

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

ELW Setting Four - Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Announcements

Prelude

Acclamation (ELW p. 256)

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of Palms (ELW p. 256)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

**We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Procession (ELW p. 256)

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 257)

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Silence is kept. Then the presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

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.

Song - All Glory, Laud, and Honor - ELW Hymn #344

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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

Refrain: Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I ^l am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ^l and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my ^l years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ^l are consumed.**

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ^l my acquaintances; when they see me in the street ^l they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, ^l out of mind; I am as useless as a ^l broken pot.**
R Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ^l all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to ^l take my life.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD. I have said, “You | are my God.**

¹⁵ My times are | in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love.”**
R Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation(ELW p. 151)

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

¹⁴When the hour came, [Jesus] took his place at the table, and the apostles with him...

...On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich

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Hymn of the Day - A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth - ELW Hymn #340

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1 A lamb goes un-com-plain-ing forth to save a world of sin-ners.
 2 This lamb is Christ, our great-est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav-ior.
 3 Our Sav-ice an-swered from his heart that he would take the bur-den.
 4 Of death I am no more a-fraid; your dy-ing is my liv-ing.

He bears the bur-den all a-lone, dies shorn of all his hon-ors,
 whom God in mer-cy chose to send to win us reb-els o-ver.
 "My Fa-ther's will is my com-mand; I'll do as I am bid-den."
 You clothe me in your roy-al robes that you are al-ways giv-ing.

He goes to slaugh-ter, weak and faint, is led to die with-
 "Go down, my child," the Fa-ther said, "and free my chil-dren
 Oh, won-drous love! Oh, lov-ing might! To right what mor-tals
 Your love is dress e-nough for me to wear through all e-

our com-plaint; his spot-less life he of-fers. He bears the shame,
 from their dread of death and con-dem-na-tion. The pain-ful stripes
 can-not right the Son who was sent from heav-en. What love, O Love,
 ter-mi-nal-ty be-fore the throne of heav-en, where we shall stand

the stripes, the wrath; his an-guish, mock-er-ry,
 are hard to bear, but by your death they all
 who came to save by lov-ing e-ven to
 close by your side, your church, the well-ap-point-

and death for us he glad-ly suf-fers.
 can share the joy of your sal-va-tion."
 the grave un-til the stone was riv-en,
 ed brick, when all the faith-ful gath-er.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; in: Lutheran Book of Worship, 4th
 Edition. AN WASSERBURY-UNION BAPTIST, Wolfgang Dierckx, s. 1487-1493
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Apostles Creed (ELW p.152)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,

**was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering (ELW p. 152)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 154)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Blessing(ELW p. 155)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

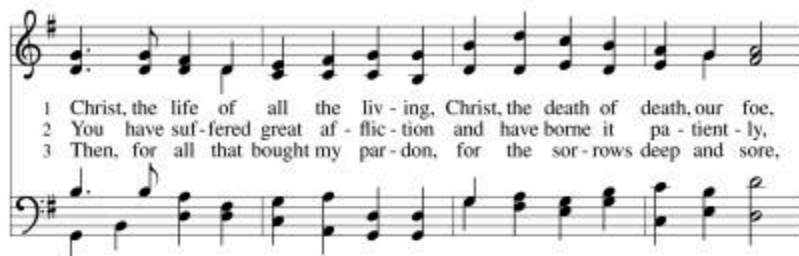
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song - Christ, the Life of All the Living - ELW Hymn #339

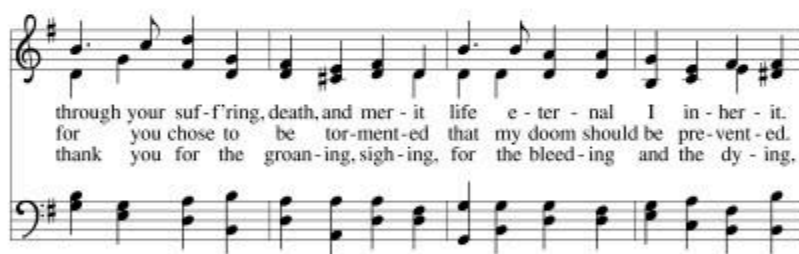
Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe;
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINER LEBENS LEBEN, Das grosse Cantonal, Darmstadt, 1687

