

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019



Area Churches Together ACT Parish

DeGraff/Murdock Area

Bethesda Lutheran
Buffalo Lake Lutheran

Pennock Area

Mamrelund Lutheran
St. John's Lutheran

Sunburg Area

Hope Lutheran
Monson Lake Lutheran

Call to Worship

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of Lord!
Gracious God, as we stand at the gates of the city,
give us grace to recognize the king we proclaim,
and courage to be a part of your kingdom -
even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the world,
even when it leads us where we do not want to go.
Empower us to free ourselves from the tempting alternatives
of power and wealth and status,
and embolden us to live lives of thanksgiving and praise.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

Processional Hymn LBW 108 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Blessing of the Palms

Bless these parade palms, O God of Celebration. May they remind us of the simple joys of living.
May we remember the excitement that comes from following Christ.
Bless these protest palms, O God of Justice. May they remind us that Empire is not a thing of the past.
May they make us bold and brave to stand up against injustice.
Bless these funeral palms, O God of Comfort. May they remind us of the road that lies ahead.
May they encourage us in times of grief and pain.
We give you thanks for the parade, the protest, the processional. Guide us through this Holy Week,
as we cry out ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’

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.

First Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and 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.

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “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. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Tune of O Day of Rest and Gladness)

Hosanna loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang:
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed, A happy joyous crowd,
Their large palm branches waving, and singing clear and loud;
The Lord of men and angels rode on in simple joy,
And welcomed all the children: each little girl and boy.

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King;
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His holy presence eternally rejoice!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Offering

Offertory

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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.

Holy Communion

Blessing

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

LBW 328 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! v. 1-4

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Remember in Prayer

Lisa Carlson, Roland Froehlich, Kelly Rodenberg, Beverly Johnson, Addysen Hamstad,
Lyle Stai, Henry Jon Bloedel, The Family of Gwen Thayer & The Family of Robert Grove

Easter Sunday, April 21

6:30am – Hope (Easter Potluck Breakfast, 7:30am)
8am – St. John's
8:15am – Buffalo Lake
9:30am – Bethesda (Easter Breakfast, 8:30-9:15am)
9:30am – Monson Lake
11am – Mamrelund (Easter Breakfast from 9:30-10:45am)

Today, Sunday, April 14

9:30am-1pm - Kerkhoven Lions Pancake Breakfast at Kerkhoven Civic Center. Proceeds to be used
for Diabetes Camp and Children's Vision

Tuesday, April 16

No Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda or Hope

Thursday, April 18

7pm – ACT Parish Maundy Thursday Worship at Bethesda

Friday, April 19

7pm – ACT Parish Good Friday Worship at Hope

Sunday, April 21

8:30-9:15am – Bethesda's Easter Breakfast
9:30am – Bethesda's Easter Worship

Tuesday, April 23

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

Wednesday, April 24

6:30-8pm – Confirmation 7th-9th grade at Mamrelund

Thursday, April 25

2pm – Bethesda's Sarah Circle at the home of Alice Randt

Thursday, April 25-Thursday, May 30

9-11:30am - *“Living Well with Chronic Conditions”* class at Scandi Haven Village, 1710 McKinney Ave. Benson. The class is six-week interactive workshop & class leaders share tools to help better manage ongoing conditions like Heart Disease, COPD, High Blood Pressure, Daily Pain, Diabetes, Parkinson’s, and High Cholesterol to name a few. Chronic conditions can cause fatigue, loss of physical strength, anger, anxiety or a sense of helplessness. A healthy way to live with a chronic disease is overcoming the physical, mental and emotional problems caused by a condition. The goal of this workshop is to help people be proactive managers of their health care. Cost is FREE & instructors and registration contacts are Cindy Carruth 320-843-1344 and Michele Sonnabend 320-843-1377.

Saturday, April 27

10am –Noon – Open House ACT Parish Bridal Shower in honor of Nicole Kleene and Andy Niemeyer at Hope. Brunch at 10am. Instead of a shower card, please give Nicole & Andy a favorite recipe. Nicole & Andy are registered at Target and Amazon.



Sunday, April 28

8:30am – Bethesda’s Sunday School
9:30am – Bethesda’s Lay Led Service

Tuesday, April 30

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

Sunday, May 19

11am-1:30pm - 3rd Annual Syttende Mai Quilt Show. The quilted items will be displayed at Hope Lutheran Church in Sunburg. Please share with us your beautiful table runners, wall hangings, and quilts. It’s so much fun to see what everyone is working on. Encourage everyone to bring items for the display anytime that morning starting at 8:00 a.m. Someone will be at the church with the items during the display. Write who the quilt belongs to and a little bit about the history of the quilt. Quilts may be picked up from 1:30-2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Carlson at 366-3834 or 320-894-0508.