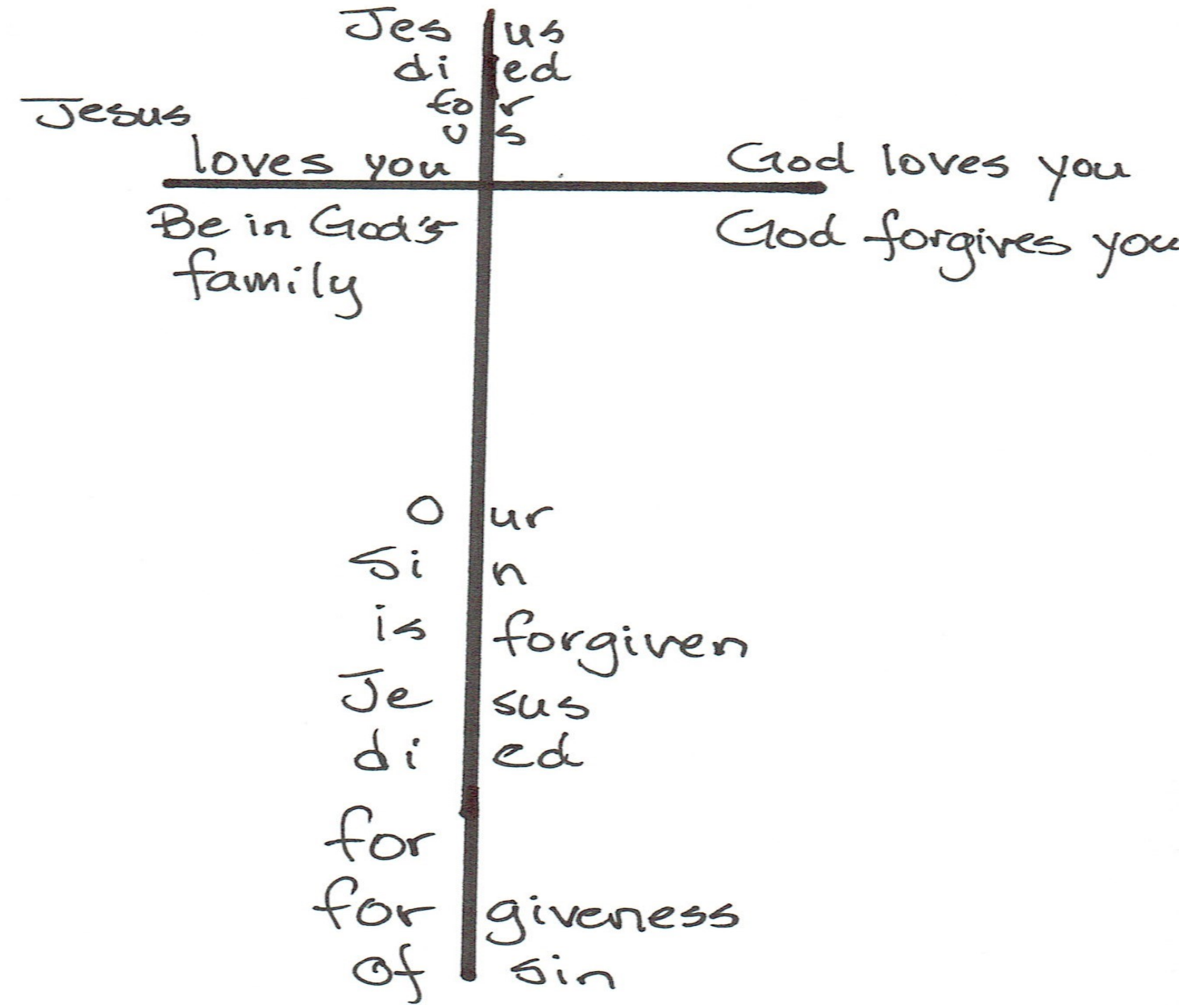


Believe in Jesus, God and
the Holy Spirit



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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY—PASSION SUNDAY

Holy Communion 11:00 AM

March 24, 2024

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Palm/Passion Sunday - March 24, 2024

*Gathering

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.

.....through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Processional Gospel:

John 12:12-19

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (response after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (response after conclusion of the Gospel)

*Blessing of the Palms

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: We praise and thank You, O God.....now and forever.

C: Amen.

*The Procession

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: in the name of Christ. Amen

*The Processional Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor

(ELW) No. 344

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

*The Confession and Forgiveness

(ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

“Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.”

