

**Palm Sunday (April 13th, 2025)
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Palm Sunday Processional

John 12:12–19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Processional Hymn: 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Introit

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.**

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.**

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Kyrie

LSB 204

- C** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷ Then he will say, “Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,

³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

³⁹ “See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;

I kill and I make alive;

I wound and I heal;

and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.

**¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.**

¹¹Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**¹²I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

¹³For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

**¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

**¹⁶Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!**

Epistle

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 made himself nothing, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see

Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

**God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For hearts full of the mercy of Christ, that in these holy days we would lift our voices and bow our knees at His holy name, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Christ's Holy Church, that she may be defended against her enemies and kept faithful in the confession of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Christian fathers, that receiving Christ and trusting His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who govern, that God would preserve them in life and duty; and for us as citizens, that we may have the will and desire to honor authority as servants of Christ, living holy, upright and godly lives to the praise of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, distressed and needy, including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall

Keith and Suzy Scherer

Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)

Denise Scherer

Noah Burns as he receives treatment for leukemia (Nephew of Renee Roussey)

The family of Eldora Fuelling as they mourn her death this past week

that God would give them His abiding comfort in every circumstance, since in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare His works, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who receive the Lord's Supper, that Christ who rode into Jerusalem to save us from sin would prepare our hearts to welcome Him worthily in His blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless

blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C
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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 455 The Royal Banners Forward Go

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Organist: Mrs. Vickie Hammond

Deacons: Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

Elders: Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings: April 6th- Home Purpose: \$3,838.00, Missions: \$70.00, Vanco: \$95.28

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

Mission total for 1st quarter is \$1,360.00. Total memorials received in March were \$2,125.00

May Newsletter Information: due by Monday April 21st to Amber Shaffer. You can either call/text to 260-223-9897 , or email to splchurchsec@gmail.com. Thank you!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for APRIL and MAY - "SAUCES": During the months of April & May, we will be collecting "Sauces" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Items will be delivered the first of May just in time for grilling season. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce & bottled marinades. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. The Food Coop is also stocked with freezers and refrigerators. Freezers are stocked with frozen beef, pork, and chicken donated by some of our local farmers, processed and packaged for the Seminary by Manley Meats. However, at this time the beef freezer has been very low of product. If anyone would be interested in donating toward the purchase of a steer/cow please notify Bruce or Brenda Scherer. We are not saying this is what we are going to do, but only inquiring as to any interest in helping in this way. Every time we deliver, no matter how much we have, the Co-Op is extremely grateful. All donations are a great benefit to the students and their families. **Thank you for all your donations.**

Voter's Assembly Meeting: Due to Sunday April 27th being Examination Sunday and after the church service, there will be a cake & punch reception to honor this year's confirmation class, there has been a time change for the meeting. It is now at 2:00pm on Sunday April 27th at church. Church officers and school board members, if you have any reports/notes, for the Voter's Assembly Meeting please give them to Amber Shaffer by **Friday April 25th**. You can email them to splchurchsec@gmail.com, leave in the mail slot on deacons' desk, or leave on desk in the church office in the basement. Thank you!

Accepting Bids: The SPI Trustees will be accepting bids for the groundskeeping duties of the school grounds for the spring, summer and fall of 2025. The SPI Trustees will be accepting bids for the custodian position for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested, please contact one of the trustees for the job description for either of these positions, (SP) Ben Franz, (I) Ralph Thieme, or the school office. Sealed bids are due to the trustees by **TODAY** Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Save the Date: SPI will be having another Rummage Sale this year, Friday June 6th & Saturday June 7th with proceeds going towards redoing the gym floor . As spring cleaning begins please keep the SPI Rummage Sale in mind to donate your gently used clothing, shoes, household, toys, and books to. Donations can be dropped off at either church (at St. Peter there's a box in the basement) or school.

Mark Your Calendars: The Spring SPI Musical will be Friday April 25th, at 6:30pm in the SPI gymnasium.

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church- Soest: Spring Rummage Sale & Bake sale is Thursday April 24th 10:00am-6:00pm and Friday April 25th 9:00am-NOON. Bag sale on Friday. Always a huge selection at great prices!

Job Opening: Ascension Lutheran in Huntsville, Alabama is looking for a Director of Children's Ministry. This is a *called* position so all persons considered for this position must either be a commissioned worker on the LCMS roster or willing to undergo the colloquy program for such a position. There is a letter and job description posted downstairs and upstairs bulletin boards for those who are interested or maybe you know of someone who might be. If you would like additional copies of either, please see Amber Shaffer.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF April 13th, 2025

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
MONDAY	7:00 pm	SPI School Board
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service w/Holy Communion
FRIDAY	12:00 pm	Good Friday Chief Service w/Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenabrae Vespers
SUNDAY	7:00 am	Sunrise Matins Service
	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion