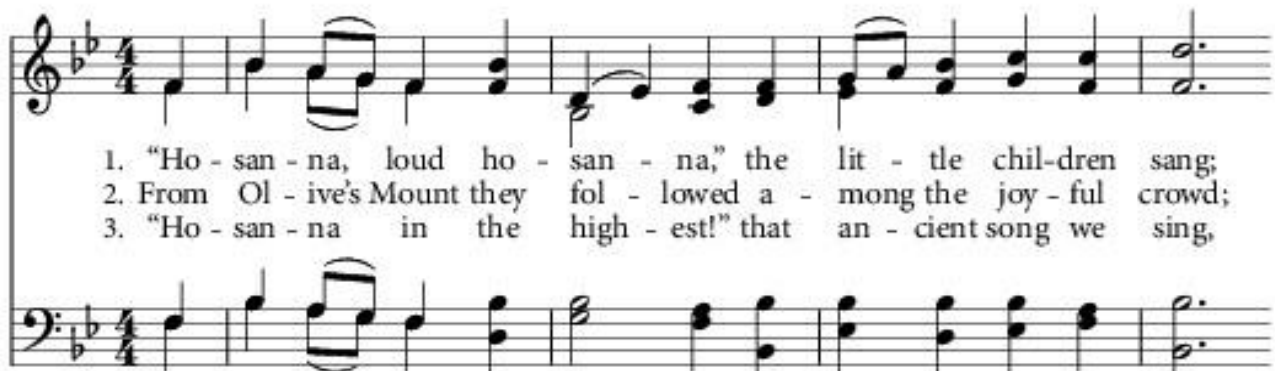
Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

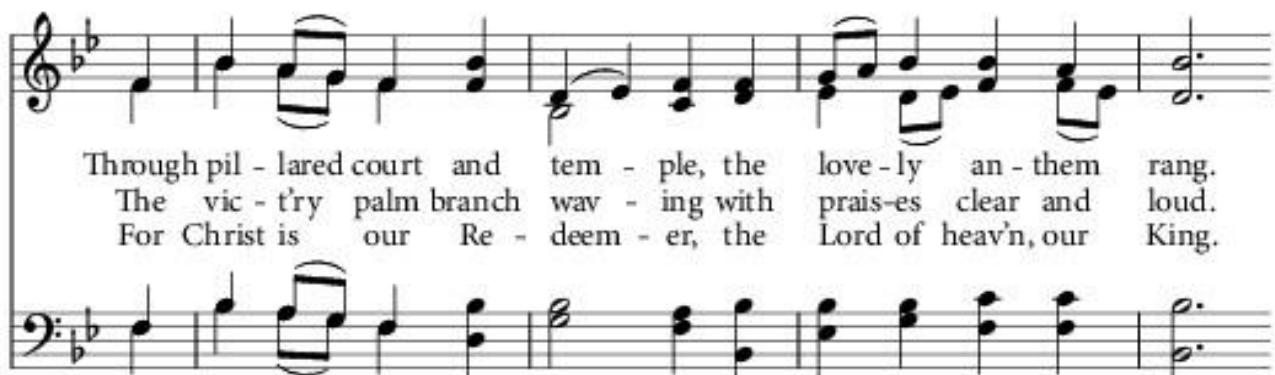
Amen.



Hymn of the Day: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (WHM 220) (offering will be taken at this time)



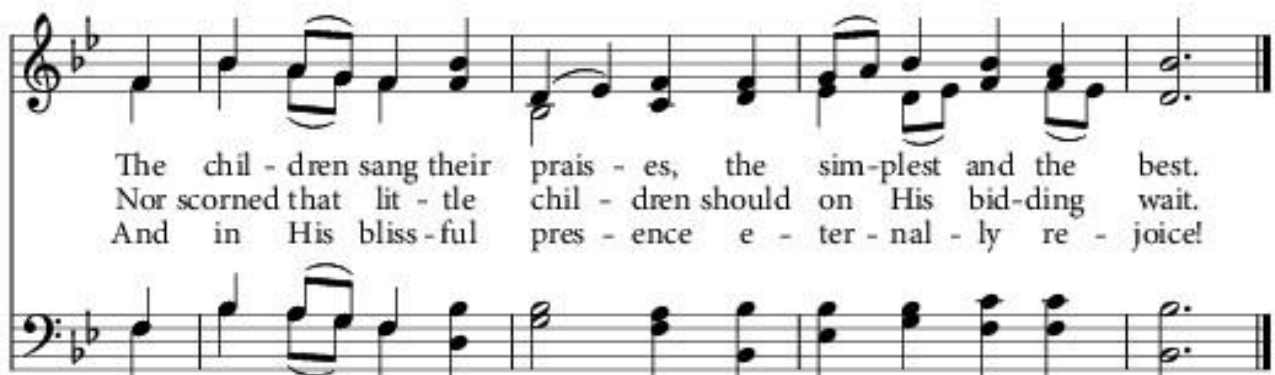
1. "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - ive's Mount they fol - lowed a - mong the joy - ful crowd;
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



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!

