



## Decorating for Easter

Join the FELC Altar Guild at **8 am** on **Saturday, April 19**, to decorate the sanctuary and narthex for Easter morning services.

**All are welcome to help!**



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# NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY!

## APRIL 27

Sunday, April 27 will be our next New Member Sunday, where participants are welcomed formally by our congregation. Those who would like to become members of our congregation are invited to join during the 9 am worship service. New members are encouraged to fill out the **New Member Information Form** on our church website at [www.firstenglishchurch.com](http://www.firstenglishchurch.com). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Luke.



# Palm Sunday

## First English Lutheran Church Sunday, April 13, 2025

### PRELUDE

*"Christ, the Life of All the Living" By Ernst Homburg  
Performed by the Brass Ensemble*

### WELCOME

*(Children gather with Pastor Luke in the Narthex.  
Please stand as you are able.)*

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

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### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

## PROCESSION

Leader: Let us go forth in Peace,

People: In the Name of Christ. Amen.

*(Procession begins at entrance with cross and palms.)*

## GATHERING HYMN

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* ELW 344

*Led by the Brass Ensemble*

*(Wave palms during refrain)*

*(Please be seated.)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Maddie Patterson

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: 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.

## WORD

### READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

Emily Peterson

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

# 2025 Guide to Holy Week



## Palm Sunday

**April 13 Service at 9 am** Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades and celebration.



## Maundy Thursday

**April 17 Services at 2 pm & 7 pm** Thursday before Easter. Marks the beginning of the paschal Triduum and commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with the Apostles.



## Good Friday

**April 18 Service at 7 pm** Our service will be centered on Psalm 22. Friday before Easter. Most solemn day that commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death.



## Holy Saturday

**April 19 No Services** Saturday before Easter. Some celebrate the discovery of the empty tomb with an Easter Vigil.



## Easter Sunday

**April 20 Services at 8 am & 10:30 am** Hallelujah! Christ is risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



**SENDING HYMN**      *“Prepare the Royal Highway”* ELW 264 vs 1,2,4

*Children’s Shaker Hymn, Led by the Brass Ensemble*

**DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *“Religious Procession”*      by Ellen Lorenz

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor Luke Hollander

Children, Youth and Family Ministry: Maddie Patterson

Accompanist: Deb Stark

Brass Ensemble: Tiffany Kiffmeyer, Brian McDonald, John Peterson, Aaron Stark

Usher: Craig and Shelly Ritz; Lay Reader: Emily Peterson

Offering Assistant: Amanda Thompson

**CROWD NOTICE**

Please note that our regular worship services are livestreamed.

The resulting material may be used by our church without restriction or compensation.

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, April 16**

1 pm Staff Meeting

6 pm 1st Communion Breadmaking

**Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday**

2 pm 1st Worship

3-6 pm CF Food Shelf

7 pm 2nd Worship

**Friday, April 18 Good Friday**

7 pm Worship

**Saturday, April 19**

8 am Altar Guild Easter Decorating

**Sunday, April 20 Easter**

8 am 1st Worship

Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt between  
Worships

10:30 am 2nd Worship

**Monday, April 21**

Church Office Closed

**MUSIC**

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

Author: Ernst Homburg

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*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Author: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821

Composer: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

*Pave the Way with Branches*

Author: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

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*We Are an Offering*

Author: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

*Hosanna, Blessed is the King*

Author: David Lantz

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

Author: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1772-1847

Swedish Folk Tune

*Religious Procession*

Author: Ellen Lorenz

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<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**    **Philippians 2:5-11**

**Emily Peterson**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL**      **Luke 19:28-40**

**Pastor Luke Hollander**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

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

The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Luke Hollander

*(Please stand.)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY "Pave the Way with Branches" ACS 928 vs 1-3



\*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

*\*Additional verses ad lib.:*  
Release for the captives . . .  
Hope for the downtrod . . .

## THANKSGIVING

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All: We believe that God is present  
in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith  
that takes us beyond a safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability  
and onto the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully  
and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.  
Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the conclusion of each prayer, "God, in your mercy,"  
People: Receive our prayer.

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

*(Please be seated.)*

### OFFERING

### OFFERING MUSIC

"Hosanna, Blessed is the King" by David Lantz  
*Performed by the FELC Choir*

*(Please stand.)*

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"We Are an Offering" ELW 692

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

## SENDING

### BLESSING

Leader: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.  
People: Amen.