

### Preparation for Worship:

I imagine myself along the route you traveled into Jerusalem, dear Jesus. I lay branches along your donkey's path and praise you: "Hosanna, Son of David!"

*\*Please stand as you are able **Bold** Items read in unison*

### GATHERING We come together to worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation/Call to Worship: **Now this I know: The Lord gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.** (Psalm 20:6)

Opening Prayer

\* Opening Hymn – *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* . . . . . Red **#95**

Confession of Sin: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Kyrie (sung, p. 3): **O God the Fa-ther in heav-en, have mer-cy up-on us! O God the Son, Re-deem-er of the world, have mer-cy up-on us! O God the Ho-ly Ghost, true Com-fort-er, have mer-cy up-on us!**

Declaration of Grace

Prayers of the Church (P: Lord in Your mercy C: **Hear our prayer.**)

### WORD – We seek guidance from God's Word

Deuteronomy 32:36-39 Old Testament

Philippians 2:5-11 Epistle

\* Luke 19:28-44 \* Gospel

\* Apostles' Creed: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri: (sung, p. 4) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

\*Offertory (sung, p. 33 for melody) **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 unto me the joy of Your salvation: and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

[First Am.] Special Music by Sunday School

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day – *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* . . . . . Red **#543**

Psalm 118:19-29 Responsive Reading

Sermon – *Lord, Save Us!* . . . . . Pastor Barry Nelson

### SENDING We go out to live in & share God's Word

\* Closing Hymn – *Ride On, Ride On, O Savior-King* . . . . . Red **#96**

\* 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.**

\* Benediction & Doxology: (sung, p. 24 for melody) **Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

\* Dismissal L: Go in Peace, and Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Hope for Holy Week

As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what he has to offer because of his humble attitude and his devotion to his mission.

When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" —Peter Sulzle



[First] Our Noisy Offering today is given to Dale Brown for cancer treatments and expenses.

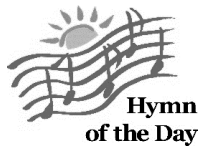
### **This Week in the Parish - April 13 - 20**

TODAY!	7:00 pm	First American Council
TUESDAY	7:30 pm	VBS Meeting at Friedens
MAUNDY	7:30 pm	Joint Maundy Thursday Worship at First American
THURSDAY		with Holy Communion – msg by Kevin Sprecher
GOOD FRI	7:30 pm	Joint Good Friday Worship at Hope
		Leader: Pastor Barry
EASTER SUN	9:00 am	Hope Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	* NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT FIRST AMERICAN *
	10:00 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:45 am	First American Worship with Holy Communion

### **Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – April 6, 2025**

**First American:** General—\$2075. Benevolence—\$50. Sunday School—\$14.50.  
Noisy Offering for Dale Brown—\$50. Dennewitz Cemetery Fence Fund—\$1075.  
Easter Offering for John Lee, AFLC Missionary and Life 96.5 Radio—\$100.  
BeLED Family Ministry (this amount is from First American & Hope)—\$705.  
Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19. *Dennewitz Cemetery Fund* Total: \$6100.05

**Welcome!** Hosanna to the Son of David! So sang people long ago as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and so sing we. Welcome to Palm Sunday worship. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



*What a Fellowship* was chosen by Tammy Bietz. “This hymn is a great reminder that God is always there to hold us up in good times and bad times. Jesus is my rock and refuge, my ever-present source of strength and renewal.”

Prayer in our corporate worship service is very important. To maintain a current prayer list, requests for non-members will be printed in the bulletin for three weeks. For additional time, please send an update to Pastor Barry. New additions will be underlined, and those scheduled to come off will be in italics.

**Health Needs of our Members:** Doug Bitterman. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Sue Neumeister. Steve Permann. Kaylene Prusia.

**Sympathy:** Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Randy Schelske (Scotland Community) and *Denise Spiegel* (sister-in-law of Michelle Kurtz).

**Birthdays:** 14 Kash Bietz. 17 LaNae Fuerst. 18 Kyrie Nelson.

**AFLC Churches:** Lord of Life Lutheran, Mt. Vernon, WA; Cornerstone Lutheran, Argyle, WI; Buffalo Lake Lutheran, Sisseton, SD.

**Mission:** Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls, SD

“Where [humanity] sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing.”  
—Albert Lighton

### **Tripp-Delmont Parish + Association of Free Lutheran Churches** Pastor Barry Nelson

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# Today's Readings

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

## Old Testament

## Deuteronomy 32:36-39

<sup>36</sup> The LORD will vindicate his people and relent concerning his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free. <sup>37</sup> He will say: "Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in, <sup>38</sup> the gods who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up to help you! Let them give you shelter! <sup>39</sup> "See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

## Epistle

## Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel

## Luke 19:28-44

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks

on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" <sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." <sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

*\* Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. \* C: Praise to You, O Christ.*

## Sermon Text: Responsive Reading Psalm 118:19-29

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the LORD  
through which the righteous may enter.**

<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> **The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;**

<sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> **The LORD has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.**

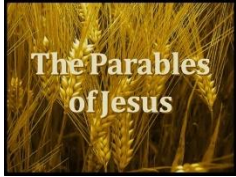
<sup>25</sup> LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup> **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> **You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Lessons – Easter Sunday Old Testament – Job 19:23-27 Psalm 16  
Epistle – 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Gospel – John 20:1-18



Our Lenten theme this year is entitled, "The Parables of Jesus." Each of our round-robin speakers will focus on a different parable of Jesus. Our round-robin series will conclude with our Good Friday service.

### **Lenten Schedule (7:30pm):**

#### **The Parable of the Sower**

Darold Bitterman

#### **The Parable of the Foolish Builders**

Maurice Bueber

#### **The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

Pastor Barry Nelson

#### **The Parable of the Great Banquet**

Del Neumeister

#### **The Parable of the Minas**

Pastor Kevin Czymbor

### **Maundy Thursday - The Parable of the Hidden Things**

First American: April 17 – Keith Sprecher

### **Good Friday - The Parable of the Canceled Debts**

Hope: April 18 – Pastor Barry Nelson

#### **Lenten Offerings:**

**First American** – All Nations Family Center on the Rosebud Reservation. This is the ministry served by Johnny and Heidi Wade. Heidi is the daughter of Jan Jerke.

**Hope** – Split equally between Southeastern South Dakota Lutherans for Life ultrasound fund (which supports the ultrasound ministry of the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls) and the Douglas County Food Pantry.

#### **Easter Offerings:**

**First American** – Split equally between John Lee, AFLC missionary in Brazil and Life 96.5 radio.

## **Psalm 118:19-29**

"Lord, Save Us!"

April 13, 2025

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### **1. Gate of the Righteous**

### **2. Cornerstone**

### **3. Victory**