

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday*

Pastor – Rev. Kenneth T. Saurman



### WELCOME TO ALL!

A warm welcome to all worshipping at St. Andrew Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

### HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Holy Communion is the body and the blood, the bread and the wine, given for us by Jesus Christ. Come to the Eucharist, give thanks for all Christ does and has done for you. Come to His Supper knowing that you are forgiven and loved. All are welcome to gather at the communion rail to receive the bread and wine. Come and be blessed. If you choose not to receive communion, simply cross your arms on your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.

### WE ARE A CHURCH OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA).

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the US, with more than 3.5 million members in 65 synods and nearly 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's Work, Our Hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT to silence all devices before worship begins.

**'BOLD'** indicates congregational responses.

**'\*'** Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

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

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

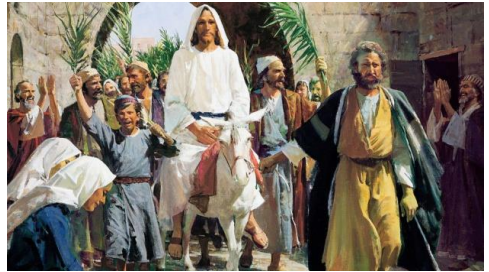
**C: Amen.**

## PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P: *The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter vs. 1-11.*

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

<sup>1</sup> When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: An also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: in the name of the Lord.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ELW #344

INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

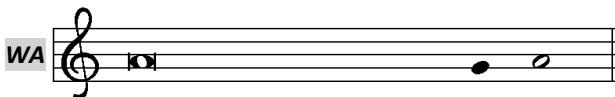
P: Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

\*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

**WA**

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All sing**

Lord, have mer - cy.

**WA**

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.

**All sing**

Lord, have mer - cy.

**WA**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

*All sing*

Lord have mer - cy.

**WA**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

*All sing*

A - men.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray.

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.

**C:** Amen.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<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>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM (sung responsively)

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.**

<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 up- | on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love."

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

<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.

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

\*GOSPEL

Mark 14:1–15:47

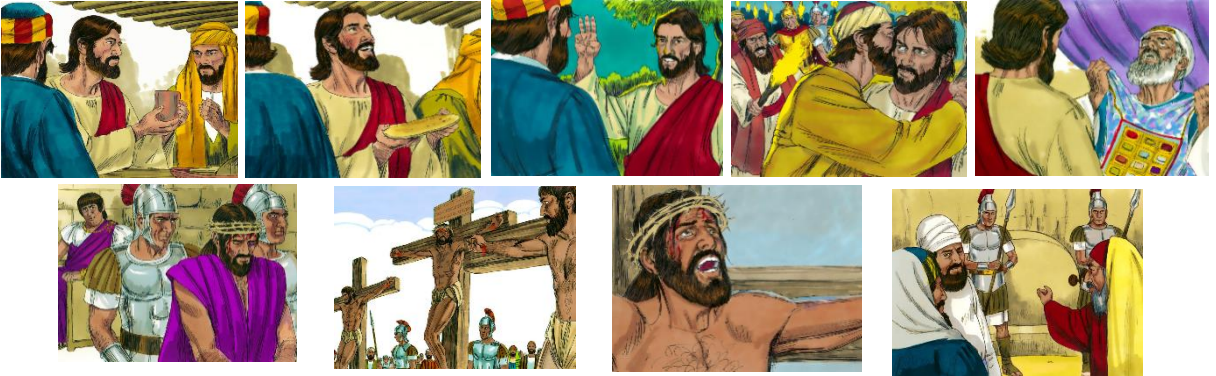
P: The gospel according to Saint Mark, fourteenth chapter:

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

*(The Congregation may be seated for the Gospel Reading)*

P: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

**C: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**



SERMON

Rev. Kenneth T. Saurman

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

ELW #264

*Nicene Creed*

*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 him 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 and the Son,  
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.*

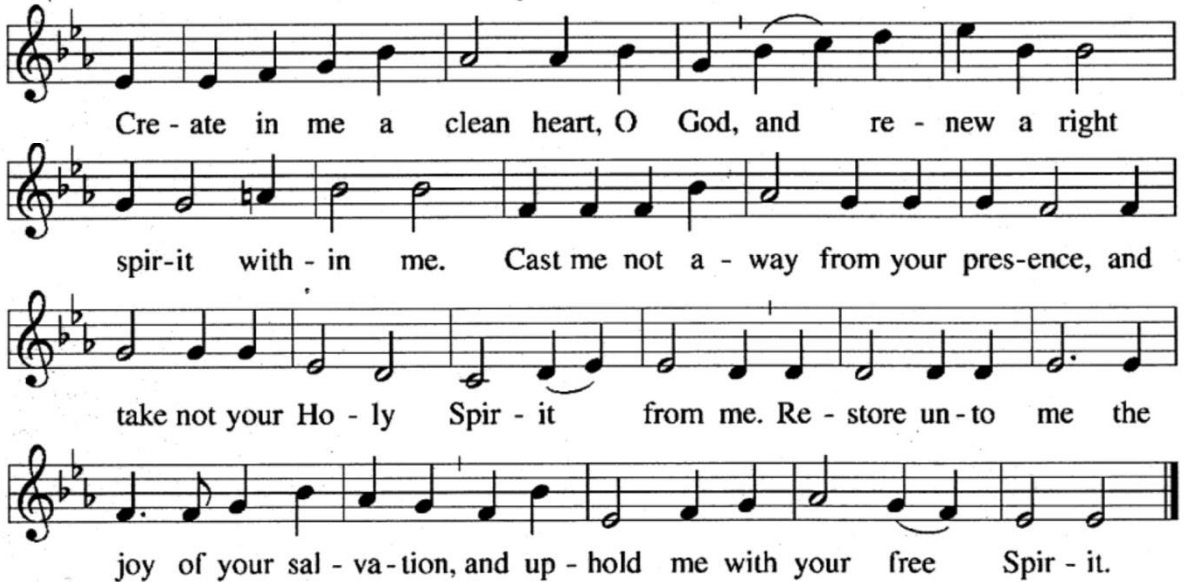
## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERING



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**C: Amen.**

## ANTHEM

*Spread Branches*  
St. Andrew Chancel Choir

Johann Cruger

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: 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.

In the same way 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.



## 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, forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

A: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

*ELW #488*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Jesus, I Will Ponder*

*ELW #345*

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

**C: Thanks be to God.**





# Lenten Calendar



2/14	6PM	ASH WEDNESDAY
<b>2/18</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
2/21	6PM	1ST MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
<b>2/25</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
2/28	6PM	2ND MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
<b>3/3</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
3/6	6PM	3RD MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
<b>3/10</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
3/13	6PM	4TH MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
<b>3/17</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
3/20	6PM	5TH MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
<b>3/24</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY / PASSION SUNDAY</b>
3/28	6PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY
<b>3/29</b>	<b>6PM</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
3/30	9AM-5PM	EASTER EVE PRAYER VIGIL



## OUR MISSION

Dedicated to Living and Spreading God's Word  
through Loving Care and Service to All