

# WELCOME

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
**APRIL-JULY WORSHIP 10:00AM**

## OUR MISSION

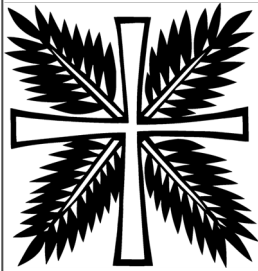
Jesus Christ calls American Lutheran Church to nourish the world by faithfully sharing His gifts.

Praise God that we can worship together! We pray you will be enlightened by the Holy Spirit and strengthened in the faith that trusts in our Lord Jesus Christ and praises him for the gift of our salvation. Peace be with you!

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY



This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so happy you've joined us today. If you have any questions about our service or facilities, please reach out to an usher. If you are a guest please fill out the yellow slip and place it in the offering plate.

The children will be invited up front during the children's message – please feel free to join us!

All who are baptized are welcome to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing only, come with your hands folded.

If you are looking for a church home, know you are always welcome here.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE BY SHIRLEY BERGMAN

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### ACCLAMATION

*The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage

and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

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. **Amen.**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor, ELW 344**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

**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.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. R**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love." R**

## SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who,

though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335)*

## **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations (*Russia and Ukraine, Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Turkey, Yemen, Western Sahara and Mexico*). Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families en-

during separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our pastors, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless confirmands, and teacher (Cindy Lompe, Max Kopplin, Madyson Dahl, Kohl Neuhring, and Hunter Weber). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless our call committees with wisdom, Guide our congregations with grace, May they find a pastor who leads with love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Grant strength to the homebound, Healing touch for the ill, especially: Stephanie Winkelpleck, Dennis Becker, Christy Phillips and those we name silently in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,

through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*\*Please be seated.*

Friends of Jesus, receive nourishment for your journey. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God,

motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

*\*Please be seated.*

**SENDING SONG *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (ELW 338)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**April-July 10:00am worship at ALC.** We switch to early service.

### **LWR Personal Care Kits**

Today is the last day to make your donation!

**7pm March 28, Maundy Thurs, ALC no supper**

**7pm Ecumenical Good Friday Drama @ United Methodist**

### **Easter Services:**

Zion 7am Easter Sunrise service, brunch follows

ALC 8 am breakfast

ALC 9 am Easter Service

Join us in celebrating ALC's 90th Anniversary on July 28th! We're looking for dedicated individuals to join the committee. If interested, please contact Maureen Even at 563-880-8872 or Chris Waring at

[Secretary@americanlutheranchurch.org](mailto:Secretary@americanlutheranchurch.org).

**Lutheran World Relief Spring In-Gathering** – Women of ALC are invited to attend the Spring In-Gathering to be held at Zion Lutheran Church (Jubilee), 12007 Jubilee Road, La Porte City on Saturday, April 13th. Beverages and treats will be provided starting at 8 AM. A program entitled “Piece by Piece” will begin at 9:30 AM. The loading of the quilts and kits will begin at 8 AM and conclude at 11 AM. Please consider attending and enjoy the fellowship with other women in our Synod. The Fall In-Gathering will also be held at Zion Lutheran on October 12th. This is the closest location to ALC that the In-Gatherings have been held – a rare opportunity to attend without traveling very far.

### **Items still needed to fulfill our goal of 45 Personal Care Kits –**

This year our goal is to assemble 45 Personal Care kits. Thanks for the items that have been donated thus far. In order to meet our goal, the following items are needed: 27 dark colored bath-size towels, 21 bars of soap, 34 toothbrushes and 41 nail clippers. Thank you for your generous support.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Kaye ([tomjones@indytel.com](mailto:tomjones@indytel.com)) or Chris ([secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)) with any prayer concerns.

**Northeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA 36th Annual Gathering** – The 36th Annual Gathering of the NE IA Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waverly from 8:30 AM to 2 PM. The theme this year is “Rejoice and Renew”. If you are interested in attending, please see Chris Waring for registration materials. For more information go to the following website: [www.neiasynod.org/women-of-the-elca](http://www.neiasynod.org/women-of-the-elca)

## **EWALU**

**High School Retreat** April 19-21 Two nights at camp for grades 9-12.

[www.ewalu.org/events](http://www.ewalu.org/events) Flyer on announcement board in the lobby.

## **Summer camp**

"Kids from 1st to 12th grade will adore our skilled and supportive college-age counselors. Spend a week in Christian fellowship at EWALU, where campers encounter a safe, positive, and transformative faith journey. Let your child discover the joy of faith-building in this exciting atmosphere! ALC offers financial assistance, and EWALU provides Grants for eligible families."

Pamphlets with information and registration are located on the table by the entrance doors or online at <https://ewalu.org/> Check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EwaluBibleCamp/> or their Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/campewalu/?hl=en>

## **THIS WEEK AT ALC**

**Sunday March 24:**

**8:30am** Palm Sunday Worship and Communion

**Tuesday March 26th:**

Quilters 9am

**Thursday March 28th:**

7pm Maundy Thursday Service (ALC)

\*\*No Soup Supper

**Easter Sunday March 31st:**

9am Easter Service

### **BY THE NUMBERS**

Attendance **3/17/23:**

FB Views: 56

Current **3/17/2024**

Checking: \$6719.27

Improvement Fund: \$37541.89

Memorial: \$6390.41

Offering: **3/17/24**

Current: \$1941.14

Benevolence: \$710

Improvement: \$756.13

Noisy Offering for LWR

shipping of kits \$57

EWALU Campership \$50

Lay Leader \$20

### **PASTORS COMING TO ALC:**

Mar. 31st Pastor Phil Borleske

April 7th Pastor Luther Thoreson

April 14th Pastor Phil Borleske

April 21st Pastor Dan Mixdorf

April 28th Pastor Liz Bell

### **Military members: Military members:**

Christa Leach has returned from deployment and is still with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin continue their monthly drills with the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is a student at Iowa State and currently home from Arkansas in the Army Reserves as Cassidee and Cole. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

### **ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:**

Pastor: Pastor Dan Mixdorf

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Schares/Clarks

Deacon: Barb Hayek

Reader: Keaton Lynse

### **ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!**

Simply Giving is a stress-free, no hassle way to set up automatic giving to ALC. You have the ability to set up one-time or regular giving at a frequency that works best for you. Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below or



download the Give+ App to get started. Feel free to reach out to Mike Waring or Sara Borland for more info.