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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OFFICIATING & SERVING -April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday 10:30AM

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Lector: Garrett Kurtz
Usher Captain: Darrell Marek
Greeters: Robert & Evelyn Steglich
Altar Care: Judy Gersbach & Joey Saverse
Teller Captain: Jill Marwitz
Teller: Retha Shepherd

OFFICIATING & SERVING - April 17, 2025--Maundy Thursday 7PM

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Pastor Asst. Wayne Zieschang
Communion Asst. Alan Shepherd
Lector: Coley Bruggman
Usher Captain: Duane Kurtin
Greeters: Weldon & Cedralia Kurtz
Altar Care: Dorothy Marwitz
Teller Captain: Judy Gersbach
Teller: Mila Wegner

OFFICIATING & SERVING -April 18, 2025--Good Friday 7PM

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Lector: Weldon Kurtz--Ronnie Persky--Wayne Zieschang
Usher Captain: Darrell Marek
Ushers: April Marek
Altar Care: Dorothy Marwitz
Teller Captain: April Marek
Teller: Charles Gersbach

OFFICIATING & SERVING -April 20, 2025 Easter Sunrise 7AM

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Pastor Asst. Weldon Kurtz
Communion Asst. Harold Kurtz
Lector: Carol Wilson
Usher Captain: Lynn Roy Friedrich
Ushers: Jimmy Gommert, Charles Hill, David Tschoerner, Dale Dawson,
Lynn & Pat Stroud
Greeters: Duane & Sharon Kurtin
Altar Care: Debi Janke & Courteney Janke
Teller Captain: Judy Gersbach
Teller: Darrell & Sharon Kurtin

OFFICIATING & SERVING -April 20, 2025 Easter Service 10:30 AM

Pastor:	Jeremy Ullrich	Organist: Debra Caldwell
Pastor Asst.	Weldon Kurtz	
Communion Asst.	Ronnie Persky	
Lector:	Sharon Randig	
Usher Captain:	Tim Steglich	
Greeters:	Harold & Joan Kurtz	
Altar Care:	Connie & Frank Horak	
Teller Captain:	Dorothy Marwitz	
Teller:	Barbara Voight	

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Mar 23	50	\$2,532.00	\$ 34,648.32
Mar 26	19	\$ 233.00	\$ 34,881.32
Mar 30	57	\$2,878.00	\$ 37,759.32
Apr 2	12	\$ 51.00	\$ 37,810.32
Apr 6	60	\$3,884.00	\$ 41,694.32

IN OUR PRAYERS

Garland Wentrcek	Stanley Glaser	Clark Lindemann	Ricky Ramthun
Pansy Lange	Janell Janke	Risa Steglich	Ruth Janke
Gayle Bielss	Margie Lovellette	Janie Barron Lange	Aurdine Wutrich
Marian Patillo mother of Jill Marwitz’s co-worker, Jennifer Richards			
Victor Marek(Darrell, April Marek & family)		Tammy Rodriguez (sister of Joey Saverse)	
Jimmy Dubose (grandfather of Kendal & Jr Gersbach and Great-grandfather to Cayson & Barrett)			
Fred Wende (Family friend of Carol Wilson)		Mr. Hardy (Erin Steglich’s Friend’s Dad)	
Kayla Williams(she is donating a kidney for a coworker–Friend of Alan & Retha Shepherd)			
Janice Atchison		Matthew Gamrod	
Tori Gartman(friend of Pam Fleming)		John Chaffin (Linda Chaffin’s Husband)	

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Monday:	Monday in TRC @ 1:00 pm–Pickleball and 2PM Dominoes
Tuesday:	Pickleball 6:00 pm in the TRC Gym (we are trying another evening)
Wednesday:	Men’s Bible Study each Wednesday in the TRC @ 7:30 am
Thursday:	PieceMakers meet each Thursday in the TRC @ 1:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Service Helpers

If you are not able to do the job you are assigned, it is your responsibility to get someone to do the job for you. Also, please let the church office know of the change if there is adequate time.

