

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
“The Christian Battle Commander”
March 24, 2024



PRELUDE
WORDS OF WELCOME
THE RINGING OF THE BELL

DIVINE SERVICE
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Opening Hymn *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* *Hymn # 442 (8:00 am)*
“Blessed is He Who Comes” *Sunday School & Choir (10:30 am)*



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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit **Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26**

Blessed 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!

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Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Collect of the Day

(All) 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. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

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.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading

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.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Kid’s Word

Kathy Prusha

Hymn of the Day

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Hymn # 662

Sermon

“The Christian Battle Commander” Zechariah 9:9-12

Pastor Mork

Prayers of the Church

Offering



+ Holy Communion +

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Sanctus

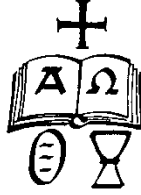
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Go and Tell!



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Those serving the Lord and us:

Preacher and Liturgist: Reverend Joshua D. Mork

Organist: Dave Ricke

Accompanist: David Musick

Elders: Lucas Smith (8:00 a.m.)

Aaron Caughey (10:30 a.m.)

Acolytes: Hunter & Parker Quintana (8:00 a.m.)

Gavin & Lilly Endorf (10:30 a.m.)

Readers: Dave Platt (8:00 a.m.)

Bonnie Yoder (10:30 a.m.)

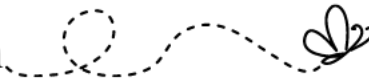
Altar Guild: Karen Beardson

Attendance: Saturday, March 16, 5:30 p.m. – 59

Sunday, March 17, 8:00 a.m. - 126, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 34, Youth - 9,

Parents/ Volunteers - 11, Adult Bible Class - 37, 10:30 a.m. – 109

This Week at First Lutheran



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Sunday, March 24th 5:00 – Youth Pie Prep

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Wednesday, March 27th 6:00 – Seder Meal

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Thursday, March 28th 7:00 – Maundy Thursday service

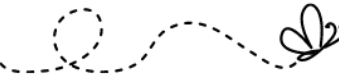
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Friday, March 29th 7:00 – Good Friday service

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Sunday, March 31st 6:00 – Easter Sunrise service
7:30-10:30 – Easter breakfast
8:00 – Easter service
10:30 – Easter service

Next Week at First Lutheran



1

Monday, April 2nd 6:00 – 100/150 Committee Meeting

2

Sunday, April 7th 1:00-6:30 – 8th Grade Retreat



Anniversaries

23rd Jacqueline & Justin Damme
 25th Jim & Donna Mueller



Birthdays

23rd Colleen Bode, Kristen Karl, Mary Krause
 25th Nicole Mann, Kethry Ullman
 26th Blair Beecham, David Musick, Corra Rose, Susi Schulz
 27th Bennett Getzfred, Bonnie Glover, Christy Marco, Francis Ziegler
 28th Elise Vanderyacht
 29th Jackson Ossenfort, Jack Wilke
 30th Claire Busch, Cynthia Musick, Allan Roth
 31st James Riha
 1st Alice Koehler, Abby Lorenz, Brett Sellers
 2nd Adelynn Lliteras, Ruth Muckey, Parker Troelstrup

Don't see your name? Please call the church office at 402-339-3668 or email thechurch@1st-lutheran.org. We would love to include you!

Any families wishing to beautify our sanctuary with lilies during Easter can do so by placing an order on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board near the narthex. Deadline for those orders is Sunday March 24. Please place \$10.00 for each lily ordered in an envelope marked with your name and "Easter Lily" on the memo line of your check and put it in the collection plate. You may take your lily home after the 10:30 Easter worship service. For more information, contact Alice Clemenger 402-339-2637.



Join us in praying for members & friends of First Lutheran:

God invites and welcomes our prayers. Know someone who needs prayer? Going to the hospital? Please call the church office (402-339-3668). Our pastors would love the opportunity to pray with you. We will not put your name in the prayer list unless you ask. Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless we hear from you that they need to stay on the prayer list longer.

