



Palm Sunday

*The one who enters
in the LORD's name
is blessed.*

PSALM 118:26 (CEB)



Palm Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS 3/24

ELDERS: Keith Woelfel and Nathan Plackemeier

READER: Sue Polzin

ACOLYTE: Mayta Lisch

HOLY THURSDAY ELDER: Ron Rieth and Nathan Plackemeier

THURSDAY ACOLYTE: Evelyn Lefeber

GOOD FRIDAY 1:30: Bob Olson, READ: Ed Polzin, ACOLYTE: Mayta Lisch

GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 Mark Krueger

WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS 3/31

ELDERS 6:30 AM: Bob Olson and Ron Reith

READER: Mike Barany ACOLYTE: Mya McGinnis

ELDERS 9:00 AM: Nathan Plackemeier and Mike Pethan

READER: Nathan Plackemeier ACOLYTE: Emma Mirshberger

WEDNESDAY ELDER: Ron Reith

WEDNESDAY ACOLYTE: n/a

THE LORD'S SUPPER is the way Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. Through this Sacrament, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. In accordance with Jesus' teachings, we practice *closed communion*. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

BULLETINS can be found on our website under the News Tab, Newsletter/bulletins. Select the appropriate service.

TO THOSE VIEWING ONLINE: If you are a member of St. Martin, please "Register" by clicking one of the "Like" button on Facebook. We are trying to gauge how many of our members are worshipping virtually.

LIVE STREAMING—is now available in the social hall and in room #7.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—If you are hospitalized, please be sure to update your admittance records indicating your religious preference and if you would like the hospital to call St. Martin.

IF YOU REQUIRE PASTORAL CARE or would like to learn more about Jesus Christ and St. Martin Lutheran, please contact the church office at 920/849-4421 or stmartinlcms@gmail.com or Pastor Thomas K. Schmitt at 920/418-1559 or stmartinlsmc.pastor.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN. 3/24	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00A Worship with Holy Communion 10:10A Fellowship-Thrivent Speaker here 10:20A Sunday School
MON. 3/25	1:00P Afternoon Bible Study
WED. 3/27	5:15P Confirmation Class
THU. 3/28	6:30P Maundy Thursday Service w/Holy Communion
FRI. 3/29	1:30P Chief Service 7:30P Tenebrae Service
SAT. 3/30	9:00A Easter Breakfast Prep and Decorating
SUN. 3/31	<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i> 6:30A Sunrise Service with Holy Communion 7:45A Easter Breakfast 9:00A Easter Service with Holy Communion 10:15A Easter Lily Pick Up

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MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

Marlene Bancroft, Darrell Dilley, Amber Krueger, Peter
Brandenburg, Chris Jandrey, Rose Kirchner

IN OUR PRAYERS

-OUR SHUT-INS: Linda Friederichs, Lucinda Loose, Janet Maile, Simone
Pagel, Larelda Siebert, Marvin Schommer, Lou Ridder, Pastor
Novotney, Pat Bailey

ATTENDANCE: Worship 3/17 & 3/20 121 + 41 = 162
Sunday School 3/17 17 students \$10.00

MARCH 24, 10:15 AM Jessica Wunrow will be here from Thrivent during fellowship.

APRIL-JUNE Portals of Prayer are available; donations are appreciated.

MARCH/APRIL CALENDARS are available in the narthex and social hall.

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Bev Daun and Sherry Dake

TODAY'S BULLETIN COVERS are given by Jim and Norma Gruett in memory of their parents Red and Jane Gruett, and Norman and Catherine Gunderson.

TODAY'S PALMS are given by Bob and Billie Jo Frick.

CANDY ORDERS are ready for pick up in the social hall today.

IT HAS PLEASED Almighty God in his wisdom to summon to himself the soul of our brother in Christ, Donald W. Michael, who departed this life on Sunday, March 17th at the age of 96. Private funeral services will be held on Friday, April 5th at the funeral home. We remember the family in our prayers today, trusting in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting through Christ Jesus.

THE PARKING LOT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Total Cash Donations Received to date: \$47739.00
Total Pledges: \$3300
Total Funds raised through our fund Raisers in 2023: \$20949.
Total Funds raised through our fund raisers in 2024: \$2300.

Treasurers Report - St. Martin Lutheran Church			
2024 - February Totals			
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Monthly Offerings	\$ 15,199.76	\$ 19,550.00	\$ 4,350.24
Offerings YTD	\$ 30,399.52	\$ 29,543.00	\$ (856.52)
Expenses YTD	\$ 30,542.70	\$ 30,628.69	\$ (85.99)
Missions YTD	\$ 1,605.00	\$ 1,605.00	\$ -
Total Expenditures YTD	\$ 32,147.70	\$ 32,233.69	\$ (85.99)
YTD Actual Offerings less Total Expenditures		\$ (942.51)	
Parking Lot Loan Bal.	\$ 71,586.53	\$ 2,293.22	\$ 69,293.31

PALM SUNDAY 2024

The Service begins in the Social Hall.

The congregation gathers facing the processional cross.

Procession of Palms

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Reading

Mark 11:1–11

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P Let us go forth in praise.

C In the name of the Lord.

Processional Anthem:

444, No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet

Please remain standing as you enter the Sanctuary.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn: 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Stanzas 1-3

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

**1 You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessèd One.**

Refrain

**2 The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.**

Refrain

**3 The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present.**

Refrain

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↓ Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9:9–12

Rejoice 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.

Gradual Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

C who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

4 To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

Refrain

5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

Refrain

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Holy Gospel

John 12:20–43

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” ³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, ⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” ⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
 Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
 To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
 The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
 The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
 The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
 Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
- 3 “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;
 For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.
 Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
 And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

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Sermon

↑ Offertory 956 Create in Me

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
 and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
 and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church: The Litany

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

P O Christ, **C** have mercy.

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

P O Christ, **C** hear us.

P God the Father in heaven, **C** have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **C** have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit, **C** have mercy.

P Be gracious to us. **C** Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us. **C** Help us, good Lord.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

P To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,

innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Admonition to Communicants (LW p. 197-198)

P I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, ... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei:

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**
- 2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**
- 3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

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↓ 426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

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449 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

4 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

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↑ Prayer of Thanksgiving for our Lord's Passion

P Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction (*spoken*)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

- 1** **Go to dark Gethsemane,**
 All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
 Your Redeemer's conflict see,
 Watch with Him one bitter hour;
 Turn not from His griefs away;
 Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2** **Follow to the judgment hall,**
 View the Lord of life arraigned;
 Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
 Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
 Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
 Learn from Him to bear the cross.

- 3** **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;**
 There, adoring at His feet,
 Mark that miracle of time,
 God's own sacrifice complete.
 "It is finished!" hear Him cry;
 Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

- 4** **Early hasten to the tomb**
 Where they laid His breathless clay;
 All is solitude and gloom.
 Who has taken Him away?
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
 Savior, teach us so to rise.

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