

Palm/Passion Sunday

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
408 9TH STREET NW
MANDAN, ND 58554**

Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

March 29, 2026

8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

GATHERING HYMN *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (v. 1 & 3) ELW #344 or Page 5*

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

Pastor: 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. Amen.

MEDITATION Pastor Phil

SR. CHOIR CANTATA *“Calvary’s Lamb”* by Mary McDonald A Song, A Sacrifice, A Savior

“Sing Hosanna to the King”

“Underscore”

“In the Upper Room”

“Take This Cup from Me”

“What Has He Done?”

“Calvary’s Lamb”

“God So Loved the World”

“Wondrous Love”

Readers: Britany Barden, Pastor Adam Barden, Tony Sayler, Pastor Phil Leer

Soloist: Tony Sayler

Pianist: Kathy Brandvold

Director: Cathy Long

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace.

OFFERING

Thank you for your financial offerings to First Lutheran. Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of Christ through our life together here in this congregation and through our loving service to our neighbors beyond our walls. We now have resumed the traditional offering practice of “passing the plates.” For those who contribute to First Lutheran’s ministry in ways other than weekly in-church offerings and would still like to be included in the in-worship gathering of the offering, laminated “Offering Cards” are now included in the pew racks for you to place in the offering plates.

OFFERTORY *“We Are an Offering”* *ELW #692 or Page 6*

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

MEAL

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *“Were You There” (v. 1 & 5)* *ELW #353 or Page 7*

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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,

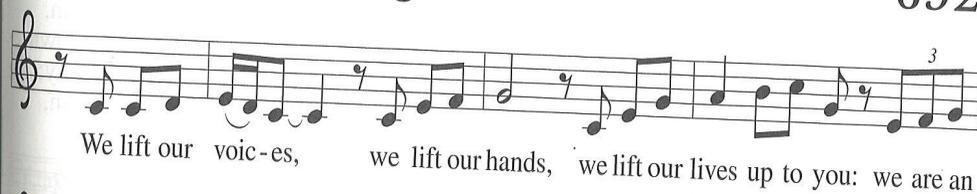
Refrain

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.

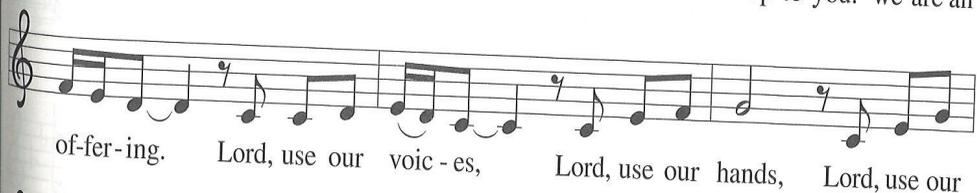
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We Are an Offering

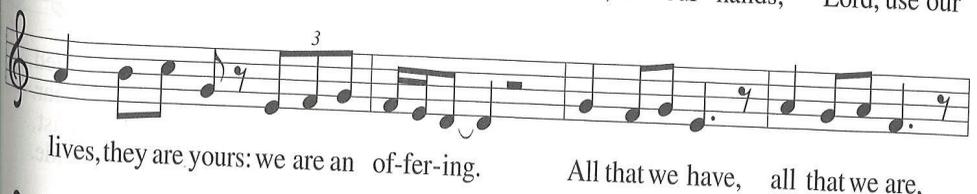
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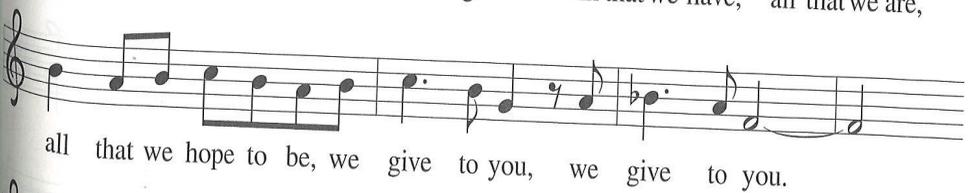
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



offer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



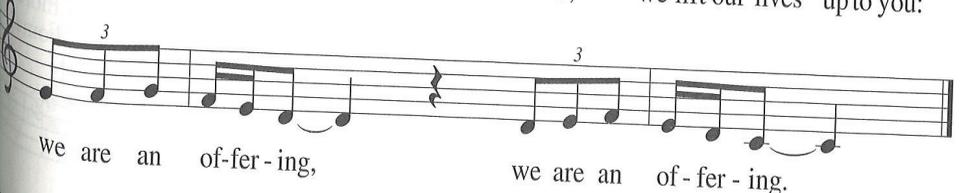
lives, they are yours: we are an offer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an offer-ing, we are an offer-ing.

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Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING
P.M.

Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

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 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
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 Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual
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Attendance last Week: Sunday 8:30 - 103 10:45 - 120
Wednesday 6:30 - 113

ON-GOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

Noel Albrecht, Brad Schmidt, Joan Hanson, Debbie Martineson, Hal Lang, Patrick Lang, Jason Bjorgen, Ken Charvat, Dave Thomas, Joann Meyer, Preston Joyce, Susan Voigt, Toby Kienzle, Pam Weng, Lois Smith, Barb Carl, Jeff MacIver, Brady Mattson, Darin Hinsz, Jerome Bauer, Wendel Mongeon, Brenda Hersch, Jared & Jenn Barnhart, Ray Stenmoen, Connor Hertz, Teresa Seeman, Linda Stastny, Rachael Hankin, Opal Renken, David Jung, Dina Walker, Kay Link, Tammy Krein, Terry Tanaka, Wanda House, Tom Burau, Judy Walters, Monte Olmsted, Pat Kincaid, Victor Saeman, Lualice Stockert, Katy Anseth, Sarah Weishaar, Howard Moldenhauer, Anna Anderson, Brenna Blankenship, Ted (Theodore) Delfs, Allen Janz, Justin Hankin, Judy Anderson, Rori Messer, Jayar Kindsvogel, Kristen Rasmussen, Jerry Iverson, Jason Klipfel, Lois Helmer, Carrie Hille, Pius Johner, Cori Musolf, Stan Hepper, Eunice Wolf, Adam Walker, Mary Hogan

First Lutheran Church will be updating the prayer list periodically. If a name is not listed and you would like it re-listed please call the church office at 663-3594. We will re-list names for prayers.

PLEASE KEEP THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVICE FOR OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Todd Bauer, Alex Dove, Jacob Selzler

If you know of anyone who has ties to our congregation and is called to active duty, please contact the church office.

Pastor Phil Leer's phone number: 701-341-7784
(If you need to reach him please give him a call)

Ushers:

Reader:

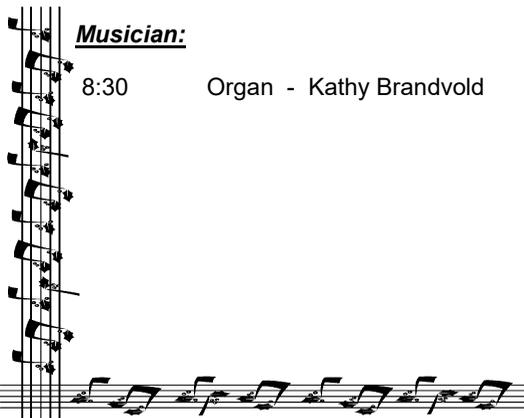
Lori Meyers

Communion Servers:

Communion Set-Up:

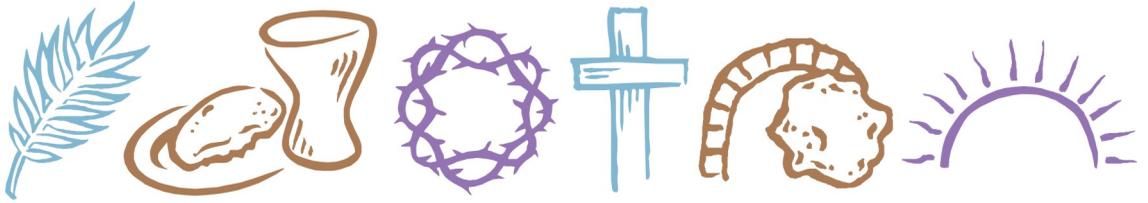
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Musician:
8:30 Organ - Kathy Brandvold



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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29th
8:30 & 10:45 A.M.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
7:00 P.M. Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3rd
7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service
(No Holy Communion)

Note: No Wednesday Evening
Service on April 1st

Easter Sunday, April 5th
8:00 A.M. - Easter Service
10:00 A.M. - Easter Service
(Holy Communion will be offered at both services for Easter)

Easter Breakfast
8:30-10:30 A.M.

