

**Palmarum
Passion Sunday with the
Procession of Palms**

April 13, 2025



**“And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming
obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.”**

(Philippians 2:8 ESV)

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Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9–12; Mt. 21:1–9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5–11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name *"Barabbas," "son of the Father"* (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, *"Truly this was the Son of God!"* (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

Please plan to join us for daily Matins as the penitential season of Lent continues to Easter. Every morning at 10:30 a.m. during Holy Week, beginning Monday, April 14 through Saturday, April 19, Matins will be prayed. This is a good opportunity to focus our hearts and minds on the great gift of our salvation

As we enter Holy Week, please be sure and review the Upcoming Week's Events listing to see the many opportunities to receive the fruits of our Lord's passion during this holy season.

Easter Breakfast: Everyone is invited to the Easter Breakfast next Sunday, April 20, 7:30 a.m. Please bring an item to share. (Pastry/bread, fruit, fruit juice, breakfast casserole). A signup sheet will be available today. But if you are not able to bring an item, please come anyway. There is always plenty to share and it is an excellent opportunity for good fellowship.

An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Easter Sunday following the Divine Service. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class. LWML Mite Collection will move to the last Sunday of the month, April 27th.

Today is the final day Easter Lilies may be purchased from the Women of Wylie (WoW). They are \$15.00 each and checks should be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church with the memo: "WOW, Easter lily". Sign up today! Contact Sandra Traugott for questions or more information.

Thank you to everyone who helped yesterday in preparing the Lord's house for our celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

Lord of Life is hosting a workshop on *The Fruit of the Spirit* for all Lutheran women in our area on April 26, with registration starting at 9:15am. This is an LWML event, but you don't have to be an active participant in LWML to enjoy this workshop with Bible study and fellowship. The website for the event is: planolutheran.com/rsvp and we would kindly ask all to RSVP by this afternoon, April 6. The cost-sharing for the event is \$12 and does include lunch.

As you plan your summer activities, please keep in mind Vacation Bible School at Faith Plano. VBS will be June 16 – 20 from 9:00 - 12:00 each day. Preschool - 6th grade students are invited to attend. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help. Any questions please contact Mina McDonald at mmcdonald1219@gmail.com.

Equipping the priesthood of all believers... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Did Jesus Commune Judas? Secular Violence in Modern History, The Importance of Church Architecture, Anti-Semitism, The Hymn "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle," and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Zechariah 9:9 – "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." No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY	<i>Palmarum – Palm Sunday</i>
04/13/25	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Adult Bible Class and Sunday School 12:15 PM – Adult Instruction
MONDAY	<i>Holy Monday</i> 10:30 AM – Matins
TUESDAY	<i>Holy Tuesday</i> 10:30 AM – Matins
WEDNESDAY	<i>Holy Wednesday</i> 10:30 AM – Matins
THURSDAY	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 10:30 AM – Matins 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Divine Service

FRIDAY	<i>Good Friday</i>
	10:30 AM – Matins
	10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
	2:00 PM – Chief Service
	7:00 PM – Tenebrae Service
SATURDAY	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
	10:30 AM – Holy Saturday Matins
	7:30 PM – Easter Vigil (at Faith Plano)
SUNDAY	<i>The Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Sunday</i>
<i>04/20/25</i>	7:30 AM – Easter Breakfast
	9:30 AM – Divine Service
	11:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt

PRAYERS

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Gloria Lawrence who will be undergoing testing.
- The Brad Lowery family as they mourn the death of Brad’s brother, Lyle.
- John Gadberry, family friend of the Rose family, as he recovers from surgery and anticipates further treatment to include further surgery.
- Gene Obenhaus, sister of Melanie Obenhaus and Vicky Cantrell, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and is awaiting assessment and treatment options.
- Godspeed and a safe journey for LCMS International Missionary Rev. Micah and Robin Wildauer and their four children as they leave Belize to return to the United States for their two-month period of Home Service [beginning April 21].
- Robin Wildauer who has already come to the U.S. and will be undergoing a surgical procedure this coming week in Columbia, MO.

- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Carol Long, Ken Lawrence.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Pete Kun.
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Jared and Terri Wildenborg.
- Susan Dickson, Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Gary Sakko, Deanna, Dana Evans, Greg McClure, Georgette Walter, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Gaye, JE Purcell, Rush.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael, Greg.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – James Rose

Altar: Gail Sellers

Music: James Rose

4/6/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$9,817.75

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$144.50

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **surplus: \$948.32**

Calendar year to date: **surplus: -\$1,406.46**