

We ask that all members join the Women of ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning, and as you prepare to retire each evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

Jada, Myles, & Conner Garske; Britain Hahn; Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley, Aria & Hudson Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes, Maevis Shock; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, Kaylin, Emma, Bryce, Marah, Bria, Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Braylee Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Tyler & Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neidfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Sophia, Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Callie Fleming; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Emma Elder; Bryson Lamb, Elizabeth Wildes; Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jayda Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross; Gannon & Ellory Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha; Watson and Duke Sebranek, Violet Ford, Hunter Puhl, Cole, Caleb & Connor Redding; Eason Kelbel, Brooke, Claire, Grace & Bree Olson; Luke Kroeger; Alayna, Alivia & Levi Wyttenbach; Peyton Oelson, Greyson Resop; Kendall Christopherson, and children throughout the world.

That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by you. I pray that you will protect them from reception by the evil one and all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for all children every where, that you would keep them in your care.

In Jesus name I pray.

Amen.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

Sunday of the Passion

April 20, 2025

**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
In Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

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."

Processional Hymn **"All Glory Laud and Honor" ELW#344**

Sunday School Children

Sing followed by...

"A Sunday of the Passion"

Drama Play

Commentator: Miranda Arndt; Zebedee: Braxton

Holthaus; Judas: Linus Arndt; Scroll: Ava Gruen;

Toga: Daphne Arndt

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

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.

SUNRISE BREAKFAST

Looking for volunteers with regard to the sunrise breakfast on Easter morning. See Nalani if you are able to volunteer.

PIANO

The Osteboe family has been gracious and donated a piano to the Sunday school. Is anyone interested in the old piano? A few keys stick now and then, but if you have a child who might be interested in learning piano, this would be a good one to "cut their teeth on" before you rush out and buy one. Let Nalani know if you are interested.

NURSERY/CRY ROOM

We now have a changing table, complete with various sized diapers, desitin cream, and baby wipes located in the nursery/cry room. A rocking chair is also available. There will be more space for a couch once the organ pipes are removed. In the meantime, this is a step in the right direction!!.

FOR SALE

We are selling the 6 foot white tables, \$20.00 each. There is one cream colored table that would only be useful to you if it was always used. One leg is bent. That table's price is \$10.00.

THANK YOU'S

- Pam Brandau for assisting in contacting Esta Parrish with regard to securing a donkey for the children's parade
- To Ed Doyle for the transportation of the donkey to and from Esta's
- To Dixie Arndt for leading the children in baking the bread for communion today and Easter Sunday.

CALENDAR

Today	Noisy Offering	
Thurs., April 17	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 PM
Fri., April 18	Good Friday Service	<u>6:00 PM</u>
	Prayer Vigil	7:00 PM—10:00 PM
Sat., April 19	Prayer Vigil	6:30 AM— 6:00 PM
Sun., April 20	Sunrise Service	6:00 AM
	Sunrise Breakfast	6:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES

Karla Richie has offered to take pictures of the confirmands after the service. Parents, help us by making sure they come to the front of the church and we'll get the pictures taken as soon as possible.

FIRST COMMUNION RECEPTION

All are invited to come downstairs after service for cake and coffee to celebrate first communion, April birthdays and anniversaries.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Please note the time of the Good Friday service, **6:00 PM.** We are hosting an ecumenical service with Immanuel Methodist Church in Norwalk and Grace Haven Church in Ontario. Pastors Fran Hewuse, Robert "Bob" Streeter, and Karen will lead us in worship.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Psalm 31:9-16

- ⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and
my belly.
- ¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with
sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my
bones are consumed.**
- ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my
neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all
around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to 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 upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

A reading from Philippians 2:5-11

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
⊕ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn “Go to Dark Gethsemane” ELW#347

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People; Synod Authorized Minister:
Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Karen Arzt;
Altar: Nalani & Greg Bever; Communion Server: Steve
Brandau, Sr.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Meltesen, Darlene Babbitt, Wayne Schindler, Florence
Dougherty, Heidi Stenerson, Linda, Richie Vlasak,
Bud Speicher; Jeremy Munson, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Lyle
Schindler, Gordy O’Rourke, Marilyn O’Rourke, Carol Lydon
Fronk, Gloria Nofsinger, Nick Evans, Collin Niedfeldt, Jan
Brandau, Jack Arndt

THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Allen
Roscovious, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

Please sing this three times.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' repeated twice.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our
communities, that your liberating love might nourish the
world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.' repeated twice, and 'Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.' in the middle.

*GOSPEL READING

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.

The holy gospel according to Luke 23:1-9

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a

king.”³ Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.”⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”⁵ But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign.⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people,¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.”¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;²¹ but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!”²² A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil

The following children are receiving communion today:

**Riley Brueggen Brueggen
Daughter of Adam and Ally Brueggen**

**Braxton James Holthaus
Son of Kayla Leis and Ross Holthaus**

**Brek Travis Anderson
Son of Ann and Travis Anderson**

**Camden Andrew Niedfeldt
Son of Tanya and Scott Niedfeldt**

**Lena Kathryn Ornes
Daughter of Tim and Samantha Ornes**

**Josie Jean Ornes
Daughter of Tim and Samantha Ornes**

**Logan Joseph Buchholz
Son of Kim and Marcus Buchholz**

**Nolan Orvin Buchholz
Son of Kim and Marcus Buchholz**

We would ask the children, parents, grandparents, and baptism sponsors to come to the railing first and receive communion. You may remain seated during this time and sing the communion song (located on page 12). When all of the first communion group have been served, we will look for those who have been seated to come forward. You will be served “continuously”.

Communion Hymn “Jesus, Remember Me” Page 12

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.³⁴ [Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”³⁸

There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus ” ELW#349

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Narrator: Karen Sparling; Jesus: Justin Arndt; Judas: Joel Arndt; Peter: Leonard Arndt; Pilate: Jerry Von Haden

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer)

OFFERING
Offering Hymn “Create in Me a Clean Heart” ELW 186

OFFERING PRAYER
Gracious Provider,
**you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.**
**As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**
Amen.