Worship Committee Request

We are in need to fill the vacancies on the worship duty roster. Pastor Assistant, Teller Captain, and Usher duties are needed. All volunteers are welcomed, please contact the church office.

Pastoral Visits

We are encouraging those hospitalized, nursing home residents (or, their family members), and the homebound members and friends who wish to schedule an in-person pastoral visit or phone call to contact Pastor Jeremy Ullrich @ 979-421-3303 or the church office @ 254-527-3341.

NOTE: Pastor Ullrich will need to be listed as a “visitor of choice” in hospitals or nursing homes. This will need to be established by a family member.

Adult Sunday School

We will gather Sundays in the TRC at 9:15am for coffee / fellowship. Class will begin at 9:30am.

Men’s Bible Study

The Men’s Bible Study is on hold until further notice.

Martha’s Circle Bible Study

Martha's Circle Bible Study is on hold until further notice.

Sisters in Christ Bible Study

The Sisters in Christ Bible Study every third Saturday @10am with a new bible study “What Happens Next” by Max Lucado. This study reminds us that we are headed to a far better place than where we started.

Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the residents of our local nursing home! Through communion and a 30-minute hymn sing-along, please show these residents they are not forgotten by joining us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Granger and on the third Thursday of each month at 10AM in Bartlett. Please come and make a resident smile.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is on hold till further notice.

Flag Donations

3x5 U.S. Flags with grommets are appreciated for our church. In memory of loved ones, you may donate flags, or make cash donations, at the church office. For further information contact Walt Saverse @ 254-770-8381, or contact the church office @ 254-527-3341.

Prayer Requests

When you make a prayer request for a non-member, please provide the church office with contact information so that we can send them a card. Thank you.

Dominoes

Every Monday @ 2PM in the TRC– Domino games (42 and Straight and Moon)

Anyone want to PLAY pickleball?

Monday afternoons in the TRC Gym at 1pm and/or Tuesday night at 6pm. Please come join us. All you need is a good and comfortable pair of sneakers. We have extra paddles and balls. Come and enjoy the fun, exercise and being with fun people.

Youth/Children Events

Sunday School—Every Sunday at 9:30am

Articles for the Newsletter

Please submit your articles for the monthly newsletter before the 19th of each month, as they are mailed out the following week. Thank you!

Rose Garden Dedication

Please let the church secretary, Retha Shepherd, know if any of your loved ones are turning 90 this year 2025.

Casserole Ministry

We have casseroles available in the large freezer for distribution to shut-ins, family members, friends, and neighbors in need of a meal. Please feel free to take them as needed to help support our community.

Worship Committee

Thank you to everyone who provided food for the Lenten services meals and to all those who stepped up and filled in as needed for those positions not formally assigned.

*****Reminders*****

Wrapped candy for Easter—Flowers for the living cross—Sign-up for breakfast needs, food or cash.

Piecemakers

The Piecemakers have chosen Orphan Grain Train Charity as a service project for this year. They will be making baby quilts for orphans to be shipped to places in Texas. The quilt will be made with 5 inch squares. We have infant fabric available in the basement. Volunteers are needed to cut 5 ½ inch squares, sewing quilt tops-6X7 squares and pressing seams would be greatly appreciated. See any of the Piecemakers for assistance.

Piecemakers

The PieceMakers have bundles of fabric that are waiting to be cut into squares (10 ½ X 10 ½ inches) to be sewn into an 80 X 60 LWR Quilt. Please ask any Piecemaker member or go into the basement and the Kits are on the first cedar chest tied up with fabric.

WELCA News

The 2025 WELCA Heart of Texas Conference Spring Gathering will be hosted by St. John Lutheran Church, Coryell City, Texas on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. This year's theme is "Shine Jesus Shine!" The registration form has been posted on the bulletin board in the TRC and is due by April 12th. Please turn in your form to the church office and registration fee will be covered by WELCA.