Members

Colleen Bode
Martin Bohac
Trey Brehm
Bennett Getzfred
Arla Johnson

Corrinna Johnson
Gerald Johnson
Alice Koehler
Doug Krause
Mary Murphy

Gary Paulsen
Gene Price
Channa Sizemore
Chase & Celia Sizemore
Loren Stutheit

Friends

Audrey (Kurt Brink's aunt), Kathy Aurfdemberge (Mary Kay Staicoff's friend), Paul Bergt (Heidi Brink's father), Nicole Brown (Elaine Hansen's niece), Lois Delay (Elena Thompson's grandmother), Mary Hartman (Cindi Hartman's mother), Imogene (Melissa Roth's grandmother), Judy Kramer (Joni Hoaglund's sister), Pastor George Krueger (Pastor Josh Mork's friend), Pam Leibdrandt (Colleen Bode's sister), Jessie Lohse (Bonnie Yoder's nephew), Richard Maxwell (Kim Bannwarth's father), Donna McCullough (Amy Rau's mother), Jackson Moss (Tina Happel's cousin), Rick Newman (Joe Griffith's friend), Rod Olson (Bob Olson's brother), Lynn Para (Mike Volk's sister), Emmitt Pratt (Stef Williamson's cousin), Tristyn Ramsey (Jan Lank's grandson), Gene Reierson (Karen Griffith's father), Reggy Rohrbeck (Mindy Irvine's father), Bob Shea (Corrinna Johnson's friend), Kathy Taylor (Victoria Krupp's friend), Barb Wheeler (Jan Lank's sister), Patty Wingate (Jan Lank's sister), Richelle & Dillon Wyatt (Katie Prelerson's friends)

Missionaries and those serving abroad: Erin Mackenzie, Caitlin Ramirez, and Pastor Roberto & Kathryn Weber.

Deployed Military: Douglas Cheek (Dan & Cheri Moore's grandson).

The table provides a summary of year-to-date receipts in the General fund compared to the amounts expended and transferred for budgeted activities.

Electronic Giving: If you would prefer to give online, please look for the "Simply Giving" tab on First Lutheran's website. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Clark (finance@1st-lutheran.org).

Through February 2024	
Receipts	\$118,257
Less: Expenses	(128,958)
Net	\$(10,701)
End of Month Balance	\$71,225

The Genesis Committee continues to research the feasibility of a Lutheran School in the Sarpy County Area. We have completed the surveys and will begin a round of in-person interviews to further gather opinions about this project. We have created a prayer calendar for this project. Please pick one up from the ledge in the narthex, take it home, and continue to pray for the Lord's guidance for the steering committee.

Prepare for worship next week by reading and meditating on these readings!

Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday Isaiah 25:6-9 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

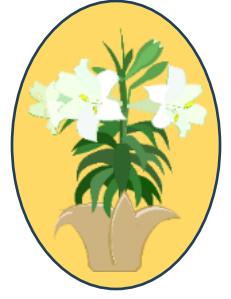


The Mission Trip Youth will host a yard sale at First Lutheran on May 31/June 1. As you tackle your spring cleaning, we would love your potential yard sale items. Toys, games, and books are especially welcome. Items can be dropped off at church in May, but if you need to get rid of it sooner, talk to Brady. Stay tuned for more information!

First Lutheran is compiling a *very special* cookbook entitled "**100 Years of Love from Our Kitchen!**"

What makes this cookbook so special is we are looking for recipes from our members going all the way back through our history. Be on the lookout for the Recipe Submission Forms in the Narthex starting in April. We are looking for your recipes, your inherited family recipes and any stories or photos of our members in the kitchen going all the way back to the beginning of First Lutheran. Please help us honor the ladies and gentlemen who have fed and supported us with love....and food for over 100 years from our kitchen!





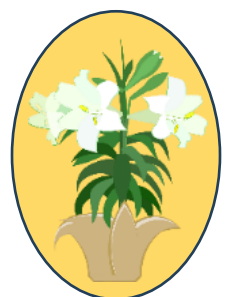
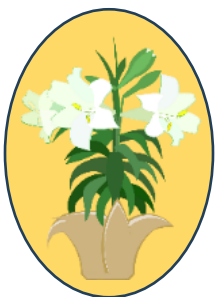
*First Lutheran
Holy Week Services*

Seder Meal:
Wednesday, March 27th 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday:
March 28th 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday:
March 29th 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31st:
6:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.





But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).

Did you know that the National LWML Convention is coming to Omaha in June of 2025? Lutheran Women in Mission is an LCMS organization who joyfully proclaims Christ, supports missions, and equips women to honor God by serving others. The Mission goal for the 2023-2025 Biennium is \$2,350,000 and will support missions around the world – including Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Family Services, and many others. To learn more go to: <https://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>.

In preparation for the National Convention to be hosted in Omaha, there is a Host committee who is planning and seeking volunteers. Crystal Miller serves as the host committee chair, and Joyce Buethe serves as the Elements/Communion Ware Director. We are excited to be a part of this event and we would like others in our church family to join us.

What do we need:

- **Prayers** - Your prayer support that God would provide willing workers to help make the convention in Omaha a success and show the rest of the country all the great things the Omaha metropolitan area and Nebraska have to offer.
- **Volunteers** – there are lots of places to serve and we would love to have your help. We'll provide you with a Worker volunteer form in the coming months
- **Jeans** – Yes – jeans – we are making “prayer pockets” as the favor for each of the convention attendees (we are planning for 4,500 people). If you can provide me with any adult blue jeans that you have and don't need any more – we'd be happy to have them. We'll use the pockets for our favor, and the rest of the denim will be recycled into quilts.

If you have any questions, would like to get involved in LWML here at First Lutheran or would like to support the national convention please contact me or Joyce. I can be reached at hcc2025@lwml.org. Crystal Miller, 2025 Host Committee Chair.