***Offertory Prayer**

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

***Words of Institution**

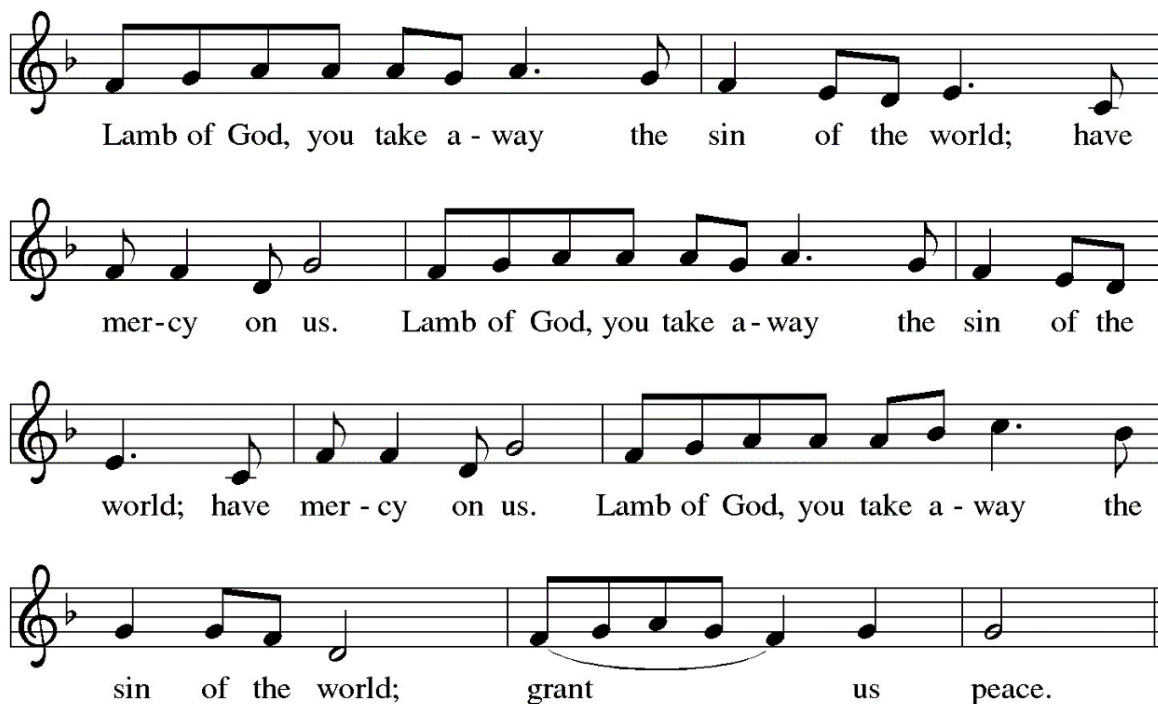
***Lord's Prayer**

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



The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes. The text is: "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 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined with a horizontal line.

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:

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:

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.



Readers:

Penny Siewert

Communion Assistants:

Zoom:

Bill Schroeder

Sound:

Denice Smith

Head Usher:

Paul Pearson, Vincent and Jace Norman

Altar Guild:

Jodi Perry & Val Johnson

Coffee & Fellowship:

Hoplin Families

Counter:

Brenda Anderson

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Coffee

10:00AM

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Dorcas Circle

9:00 AM

Operation Sandwich

10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Service

6:00 PM

Friday, April 3, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Good Friday Service

6:00 PM

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Easter Worship Service

9:00 AM

Easter Breakfast



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 882 7501 6398 Passcode 753902

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. 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 \$14 each. We have ordered Easter Lilies, Cyclamen and Begonias.

Current College students and any members planning on being in a post- secondary program next year are encouraged to apply for Church scholarships. If you have received a scholarship in the past you can apply again, but you must submit a new application to be considered. If you are a college student who has not applied previously you can apply for next year. Application forms can be picked up at the church office. We can also mail a form to you if you call the church office (587-2316) with a request.

The Scholarship Committee administers two scholarship programs that have been established by the Church. These are: The John Gearey Memorial Scholarship, which is earmarked for two-year college students, and the First Lutheran Terry Olin Fund Scholarship which may support members involved in college programs, technical school programs, special single event courses, and also encourages applications from non-traditional students. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting in April to consider applications for the 2026-2027 school year. To ensure that your application receives equal consideration for the available funds, it is important that it be returned to the church office by April 19th. **Remember, the only way to receive a scholarship is to apply.**

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. The collection box is in the church narthex, so donations can be given anytime the church is open.

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 12, at 10:00 AM and continue April 19, with New Member Sunday on April 26. Please see Pastor Hans if interested.

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Madeleine Primmer

Ryan Kelley

Juliet Perry Stevens, Jodi Perry's daughter, recovering from surgery

Leonard Nelson



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

New Member Classes are coming in April!

April 12, 2026, New Member Class after worship

April 19, 2026, New Member Class after worship

April 26, 2026, New Members received with potluck following worship.





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 EACH</u>	<u>HOW MANY?</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
Easter Lily	\$14.00	_____	_____
Begonia	\$14.00	_____	_____
Cyclamen	\$14.00	_____	_____
Total Order: \$ _____			

In Honor/Memory of: _____

- Orders must be received by *Palm Sunday, March 29.*
- 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 2, 6:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3, 6:00 PM

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 5, 9:00 AM

SUPPORT



FOOD SHELVES

March 1 - April 6, 2026

Find your local food shelf or donate
at **245 Barclay Ave, PO Box 1, Pine River,
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MARCH CAMPAIGN



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Margaret Rivers Fund



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