- Psalm 31:9 -

Jesus knew long before He arrived in Jerusalem that it would be His last visit to the beloved city. He warned the disciples and the crowds that the Son of Man had to be lifted up, persecuted, and killed. Jesus knew the time was coming when the world would turn away from Him. I wonder how it felt, then, to arrive in Jerusalem to a cheering crowd. We describe the Palm Sunday parade as a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but was it a triumph to Jesus? Did He embrace their praise? He knew that in just days that same crowd would be shouting for His crucifixion.

Jesus loved His people. He wanted the best for them, but it must have been difficult even for Him to accept the cross. There was so much left to do. There were still sick people to be healed and poor who needed encouragement. There were many who had not heard the promise of God's Kingdom. His disciples still did not understand. The donkey ride into Jerusalem was part of the plan, but must have seemed premature. How could He leave them now? They weren't ready to continue on their own.

The psalmist knew the tug of war that goes on in the hearts of people struggling to be obedient to God's will. Even Jesus prayed that His Father might find another way. After all, how could death be the answer? Nevertheless, Jesus did not listen to the demands of the crowd. He did not save Himself; He obeyed the will of His Father. God's promises could only be complete through death, the final enemy. The amazing grace of God was realized through the most incredible act of sacrifice: the beloved Son, the Priest-King, offered Himself as the Lamb to be slain for the sake of God's people.

Jesus accepted the praise of the crowds on Palm Sunday, but just days later He also accepted the anguish and loneliness of the garden and the cross. Through it all, He trusted in God. He willingly died on the cross to fulfill the promise of God's unfailing love for His people. We are delivered by His blood from the greatest enemy: death. By His grace we are forgiven and through Him we have life in His Kingdom forever.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2024. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2024. Please sign up.

Hope for Ethiopia funds are low, please donate.

Adult Catechism class is on Tuesday at 11 and 7 pm. We are discussing the book we read over the summer. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us in our discussion.

Adult Sunday School is held before our Church Service starting at 9:45 am in the church library. Come join us.

Bell Choir rehearsal is Monday at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, kkbrgs1@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Our **Dartball team** is looking for more members. Practices are Tuesdays at 7 pm. No experience is needed. Come join us for fun and fellowship. We hope to see you soon. Please contact Dennis Schmidt for information.

Chess Club meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 139

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.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty and everlasting God, You have sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of His great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

L: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering

Ride on Majesty

(Adult Choir)

The Psalmody For The Day (read responsively)

Psalm 118:19-29

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

¹⁰ For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹ I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

¹² I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

¹³ For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

¹⁴ But I trusted in Thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God.

¹⁵ My times are in Thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

¹⁶ Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant: save me for Thy mercies' sake.

Musical Offering

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Bell Choir)

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

L: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God**

March 28th at 7:00 PM will be Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion.

March 29th at 3 PM will be Good Friday Service (one service only).

March 31st at 10 AM Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia. Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

The Flower Chart for 2024 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date. Thank you.

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of George & Margaret Walz and niece, Sarah Jane Waltz by George Walz.

Lay Reader is Dennis Schmidt.

Acolytes are Wesley Black and Parker Lambert.

Counters are S. Rea and L. Coleman

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Janet Burke, Shari Kienzle, Susan Westott, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Fritz Group, Eric Group, Danielle Sherman, Amy Verderber, Tillie and Larry, Lou Mayne, Judy, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Barbara Mounts, Chiquita Pearson, Tim and Sharon, Judy Coble, Gary Conti, Linnese, Karen and John, Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Simon Thorp, Josh, Becky Wood, Apollos Yocca, Alex Houck, Bridgette, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann, Belinda, Wilda Durbin, Stacy Carroll, Leann Vitteck, Isabella & family, James, Billie Sue Serbak, Lori Mauer, Jennifer Brown, Mark Black, Kenny & Josh Carl, Cindi and John Moore, Sean Shearer, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Mike Phipps, Holly Davis and family, Pat Dupas, Rich Luketich, Gwen Roberts, Judy Dombrowsky, Chris Maust, and Firefighter Zach Correll.

Children's Sermon
(children leave for Sunday School)

Pastor Grewe

Gospel

Return to the Lord Your God

(ELW) page 142

Mark 14:1-15:47

*Please rise at Mark 15:20

*The Hymn of the Day

Ah, Holy Jesus

(ELW) No. 349

*The Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our Prayer.

*Sharing the Peace

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(SBH) No. 27

*The Great Thanksgiving

(ELW) page 144

The Distribution

Communion Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(ELW) No. 502

*The Benediction (sung response)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

(ELW) No. 343

*The Dismissal (response)

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might
 stow; the world that was his own would not its
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of

love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to

for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

The Communion

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 thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.