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Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Promise, Prayer, Possibility

Luke 11:1

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Welcome to worship as we come together in praise and thanksgiving
to our living Savior!

Holy Spirit, blow through our church with power.

Open our hearts to follow your call.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

❖ **Call to Worship**

Bill: Where is Jesus going?

Esther: Isn't he from Nazareth?

C: Can anything good come from Nazareth?

Pastor Kari: Is he headed to Jerusalem?

Bill: Do you think Jerusalem is safe?

Esther: Does he know that Pilate is here?

C: Where is he going?

Pastor Kari: Does he know the city is dangerous?

Bill: Does he see the Pharisees watching?

Esther: Is this the one we've been waiting for?

C: Could this be the Messiah?

Pastor Kari: Where is he going?

Bill: The crowds are singing, "Hosanna!"

Esther: Should I lay down my cloak?

C: Is this the beginning of the end?

Pastor Kari: Should we follow?

Bill: Should we watch?

Esther: Should we sing, "Hosanna"?"

C: Stay awake!

Pastor Kari: He's on the move.

Bill: Where is he going?

C: Listen.

Esther: Where is he going?

Pastor Kari: Watch.

Bill: Where is he going?

C: Stay close.

Esther: Where is he going?

Pastor Kari: Hosanna!

C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Bill: Hosanna in the highest!

Esther: Let us pray,

C: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today Jesus entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

❖ **Processional Anthem Hosanna**

❖ **Processional Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor ELW 344**

❖ **Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

(time for personal prayer and reflection)

L: Beloved in Christ, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession. We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress. We tell the truth of our lives. We lay it all out before God. But this moment of prayer isn't just about us. In the prayer of confession we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful. Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.

L: God, forgive me

C: when I speak before listening, when I speak over my neighbor, when I speak with barbed words.

L: God, forgive me

C: when I listen to society, when I listen to my friends, when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you.

L: God, forgive me

C: when I shout out, but do not shout your name, when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.

Forgive me. Create in me a heart. Amen.

L: Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten disciplines this year, whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time, whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice,

God listens to you.

God is merciful.

God is abounding in steadfast love.

There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

C: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Liturgy adapted from a prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

❖ Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

❖ Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray:

C: Holy God, on this day, Jesus marched in between the city walls and the Temple, in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers, in between oppressive poverty and greedy power, in between rampant fear and hope unfurled. On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be. So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our coats in that messy middle. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in between! Amen

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(Please be seated)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

❖ First Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

❖ Gospel Acclamation

As the Deer Runs to the River, vs. 4

ELW 331

❖ Gospel**Luke 19:28-44**

²⁸After he had said this, he 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." ⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

❖ Children's Message**❖ Hymn of the Day Jerusalem, My Destiny****❖ Sermon Pastor Kari Williamson****❖ Choir Anthem Hosanna, Loud Hosanna****RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD****❖ Words of Faith**

L: Let us join our voices together with these words of faith:

C: We believe in God, whose love we know, in the beauty of God's world, in the daily bread, in the kindness of human hearts. And most clearly in Jesus of Nazareth.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, whose touch of grace makes our eyes to see, our ears to hear, strengthens us to do all things in Him, and delivers us from death to life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. In whose power is peace, in whose presence there is joy, and in whose promise, we dare to be more. Amen

❖ **Prayers of the People**

Following each petition

L: God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

❖ **Offering**

❖ **Offertory Hymn** **Jesus, I Will Ponder Now** **ELW 345**

❖ **Prayer of Blessing**

(Please rise in body, spirit or both)

L: Let us pray

C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOD COMES TO US AT THE MEAL

❖ **Words of Institution**

❖ **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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

❖ **Communion Distribution**

❖ **Communion Hymn** **Lamb of God** **ELW Page 154**

Table of Plenty

❖ **Prayer After Communion**

(Please rise in body, spirit, or both)

L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen

Let us pray:

C: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

❖ **Blessing**

L: As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. Believe that good news, and go in peace. Amen.

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GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

❖ **Sending Hymn The Power of the Cross**

❖ **Sending**

L: Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,

C: we come to Christ this holy week.

L: Today is only a part of the story.

C: Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.

L: May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ's love. Amen

welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship. A special welcome to our guests. If you are interested in learning more about Saint Andrew, please feel free to call Pastor Kari at 602-942-5811

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HOLY WEEK			
			
WORSHIP SCHEDULE			
	Palm Sunday	April 13	9:30 AM Worship, starting on the patio
	Maundy Thursday	April 17	6:30 PM Worship
	Good Friday	April 18	6:30 PM Worship
	Easter Sunday	April 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:00 AM Sunrise worship, Apache Wash Trailhead, 1600 E Sonoran Desert Dr• 9:30 AM Worship in the sanctuary• Easter Brunch