



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
Kirkland, IL - Est. December 26, 1873*

*Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday*

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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew. Place this form in the offering plate when it is passed.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

PRELUDE

*THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

CHILDREN'S PARADE OF PALMS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LBW 108

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (vv. 1, 3, & 5)

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest!

CHERUB CHOIR "He'll be riding on a Donkey when He comes."

CHILDREN HIDE THE ALLELUIA BANNER

*HYMN: "The Royal Banners Forward Go" (vv. 1, 3, & 6) **LBW 124**

*Prayer of the Day (Spoken in unison)

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 READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

PSALM 118:19-29 (*responsively by half verse*)

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SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LENTEN SENTENCE

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THE GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-15:47

SERMON: "BELIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE"

***HYMN OF THE DAY: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

LBW 479

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

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***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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Gracious Humble Father, as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, may we remember that he came to offer an eternal kingdom. We pray that you would prepare our hearts and minds as we enter this Holy Week, commemorating his last week here on earth. Let it restore our faith in you and see how we are to model Jesus' servant heart for others.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray that your church remain active in making disciples. We know it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we are commissioned to do your work. Lord, guard our hearts against complacency and worldly goals, that we may intentionally focus on your will to make disciples of all nations.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Precious Savior, we pray that our worship would glorify you through songs that are rooted in faith and filled with your divine truth. May the message of the Gospel teach and inspire others to sing your praises throughout all times.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Father God, we pray for your healing hand to be upon those who are sick or struggling in any way, [especially ...]. May they feel your loving presence and bear witness to rest and faith in you. We ask that you guard our hearts and minds against wavering faith, but remain strong in knowing we have eternal life through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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*BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

*CLOSING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross"

LBW 377

*P: May God be merciful to us and bless us, as we enter this holy week.

***Congregation: May God be merciful to us and bless us.**

*POSTLUDE

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Lay Reader: Louie Mielke

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Offering Counters: Susan Wilson & Lisa Coyle

Attendance Last Saturday, 3/16: 18 adults

Attendance Sunday, 3/17: 46adults, 15 children

Lenten Service, 3/21: 21 adults, 4 children

BIRTHDAYS!

Ryan Block 3/23

Colleen Cerutti 3/23

Aiden Atkinson 3/24/2010

Justin Mielke 3/24

Drew Peterson 3/25

Shelby (Mech) Lahey 3/30

ANNIVERSARIES!

Gary & Peggy Steinhorst

3/24



EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Did you forget to order your Easter Memorial Garden Lily? There are only 10 plants available for purchase. Lilies are \$11 each. Order forms are in the narthex.



EASTER BREAKFAST – PLEASE RSVP!

Easter Breakfast will be at 8am, between the two Easter services - 7am Sunrise and 9:30am Festival. An RSVP isn't necessary, however, to help us prepare for the breakfast, please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER VIGIL BEGINS AFTER GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE –

Many half-hour time slots are still left offering you private time in the sanctuary for prayer and reflection. Devotional materials will be provided. Sign up in the narthex at the Prayer Vigil cross to reserve your time slot. Note: There is no Saturday service March 30 to accommodate the Prayer Vigil – we encourage you to participate.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER VIGIL

The Prayer Vigil will be available again this year. The vigil will begin Friday, 8:30pm - 10:30pm. Then resume on Saturday at 6:00am and conclude at 2:00pm. We do appreciate all who take the time to participate in the prayer vigil. It is a quiet reflection time with God in our sanctuary.

Note: There will be no Saturday service on March 30th.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday, 3/28 at 7pm

Good Friday, 3/29 at 7pm

EASTER March 31:

7AM Easter Sunrise Service

8AM Breakfast – **RSVP for breakfast**, sign is in the Narthex.

9:30AM Easter Festival Communion Service

TEXT ALERT SYSTEM

The church council has implemented a Text alert system to keep you informed about important notifications and updates regarding our church activities and events.

If you would like to stay in the loop and receive valuable alerts, simply text message your FIRST and LAST name to 877-726-5086. Once received, we will promptly add your phone number to our contact list.

Stay connected with us by joining this convenient service and never miss out on any important information again!

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
CRESTON, IL**

Kumla supper will be a fundraiser for the church on April 6, 2024.

This is a drive thru ONLY.

Reserve a ticket by calling St. John's church office at (815)384-3720. There is more information on the narthex bulletin board.

KIRKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY TEA PARTY

Join us for a tea party at FLC on Saturday, April 20 from 1:00-3:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each. Carolyn Law of Carolyn Law Antiques will offer a presentation titled "Taking Tea in Style: Silver and Porcelain for the Tea Table". Please visit or call the library for tickets.

WNALC Gathering

Katie Luther

Led the Way

Saturday, April 13
10 am — 2 pm

New Life Lutheran Church

702 W. Lynn Blvd.

Sterling, IL

The life & times of Katie Luther

by

Pastor Terese Whitten

Lunch Provided

To keep costs low we asking each church to donate:

Immanuel Lutheran— Breads for Coffee

St. Paul—Casserole/main dish

St. John's — salads

First Lutheran—desserts

Please RSVP with # attending to

Sandy Strohecker @ 815/441-4128

by April 6 so she can let churches

know how many to plan for

Donations

This year we are collecting
Bibles & Diapers

Gently used Bibles, Devotionals
Lg. print/children's Bibles

(Please take a moment to write a short note
in each Bible)

All sizes of diapers accepted

Sam's Member Mark Diapers OR by the
case type of diapers are the best to buy

A monetary donation can also be
made & items can be purchased in
bulk at a cheaper rate



Sunday 3/24: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!

Monday 3/25: Clothes Closet Open 12 -1:30pm.

Tuesday 3/26: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Thursday 3/28: Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7pm.

Friday 3/29: Good Friday Service, 7pm. Prayer Vigil will begin after the service and will conclude on Saturday at 2pm.

Saturday 3:30 NO Worship Service.

Sunday 3/31: Easter Sunrise Service, 7am; Breakfast, 8am;
Easter Festival Communion Service, 9:30am.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Bill Byers, Jane Johnson's brother needs prayers.
- Nathan Wrobel, Louie Mielke's son-in-law, needs intense prayers.
- Michelle Bruning is having health issues.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially:

Matt Johnson

James Klus

Emmaline Haag

David Sanderson

- All those who are anticipating surgery or healing from surgery.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.
- Our church and its activities.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.