

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor
Senior Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Ringling of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW #344, vss. 1-4

Greeting and Kyrie

"In peace, let us pray..."

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

C: And also with you.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

L: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

C: **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

L: 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.

C: **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

I am as useless as a broken pot.

L: 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.

C: **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

I have said, "You are my God.

L: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

C: **Let your face shine upon your servant;**

save me in your steadfast love."

Prayer of the Day: L: 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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 awakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

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.

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;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

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

Children's Message**Gospel Acclamation***"Return to the Lord, your God,...."*

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

The Gospel: Luke 19:28-40**Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.**

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Sermon

Pastor Bryan Robertson

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.

Offering Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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Offering Prayer

L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church: L: God, in your mercy,... **C: ...receive our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. 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. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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Postlude

Corale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, Apr 13	8:30am & 10:30am 9:30am 7pm
Tues, Apr 15	6pm
Wed, Apr 16	4:30pm-7pm
Thurs, Apr 17	6pm 7pm
Fri, Apr 18	6pm
Sun, Apr 20	6:30am, 8:30 & 10:30am 7:15am

Apr 13, 2025 to Apr 20, 2025

Worship services
 Sunday School & Sr Choir
 Men's Choir
 Trustee mtg
 Meatball Supper
 Sr Bell Choir
 Maundy service w/comm
 Good Friday Service at
 First Presbyterian
 Worship services w/comm
 Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – Apr 8, 2025**

Actual Income	\$ 59,754
Actual Expenses	48,668

Jan 1 – Apr 31, 2025

Budget Expenses	68,569
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Attendance

Last Sunday	114
2025 Average	90
2024 Average	90
Apr 9	58

Greeters	8:30am 10:30am	Bev Haas
Ushers	8:30am 10:30am	Bill Roe family Eric Kirkeby
Readers	8:30am 10:30am	Joan Moody Lori Hesse
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today's radio broadcast is given by Church Funds. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

Note: *you have the option of selecting a hymn of your choice for the service you sponsor.*

Easter Food Baskets: we are currently in need of monetary donations for the food baskets. Donations can be left in the Office. **Thank You**

Troop 64 Boy Scout Omelet Breakfast today, April 13, at the Waukon Event Center. Dine In or Carry Out. Made to order omelets, hashbrowns, cinnamon rolls, and coffee, juice or milk. \$10 advance ticket sales and \$12 at the door.

We are accepting pledges toward the Solar Project. Pledges may be made by calling the Church Office or talking to Pastor Bryan.

Newsletters are available for pickup for those who requested printed correspondence from the Church.

Old East Paint Creek Lutheran Church Norwegian Meatball Supper on Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 4pm – 7pm or until food runs out. ***Drive Thru-Carry Out Only***. Suggested donation: \$15 per meal. Menu includes: meatballs, mashed potatoes/gravy, glazed carrots, celebration salad, rolls and Norwegian baked goods. *Plan to attend*

St. John's Lutheran Church Meatball Supper on Wednesday, April 16. Serving from 4:30pm-7pm.