

**Passion/Palm Sunday
APRIL 1-2, 2023**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements
Invocation
Thanksgiving for Light
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Message
Creed, Prayers and Peace

The Words of Communion
Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Blessing & Sending

Sunday Contemporary – 8am

Gathering Song & Welcome
Call to Worship
Song of Praise
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Today's Message
Song of the Day
Creed, Prayers & Peace
The Words of Communion
Lord's Prayer & Distribution
Song of Praise
Blessing & Sending
Closing Song & Dismissal

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

Prelude
Processional
Opening Hymn ELW 344
Greeting p. 147
Kyrie
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Psalm of the Day Psalm 31:9-16
Gospel Acclamation
Today's Message
Hymn of the Day ELW 624
Creed, Prayers & Peace
Offertory
Offering ELW 184
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Benediction & Sending Hymn ELW 661
Dismissal



**WEEKLY WORSHIP
BULLETIN FOR
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LUTHERAN CHURCH
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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Today's Bible Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a	Pew Bible p. 594
Philippians 2:5-11	Pew Bible p. 954
Psalms 31:9-16	Pew Bible p. 439
Matthew 21:1-11	Pew Bible p. 802

Today's Message "He's Riding What?!"

by Rev. Erik Young

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE:



OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Laurie Sanders, David Roberts, Lynne Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Amy Nupp, Sandy Alwens, and the Sanders family.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Brian Boam, Kay Knobloch, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, the family of Bill Angelo, the family and friends of Alyssa Hall, John Aymong, and Vernon Thompson.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky and Nicole C.

On Easter Sunday, we will be blessed with several special music selections adding to our worship. Joining us as we praise the risen Lord will be instrumentalists from the Gem City Band, a vocal soloist, and St. John’s Bell Choir.

+ **ST JOHN’S VISION STATEMENT** +

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John’s unconditionally serves God’s people and shares Christian love.