

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29TH, 2026



PRELUDE

WELCOME & PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: MATTHEW 21:1-11

Reader ...The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

All "Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Reader When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,

All "Who is this?"

Reader The crowds were saying,

All "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

GREETING

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

All And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

Hosanna, Praise is Rising

SECOND READING: MATTHEW 26:14-16, 20 - 35

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor As disciples of Jesus Christ, let us confess our own sin.

All We confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone.

We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for you.

We confess that we like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement.

We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so,

but not when our voice may stand alone in the face of hostility.

We confess that we do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you

but neither do we want to be considered fanatics or traitors.

Forgive us.

Give us the assurance to examine ourselves honestly.

Give us the confidence to wonder how we might betray your perfect love.

Give us grace to confess how we have broken our promises to you.

Give us the peace to be troubled by our own self-righteousness.

SONG

All are invited to stand and sing

Glorious Day

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.
Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

COMMUNION

Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at First Lutheran. We invite you to share communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, or ability. There are gluten free wafers for those who need them. There is red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing in lieu of grain and grape, let the pastor know when you come forward. She will be happy to give you a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please tell an usher. Today's communion bread was made by the people of Family Dinner Church and is similar to the unleavened bread of the first Passover.

OFFERING

If you wish to make an offering in worship today, you can give online by scanning this QR code or you can use the brown envelopes in your pew to make an offering by cash or check. Please also take this time to fill out the "Count Me In" card in your bulletin and drop it in the offering basket on your way to receive communion.



COMMUNION SONGS

*Hosanna
Jesus Messiah*

THIRD READING: MATTHEW 26:36-41

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader ... God, in your mercy,
All receive our prayer.

FOURTH READING: MATTHEW 26:47-50

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor May the peace of Christ be with you all.
All **And also with you.**
You are invited to share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIFTH READING: MATTHEW 26:57 -68

SONG

Holy Holy Holy (Jesus Reigns)

SIXTH READING: MATTHEW 26:69-75

SONG

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

SEVENTH READING: MATTHEW 27:1-26

Reader "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"
All **"Barabbas."**
Reader "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"
All **"Let him be crucified!"**
Reader "Why, what evil has he done?"
All **Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!**

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

SONG

Raise a Hallelujah

DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace, this is holy week.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE