

St. James Lutheran Church
Palm Sunday April 13, 2025
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Announcements & Prelude

-The Musical Prelude invites us to become quiet and reverent in God’s House.

++Celebrate pg. 1

++**Procession of Palms Hymn 108—process to the front of the church for palms**

Confession and Forgiveness

-All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

++In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

COMPASSIONATE ONE, YOU ARE SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE, BUT OUR LIVES DO NOT ALWAYS REFLECT YOU AND YOUR LOVE FOR THE WORLD. WE DO NOT SHOW OTHERS THE TENDER COMPASSION YOU HAVE SHOWN TO US. WE DO NOT WELCOME OTHERS WITH THE RADICAL HOSPITALITY YOU GRANT TO ALL PEOPLE. WE OPPRESS OTHERS, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE SET US FREE AGAIN AND AGAIN. WE SQUANDER THE ABUNDANT GIFTS OF THE EARTH. TRANSFORM OUR LIVES AND GUIDE US AGAIN IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS. AMEN.

BELOVED IN CHRIST, GOD’S ARMS ARE ALWAYS STRETCHED OPEN WIDE TO WELCOME THE WANDERING ONES HOME. IN ☩ CHRIST YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. YOU HAVE A PLACE IN GOD’S HOUSE FOREVER. **AMEN.**

++**Gathering Hymn #99: “O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS” GREEN HYMNAL**

++**Greeting**

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

++**Prayer of the Day** (Prayed by All) Celebrate pg. 1

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a Celebrate pg. 1

Psalms 31 Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11 Celebrate pg. 3

Children’s Sermon

++**Gospel Acclamation** (Spoken in Unison)
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 every name

++The Holy Gospel according to Luke **“Glory to you, O Lord.”**

++**Holy Gospel:** Luke 19:28-40 Celebrate pg. 1

++The Gospel of the LORD. **“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

Sermon

Hymn #107—“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Green Hymnal

Apostles’ Creed (Spoken in Unison)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and 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** Response: **“Receive our Prayer”**

++**Sharing of the Peace**
The Peace of the LORD be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering
++**Offertory: “With Every Breath I Take”** (Sang Twice)
-**With every breath I take, God I will praise you. With every word I speak, your hope I will sing. When I lie down at night or when I greet the morning light, Love of my heart, praises to you, gladly I’ll bring.**

++**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.

++Benediction

The Lord Bless us and keep us, the Lord make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord Look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

++Sending Hymn #Insert: “Ride on Ride on in Majesty”

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++Dismissal

Go in peace. Take care of others as God takes care of you! **Thanks be to God!**

Calendar

- April 13—Congregational meeting after the Service to approve the new Constitution
- April 13—Coffee Hour after the Service and meeting
- April 15—Quilting @ 8:00
- April 17—Maundy Thursday Service @ St. James @ 7:00
- April 18—Crosswalk at Valley View @ 12:15
- April 18—Good Friday Service @ Friedens UCC @ 7:00

The Church Prays For:

Joan Snyder, Bailey Romberger, Heather Snyder, Bill Howerter, Duane Gessner, Mary Reiner, Bentley Bardo, Ruby Hepler, Tyann Schneider, Margie Boyer, Beverly Lettich, Ashley Pile, Maryjane Allvord, Cole Rothermel. Justin Bowman

The Easter eggs are out in the Narthex, please fill some for the egg hunt.

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Reader: Kathy Romberger
Acolyte: Cindy Renn
Greeter: Ruth Snyder

April 20

Reader: Linda Mattern
Acolyte: Brady Wolfgang
Greeter: Bill Simons



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