
Bethany Lutheran Church
PALM SUNDAY/CONFIRMATION

April 13, 2025

SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Anthony
Pittenger

Organist: Mrs. Roberta Highfill

Acolytes: Pittenger, Walsh,
Crew, Pasillas

Elder this week: Conrad Plyler
*~please note no communion
today~*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday: Join with us as we use
The Divine Service, *Rite Two*,
starting on page 60, with
modifications.

*(Please follow along in the hymnal
or above the altar as announced by
Pastor)*

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*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of
God in honor of the confirmation class of 2025.*

HYMNS:

<p><u>279:</u> <i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i></p>	<p><u>232:</u> <i>How Precious is the Book Divine</i></p>	<p><u>277:</u> <i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i></p>	<p><u>280:</u> <i>Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty</i></p>
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INTROIT: Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation. Deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to Your holy hill.

COLLECT: Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; ⁸“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!” ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts. ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God. ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. ¹² Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— ¹⁷ I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! ²² I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. *Psalms 22:1-22 (ESV)*

GRADUAL: Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

GOSPEL LESSON

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” *Matthew 21:1-9 (ESV)*

✠ THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION ✠

THE ADDRESS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

~THE VOWS~

P: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: I do.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION †
THE ADDRESS TO THE CONFIRMANDS
~THE VOWS CONTINUES~

P: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you intend by the grace of God to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help me.



~THE BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS~

CONFIRMANDS

Devin Jin Tek Browne

1 Peter 1 :18-19 (ESV)

*You were ransomed...with the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*

Piper Margaret Gaskins

Psalm 5:11 (ESV)

*Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,
and spread Your protection over them.*

Charleigh Rose Walsh

John 8:36 (ESV)

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Parker Rose Wibe

John 20:15 (ESV)

*Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you
seeking?"*

*Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if You
have carried Him away,
tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."*

*Please join the Confirmands and their families for a reception with
cake and punch after the service.*

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Holy Spirit You begin and perform the good work in us: we thank You that in Baptism You have granted these young servants of Yours the gift of faith; we thank You that through the enlightenment of Your Word You have enabled them to acknowledge Your saving grace. Finish what You have begun, we pray You, by granting them an ever-increasing knowledge of the salvation You have prepared in Christ. They are weak; strengthen them with Your power. They are to face a dangerous world; guide them with Your counsel. They are to experience many temptations; help them to resist and to overcome. In every hour of need and of difficulty, comfort them with Your Holy Spirit. Help them to watch and pray, and to seek diligently in Word and Sacrament the nourishment of Your grace, to the end that, in sanctification of the Spirit, together with Your faithful people, they may before all the world, in word and deed, confess you with the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith directed toward the self-offering of Christ, that built on His humble image, the Church would resist the allure of worldly power and her members pursue their own sacrificial callings, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in trial and peril, and for the broken-hearted and humbled, that God would come quickly to their aid; and that our Lord would rescue [and] all who delight in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP

As we're all settling into the year, planning and budgeting for everything from groceries to perhaps summer vacations, please remember your church.

At this point, Bethany's expenses for next year are projected to be significantly higher than its income. (This year we received a large amount of COVID relief money. There isn't any more COVID relief money headed our way.)

So, please thankfully consider your church in your own budgets.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 4/13

Palm Sunday/Confirmation

9:00 am Worship

(livestreamed)

(no communion today)

10:00 am Confirmation

Reception

(no Sunday School today)

MONDAY, 4/14

11:00 am Bethany 55's

7:00 pm Worship

(no communion today)

TUESDAY 4/15

1:00 pm Juanita's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 4/16

8:25 am Chapel

THURSDAY 4/17

7:00pm Maundy Thursday

Communion

FRIDAY 4/18

No School

7:00pm Good Friday Worship

SUNDAY, 4/20

The Resurrection of our Lord

7:00 am Easter Sunrise

Worship

8-9:30am Easter Fellowship

Breakfast

10:00am Easter Festival

Worship
