



# First Lutheran Church

*We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.*

## PALM SUNDAY AND PASSION NARRATIVE ACCORDING TO JOHN

Saturday March 24, 2018

5:30pm

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Temple Talk

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Hymn

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW 661

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Offering

Offertory  
Reflection

*Take My Life, That I May Be* (v. 1, 6)  
Holy Week

ELW 685

Song

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

ELW 324

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**Song**

***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed***

ELW 337

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**Song**                      **Jesus, Remember Me**      (4 times)                      ELW 616

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**Song**                      ***Ah, Holy Jesus***

ELW 349

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But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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**Song**                      ***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***

ELW 325



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Sunday March 25, 2018

8:30am & 10:45am

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**Call to Worship**

***Come, All You People***

ELW 819

Welcome/Announcements/Temple Talk

5th & 6th Grade Memory Work (10:45)

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**All: *Hosanna in the highest heaven!***

Hymn

***Sing for Joy***

(used by permission Lamont Hiebert, 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, Song No. 1861357, CCLI 473052)

***If we call to Him, He will answer us; if we run to Him, He will run to us;***

***If we lift our hands, He will lift us up; Come now, praise His name, all you saints of God.***

***Sing for joy to God, our strength; Sing for joy to God, our strength***

***Draw near to Him, He is here with us; Give Him your love, He's in love with us;***

***He will heal our hearts, He will cleanse our hands; if we rend our hearts, He will heal our land.***

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Offering *Just Be Held*

**Offertory** *All I Have* (used by permission, 1986 Abundant Life Music Company, CCLI 473052)

***All I have belongs to You, for all I have has come from You. Nothing I own, nothing I possess is by my own hand; It's by Your faithfulness. So please take this offering from a heart of thanksgiving, for you've given all I have.***

Reflection Holy Week

**Song** *You Are My All in All*

(used by permission, song No. 825356, 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, CCLI 473052)

***You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.***

***Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.***

***Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name. Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name.***

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(Chorus)

NARR: Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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**Song** **Go In Peace** (Used by permission, 1989 Tom Hind, CCLI 473052)  
**May Lord Jesus bless and keep you in His Love**  
**May he stand beside you daily dusk to dusk**  
**May he guide you through the night in him we trust and lead us forth into the light**  
(repeat)

**So go in peace serve the Lord your God with love**

***Remembering God will be with you all until the end  
Let's go in peace serve the Lord your God with love  
Remembering God will be with us all until the end  
So go in peace serve the Lord your God with love  
Remembering God will be with you all until the end (repeat)***

***Remembering God will be with you all until the end.***



# Announcements

March 24 & 25, 2018

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Karen Murphy in honor of her 70th birthday and blessings in her life.

**Prayer List:** John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Kathy Riemer (sister of Bob Schrupp), Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Julie Roby, Pat Leary, Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Lois Dellwo (sister of Linda VanOverbeke), Sean Stucker, Wes Marks (brother of Roger Marks), Amy Olson Ingebrigtsen, Vi Thomasson.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes		Noah Wilts	Taya Weber
Greeters		Dave & Diane Taylor	
Ushers	Gary Koosmann Arlene Schoephoerster	Bruce & Vicki Lamprecht Tom & Marlene Nordby	Bill & Becky Weber Chris Cordes & Dealyn Rose
Lectors	Gary Koosmann Karen Murphy		
Music	Angela Fischer	Praise Team	
Coffee Servers			
Video and Projection	Shelly Maes	John Marshall Janet Landby	John Marshall Dan Marks
Altar Guild	Emily Coequyt, Gail Murphy, Karen Murphy, Tina Nielsen, Pam Odland		
Van Driver	Dan Marks		
Snow Removal	March 19-25: Cliff Carmody, Bruce Remme March 26-April 1: Jack Houseman, Brian Kruse		

**Sunday March 25**

8:30am Worship  
 9:15am - 11am Silent Auction Brunch  
 9:30am TLC  
 10:45am Worship- 5th & 6th Grade  
 Memory Work

**Monday March 26**

5:00pm FLY Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

**Tuesday March 27**

9:00am Senior Coffee  
 10:15am Staff Meets

**Wednesday March 28**

No TLC, Youth Events, or Worship  
 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Mike's  
 9:30am Rejoice Bible Study  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday March 29**

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

**Friday March 30**

Office Closed

Schwan's Cares Fundraiser Ends

7:00pm Good Friday Worship

**Saturday March 31**

No Worship

**Sunday April 1**

6:30am Worship

8:30am Worship

10:45am Worship

**Monday April 2**

Office Closed

1:00pm Quilting

## News & Notes

**Hy-Vee Cards are available for purchase** between services in the narthex! Proceeds go to the Senior High 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering trip.

**In celebration of Palm Sunday** today we are having a Palm Processional. We are asking all children (moms & dads are welcome too!) who wish to participate in the Palm Processional to meet in the Narthex (the gathering area outside the sanctuary) at 8:25am if you are attending the 8:30am service or at 10:40am if you are attending the 10:45am service. Each child will be given a palm branch and then we will process into the sanctuary together.

