



***Hosanna!***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

***Palm/Passion Sunday***

***April 13, 2025***

**St. John Lutheran Church<sup>of</sup> Cat Spring**

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We welcome all people from all walks of life to join us; whether you are seeking answers to questions about faith, or already have a strong relationship with Christ. We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. In keeping with the teachings of Jesus and the witness of Martin Luther, we acknowledge that we are both sinners and saints in need of the grace and love of God. Please sign the guest book in the narthex and our Council members on duty will be glad to answer any of your questions.

## ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

### **Palm Sunday Acclamation**

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

**C:** **Hosanna in the highest**

### **Processional Gospel:**

*An assisting minister or the presiding minister reads the processional gospel.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 19:28-40

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Special Music**

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

**St. John Singers**

*Text: Jenette Threlfall/Music: Wurttemberg*

### **Blessing of Palms**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** 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**

## Procession

**The assisting minister addresses the assembly.**

**P:** Let us go forth in peace,

**C:** in the name of Christ. Amen.

## Gathering Hymn

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

ELW 344

## Prayer of the Day

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.

**Lesson:**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

## The Lesson is from the second chapter of Philippians

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.

**P:** The word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation:** Christ 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 ev'ry name. (Phil. 2:8-9)

**Gospel:**

**Luke 22:14-23:56**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-second chapter

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, ‘I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, ‘Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!’ Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

‘Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!’ Jesus said, ‘I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.’

He said to them, ‘When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?’ They said, ‘No, not a thing.’ He said to them, ‘But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, “And he was counted among the lawless”; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.’ They said, ‘Lord, look, here are two swords.’ He replied, ‘It is enough.’

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.’ [[ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, ‘Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?’ When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, ‘Lord, should we strike with the sword?’ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!’

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, ‘Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?’ They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, ‘If you are the Messiah, tell us.’ He replied, ‘If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.’ All of them asked, ‘Are you, then, the Son of God?’ He said to them, ‘You say that I am.’ Then they said, ‘What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!’

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’ Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' ]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pat Dietrich**

**Hymn of the Day**

*“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

**ELW 359**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**P:**God, in our mercy

**C:**Receive our prayer

**The Sharing of the Peace**

**The Offering**

*Offering is collected*

**Offertory Music**

*“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”*

**St John Singers**

*Text: Fanny J. Crosby/Music: John R. Sweney*

*Offering is brought forward*

**Offering Music**

*“Were You There?”*

**St John Handbells**

*African American Spiritual/arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon*

**Offering Prayer**

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,

opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,

deepen our commitment to sharing those

treasures with others,

through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Canticle "Lamb of God"**

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**Distribution Music**

*"Lead Me to Calvary"*

**St. John Singers**

*Text: Jennie Evelyn Hussey/ Music: William J. Kirkpatrick*

**The Distribution**

*All who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to partake. Please fill out an attendance card to indicate your intention to participate and hand it to the usher.*

**Prayer after Communion**

Compassionate God,

you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms,

a making of peace; and our prayer,

the song of grateful hearts,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

**ELW 335**

**Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4-13 Gary Simpson  
 4-16 Cade Thielemann  
 Chris Redman  
 Mitch Dittert



## Prevailing Prayer List

James and Carol Wenzel  
 Ronnie and Bonnie Smith  
 Deana Keller  
 Roy Dierschke  
 Carolyn Rash  
 Mike Rankin  
 Carol Smith  
 Nic Norboge  
 Emily Drymala  
 Kendall Manna  
 Molly Arndt  
 Alfred Tomasek  
 Tristan  
 Jerry Henneke  
 Lupe Nava  
 Theresa Luetge  
 Zachary Schulke  
 Kathy Painchaud  
 Ed Story  
 Delores Dittert  
 William Hegemeyer  
 Joe Bilski  
 MaryAnn Inghish  
 Val Kite



Join Us For  
**Breakfast**

**THE YOUTH WILL BE COOKING UP A  
 DELICIOUS EASTER BREAKFAST!**  
 COME GET A PLATE AND ENJOY  
 THE FELLOWSHIP STARTING AT 9:00 AM

### Join us for Holy Week 2025

#### Sunday

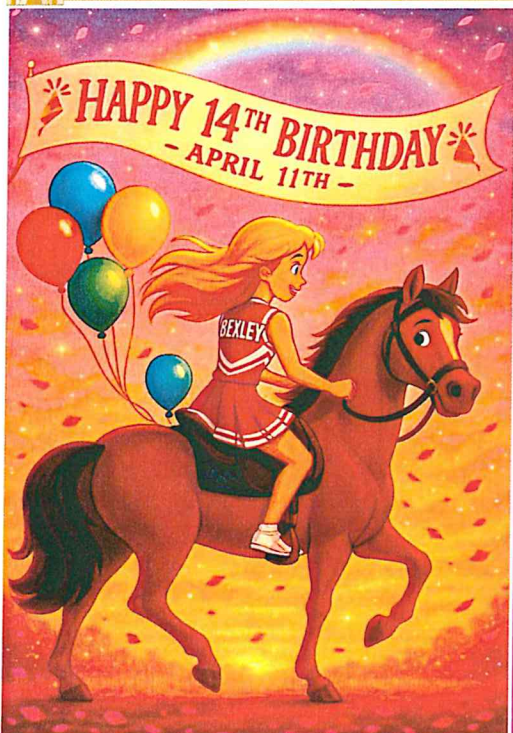
April 13	Palm Sunday	10:00 am
April 17	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 pm
April 18	Good Friday	6:30 pm
April 20	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
	Easter Breakfast	9:00 am
	Easter Egg Hunt	9:30 am
	Easter Worship Service	10:00 am

*Bring a handful of flowers if you wish to help flower the cross on Easter!*  
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## MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Colonial Bell– Sealy  
 Katherine Ludwig  
 Argent Court –Brenham  
 Carrie Froebel  
 Columbus Oaks  
 Marilyn Wendt  
**HOMEBOUND:**  
 Katherine Washburn

Don't forget to fill out the attendance card !!!



The flowers on the altar  
 today are given by  
**Bradley and Regina Nelson**  
 in celebration and gratitude on  
 the 14th birthday  
 of their daughter,  
*Bexley, on  
 April 11th !*

Remember on the ride:  
*"I can do all things through  
 him who strengthens me."*

**Easter Flowers**  
 are now on sale for Easter.  
**\$12 Each**  
 (There is no reserving of a  
 particular plant type.)

**Today is the last day to order**

Order forms are in the  
 narthex.

**Thank you for supporting  
 WELCA!**