

First Lutheran Church & School

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Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020



Sunday

9:15 Sunday School & 10:30 Divine Service

Rev. Larry Rockemann, Vacancy Pastor

Rev. John Schulz, Pastor Emeritus

Jessie Irwin, Principal

Processional Hymn

LSB 442 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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Exhortation

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Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the

infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

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Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Kyrie

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☩ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,

that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
5The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
6I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
7But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
8He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
9Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Gradual

Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon: v. 26

19Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them
and give thanks | to the LORD.
20This is the gate | of the LORD;*
the righteous shall enter | through it.
21I thank you that you have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.
22The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.
23This is the LORD's | doing,*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
24This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
25Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!
26Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.
27The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the | altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you; *
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good; *
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

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 made himself nothing, 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.

Verse

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These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that
Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:11–66

Jesus Before Pilate

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “**You have said so.**” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or

Jesus who is called Christ?”¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”²²Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”²³And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”²⁵And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Jesus Is Mocked

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him.²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he

desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Jesus Is Buried

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The Guard at the Tomb

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.'
⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can."
⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant 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 - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing 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 - joyce!

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Sermon

Pastor Schulz

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the Church, that the Lord would defend her against all her enemies and keep her true to Jesus Christ by the power of Your Word and Spirit:

Gracious Lord, keep Your Church in Your mercy, that she may endure the assaults of the evil one and remain faithful for the sake of those numbered within Your Kingdom and those who have not yet heard the Gospel and been brought to faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for all pastors, for all church-work vocations and for all the baptized in their vocation as God's people:

Almighty God, by Your Spirit You have established us as Your Church and granted to us particular vocations within the Church, home and community in which to serve You. Grant to us every gift

and blessing needful, that we may honor our calling and serve You to the best of our ability; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the government, for all in authority over us, and for our own lives as citizens and neighbors:

O mighty Lord, You have established the kingdom of the left and hold accountable all those who govern in this and every place. Guide our president; the members of Congress; the governor of this state; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would serve nobly and wisely, pursuing the path of justice and protecting those least able to protect themselves; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for an end to violence and terror, for those imprisoned, for the troubled in mind, and for those who suffer any afflictions of the body:

Merciful Lord, Your grace is sufficient for all our needs, and You have promised to be the strength of the weary, the hope of those who fear, the healing of the ill, the fullness of those disabled, and the peace of all who are distressed. Hear us on behalf of _____ and all whom we name in our hearts, that they may be well supplied by Your grace in their time of trouble; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the earth to be fruitful, and for our good use of all the fruits of the earth:

Blessed Lord, You give food to the hungry and provide for all our needs in this mortal life. Grant to us a grateful heart and knowledge to use wisely and well all that You have entrusted to our care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

All these things and the prayers of our own hearts we are bold to lay before Your throne, dear Father, for the sake and in the name of Jesus, Who teaches us to pray:

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;
 and 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.

Thanksgiving

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Let us bless the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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 T give you peace.
 Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 422 *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Announcements:

For the remainder of our vacancy you may reach Pastor Rockemann at: Phone: 847.754.8729 E-mail: larry.rockemann@att.net. Whenever there is a need for pastoral care/visitation during the times that Pastor Rockemann must be away, please call on Pastor Roberts (865.229.6024), or our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Portier (865.771.2118).

Rev. Ed Maanum has accepted the Call to serve as our Pastor. He is expecting to move to Knoxville in May. We give thanks to the Triune God for the guidance of the call committee and Pastor Maanum through the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for Pastor Maanum, his family, and the congregations he is leaving in Colorado as he embark on this monumental change.

Easter Desserts: Pre-Order your Desserts for your Easter Dinner from our Youth Group. Order by: April 5th. Please see one of the youth or Shellia Byrd for an order form.

In thanksgiving to the Triune God, Pastor and Jean Rockemann have donated the worship inserts for the month of March, thanking the Lord for faithful pastors and teachers along life's way, teaching and nurturing our faith in Christ alone. To God be the glory!

This coming KARM lunch will be my last as organizer. I have been doing this for 14 years, and I need a break. I appeal to you all to search your hearts and consider taking this on. It is very fulfilling, and feeding the hungry has always been part of our mission as Christians. Please drop me (Karen Farris) a line and I will be happy to discuss it with you. Our next mission is April 4th.

Prayer Requests:

Serving Our Country: Brett Anthonijs, Robert Boatman, Isaac Davis, Chad Kaiser, Adam Smith, Jeff Stone, and Neil Whitehead.

Members: Doc Sternberg, Becky (friend of Don and Sandy Linde).

Our shut-in Members: Jim and Rosa Beck, Mary Acuff-Croes, Gene Franklin, Judy Kelley, Sharon Mueller, Doug Rodenbeck, Lily Varner, Liz Etzel, Marilyn Waldeck, Carl and Judy Testerman, and Harold and Katherine Whitaker.