**SILENT AUCTION ENDS TODAY** AT 11AM....DON'T MISS OUT!

**Palm Sunday Celebration Brunch** - **TODAY from 9:15am until 11am.** Egg Bake and Cinnamon Rolls! Free-will offering. Sponsored by the Senior High Youth attending the summer Houston Trip. Thanks for supporting the youth!!

**The Houston Youth from First Lutheran will be serving at the Pizza Ranch in Marshall on March 26th from 5-8pm!** It is such a fun night out for fellowship with our faith family and friends! Bring yourself! Bring your families! Bring your friends! Bring anyone you can think of!! Money earned will go toward our trip this coming summer to Houston. Thanks so much for your support! We will get 10% of the meals sold that night during the time we are there and *100% of the donations!!*

**Please keep the following youth** from First Lutheran in your prayers as they go to Haiti on the Hope for Haiti Mission Trip this coming week. They are Samantha Nielsen, Courtni Nielsen, Kelli Remme, Kaia Sueker, and Bryce Paulsen.

**Hey Seniors! Apply for a College Scholarship** First Lutheran Church, with financial support from the First Lutheran Church Foundation, is pleased to announce the opening for applications for the annual Norman and Irene Timm Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was made possible by the generous contribution of the Timm family, in memory of their parents, who were long-time First Lutheran Church members. The 2018 scholarship is for \$500, and is open to...seniors that are involved at church, attending college

in the fall, and have some goals for your future, which you'll write about in your essay. Applications can be found at the church or on our website. The deadline is April 29, 2018.

**Houston Youth will be selling Krispy Kreme** Donuts and Coffees! Starting March 28th until April 11th, the Houston youth will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts (both traditional glazed and the variety flavors) as well as the coffee (rich, smooth, and decaf). Orders will then be delivered on Thursday, April 19th. Traditional donuts will be \$10/dozen. Variety Pack will be \$12/dozen. Coffees will be \$10 for a 10 oz. bag. Krispy Kreme's crave-able treat has been a favorite of millions since 1937. Choose the great taste of Original Glazed® doughnuts or varieties....and support our High Adventures Trip at the same time. (You're craving one right now even reading this, right? Can you taste it melting in your mouth?) Questions or to get connected with a youth, contact Tonya. But don't miss the deadline!

**Kenny & Sharon St. Aubin are celebrating** their 20th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 25. They invite you to an open house party at the Marshall Square Apartments in the big room on 2nd floor from 1:30-4:30 pm.

**Prairie Conference WELCA Spring Gathering** will be held Saturday April 21st at Sillerud Lutheran Church in Balaton. Speaker is Julie Clark Lingen. Registration begins at 8:30am and concludes with a noon lunch. Registration fee is \$10. In-kind offering will be items for Shetek Lutheran Ministry: puzzles, games, paper, dry erase markers, markers, box fans, bath towels, money for planting spring flowers.

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**Donations to the Easter Garden fund have been given by:**

Doug Heise in memory of Margaret (Heise) Racette, Dennis Heise, Rosemary Heise, and Cornel & Bernice Paulson  
Ken & Sue Versaevel in memory of Elmer & Gwen Geistfeld and Bill & Clarice Versaevel  
Leon & Judy Werner  
Tom & Pam Odland in memory of Dr. Olin & Mavis Odland and honor of our grandchildren - Turi, Soren, Axel, Solvi, Cora, Thomas & Evelyn.  
Ken & Mary Fischer in memory of our parents Jerome & Janette Negen and Joe & Norma Fischer  
John, Liz, and Joe Voit and Rane Simpson in memory of Allen & Orlinda Voit  
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Catie & Jamie, Elizabeth & Mitch, Paul & Lindsey in honor of Tom & Pam Odland  
Mike, Denise & Madison in memory of Alex Schumacher  
Bob & Corlys Knudson in memory of Janelle Knudson & Elijah Knudson and in honor of our children and grandchildren  
Dave & Becky Gifford in memory of daughter Sandra Kae Gifford  
Carole Halverson & family in memory of Hal Halverson, Kathleen, and Bonnie  
Tom & Sherri Schultze and family in memory of Harold Hansen  
Doug, Don, Deb, Denise and their families in memory of Helen Gilbertson and Merv Gilbertson  
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Dennis & DeAnna Zimmer in memory of ArDell Floto, Russell & Ethel Petersen, Kone Zimmer  
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Jay, Angie, Maddie & Macie Murphy in memory of Cheryl Murphy  
Bill & Kathy Engler in memory of Bert Wille and Ed & Violet Engler  
John & Bonny Doyle and family in memory of parents and grandparents Byron & Clara Doyle and O. Elof & Mildred Johnson  
Karl & Shirley Porisch in memory of Adolphe & Imogene Porisch and Ronald & Dorothy Anderson  
Bob & Sandy Fenske in thankfulness for First Lutheran being our church home for 55 years  
Chuck & Rolly Muller in memory of Charlie & Tweet Muller and Merv Gilbertson  
Carol Purrington in memory of Carol Swope and in honor of granddaughters Christina, Clara, Julianna & Brooklyn.  
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Brent, Teresa, Megan, Madi, & Allie in memory of Dave Kock and Alex Schumacher  
Bill, Becky, Trey & Taya Weber in memory of Bill & Jane Weber  
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