Mission of the Month - Weekend Meals For Mandan Kids

Items needed are Chap Stick, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Ham, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Cups, Canned Fruit, Granola Bars, Cereal, Pudding Cups, Applesauce, Chef Boyardee', Mac & Cheese, Soups, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Pop Tarts, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice A Roni, Pasta Roni, Pork and Beans, Baked Beans, Pancake Mix-no eggs required such as Krusteaz Brand, Syrup.

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!

You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

The Endowment Committee is once again making two \$500 scholarships available to area seniors. As the committee works toward ensuring a vibrant financial future for the church, it is also working to ensure a vibrant future for the church by encouraging youth in their life of faith. Scholarship applications are available in the Church office or on our webpage and must be submitted by March 31, 2026.



We will be having a new member orientation on Sunday, April 26th at 5:00 P.M. If you are interested in becoming a member here at First Lutheran please call the church office at 663-3594 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Palm Sunday Family Activities Today

9:45-10:30- Palm Sunday and Easter Activities in fellowship hall (downstairs)

10:45am service- kids can help bring Palm leaves to front of church

We would like to offer a family event today from 9:45-10:30...all families (Wednesday church school, Sunday church school and Confirmation) are welcome to join us for Palm Sunday/Easter activities prior to Palm Sunday Church service on March 29. Please plan to come as a family as we do not have church school this day...instead we would like to offer a Family Event. We will have stations with Easter activities for families to do together.

Kids can also join Berta upstairs prior to the 10:45am service to help lay the path with Palm Leaves. Kids will join their families right after they are done laying the palm leaves at the front of the church.

Reminder-there is no church school on Sunday, March 29 or Wednesday, April 1 so this would be a great opportunity for families to create Easter projects together. Please make sure to come as a family as we do not have leaders to watch the kids.

Hope to see you March 29.

The Palm Sunday Path An Ecumenical Processional & Worship

2,000 years ago, Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of Passover on a donkey, an image reflecting his just, humble leadership and care for those in need.

Christian communities from across our region are invited to gather for a time of communal prayer and public witness at **3:00 p.m. today**, for a processional from Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck (502 North 4th St.) to the ND State Capitol Steps. An ecumenical worship service uplifting our shared values of feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and welcoming the stranger will be held on the Capitol Steps at 4:00 p.m.

Please visit wndpalmsundaypath.com for more information.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for ushers, communion servers, readers & communion set up for all worship services. Since we have gone back to passing the offering plate we need at least 2 ushers for every service. If you could help out please sign your name on the sheets provided, by the bulletins, in the narthex.



Dakota Pro Musica presents

MUSIC OF AMERICAN FAITH

A concert of sacred music for choir and organ

The professional choir of Dakota Pro Musica
with guest organist, Christopher Wells

Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm

St. George's Episcopal Memorial Church in Bismarck

\$60/ family, \$25/ adult, \$5/ student at the door

Presale tickets available at a discount before March 18th

We extend our sympathy to the family of Ottilia Croteau, Toby Croteau's mother. Her funeral was held at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Thursday, March 26th. Please keep her family in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Chloe Leingang. Her funeral will be held here on Monday, March 30th. Please keep her family in your prayers.

“May Day” Baskets

We are collecting spring/summer/early fall items and personal care items for our homebound, assisted living, and nursing home residents.

Please consider being a blessing to these precious members by donating items, assembling baskets, and/or delivering them.

There are boxes in the narthex to drop off your donation items.

Questions? - please call Lori at 701-471-9436.

