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March 29th, 2026 9:30am

Palm / Passion Sunday



A Lutheran Mass - Setting by Thomas Mosbo
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Service of Palms

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

The people gather at the Entrance and palms are distributed to all.

* Acclamation

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P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

* Processional Gospel: *Matthew 21:1-11*

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: **21** Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage,
to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them,
"Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a don-
key tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If any-
one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he
will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by
the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

[6] The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. [7] They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. [8] Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9] And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" [10] And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" [11] And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

* Blessing of Palms

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* Procession

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P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen

* Processional Hymn *All Glory Laud and Honor*

ELW # 344 - verses 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 Blessed One.
Refrain

2. **The company of angels are praising you on high;**
Creation and all mortals 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

* Conclusion

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P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna in the highest.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever .

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

4 The 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.
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.
6 I 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.
7 But 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.
8 He 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.
9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty? *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *31:9-16*

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 31.

9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

10 **For my life is spent with sorrow,**
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.

11 Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

12 **I have been forgotten like one who is dead;**
I have become like a broken vessel.

13 For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—
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."

15 My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies
and from my persecutors!

16 **Make your face shine on your servant;**
save me in your steadfast love! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be held onto for advantage, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

See insert

Reflection

Meditation Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***O Sacred Head Now Wounded*** **ELW # 351**

*** Nicene Creed**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Bell Choir Anthem *Palm Sunday Glory*

Prayer

L: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs :

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader and Christine S.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Blessing

P: 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 give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane* **ELW # 347**

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Hannah Circle

Will not hold April meeting.

Friendship Club

April 9th 12:30pm potluck
Entertainment by
Tyger Johnson-One Man Band

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, April 9th at 6:30pm

Northern Illinois WELCA

Storytelling with Jen Miller.
Saturday, April 11th 9:3am-12:30pm
First Lutheran Church,
324 N. Third St.
DeKalb, IL

Men's Group

Saturday, April 25th, 4:30pm

Good Shepherd will be at the

Le-Win Food Pantry

Saturday, April 25th, 8:30am-11:30am

Join us on Wednesday, April 1st as Will Mueller entertains at Evangelical Free Church of Lena at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be the final Wednesday of Lent, let us we celebrate with music!

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2026

- 2 April, 7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday* - Communion service
- 3 April, 7:00 pm - *Good Friday* - Tenebrae service
- 5 April, 7:00 am - *Easter Morning* - Sunrise service
- 5 April, 9:30 am - *Easter Day* - Festive celebration with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast

Good Shepherd will be serving Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

Menu includes: Egg Casserole, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, Juice and Milk.

Sign up sheet for food donations by entrance to Fellowship Hall.

A freewill donation would be welcome to cover expenses for ham, cheese and other needed supplies would be appreciated. Anything donated above expenses would be donated to the church. Reservations appreciated.

Attendance March 15th

In-person 25, Online - 202