**“May Day” baskets
will be assembled & delivered on Sunday, April 26th,
2026.**

If you would like to help with assembly and/or delivery, please come to the First Lutheran Church chapel after the 10:45 AM service on Sunday, April 26th, 2026.



Lynnette Horn the Family Liaison from the Mandan Public Schools has asked if we could take a collection for them again.

There will be a box in the narthex labeled "Mandan Public Schools HYGIENE PRODUCTS" please drop your donations in there or bring them to the office.

They are in need of the following items:

Feminine Hygiene products: tampons & pads – this is their main need right now

Packages of new socks – male & female adult size for middle & high school age students

Packages of new women's underwear – sizes XS through XXL

Small travel sized hand sanitizers – small ones that can be kept in backpacks

Kleenex On-The-Go Facial Tissues (like the travel size 8 packs you can get at Wal-Mart or Target)

Chapstick

Hair ties

Hairbrushes

Women of First Luncheon will be held at Stage Stop on Wednesday, April 8th at 11:30 a.m. If you are planning on attending please call the church office at 663-3594 as soon as possible so we can have an accurate count for them. Please bring a food item for the food boxes outside.

Missouri Slope is looking for volunteers to wheel residents to worship on Sundays. Their worship time is 1:15 p.m. Please call Samantha at 221-9368 if you are interested.

RUMMAGE SALE

The mission trip kids are going to be having a **rummage sale on Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** We are looking for GOOD used items/clothes you are not needing anymore. **Please DO NOT drop off broken items, torn/stained clothing etc.** (if you would not purchase it please do not drop it off).

IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF CLOTHING PLEASE PUT THEM IN A BAG/BOX AND HAVE THEM SORTED ACCORDING TO SIZE AND LABELED FOR US. (EXAMPLE: 18 MONTH GIRLS, 2T BOYS, MENS SMALL, WOMANS LARGE), ETC.!

Drop off hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. by the South Sunday School door.

Drop off donations are being accepted starting April 13 - April 22.



DOWNLOAD THE “VANCO MOBILE” APP TODAY!



OR TEXT 8449340609 TO DONATE

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office.

We have to stay financially strong. The ongoing ministry of our church is dependent on the tithes and offerings of our people. Electronic giving is the best way to do this. Many of you are already on our giving platform. If you are not giving electronically, this would be a good time to do that. You can sign up here <https://firstlutheranofmandan.com/>. Simply click on the button on the right hand side that says “Give Online”. If you prefer to make your gifts by check, you can drop it off at the church or mail it to 408 9th St NW Mandan, ND 58554. Staying strong in worship, caring ministries, and finances are important as we work to love and serve hurting people during this tumultuous time.

If you provide your financial offerings to First Lutheran through other ways besides the weekly worship gathering of gifts (e.g.: Vanco, automatic bank withdrawal), you are welcome to place one of the laminated “offering cards” in the pew rack in the offering plate during the Offering.

Notes on Holy Communion:

Practice: *We practice Open Communion, which means if you are here, you are welcome at the table of Christ. If you do not take Communion, or you do not take Communion yet, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. We can also bring Communion to you in your pew if you are unable to come forward. Please notify one of the ushers.*

Procedure: *You will receive a wafer of bread and a small cup of communion wine (juice and gluten free wafers are also available; please let your server know). Please place the empty cup in the waste basket by the communion assistant as you return to your pew.*

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 29 7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612
8:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP
9:30 COFFEE
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45 WORSHIP

MONDAY 30

TUESDAY 31 8:30 HOME SCHOOLERS
9:00 STAFF

WEDNESDAY 1 1:30 HEART RIVER & RUTH CIRCLE
NO CHOIR PRACTICE
NO CHURCH SCHOOL
6:00 MISSION TRIP MEETING
NO WORSHIP
NO BELL CHOIR
NO CONFIRMATION

THURSDAY 2 11:00 LAF ~ PULLED PORK
7:00 WORSHIP

FRIDAY 3 OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
7:00 WORSHIP

SATURDAY 4

SUNDAY 5 7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612
8:00 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
8:30 EASTER BREAKFAST
10:00 WORSHIP