



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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compassionate, generous, resilient, and wise*



April 13, 2025

**Welcome!**

*Jesus Christ and our faith community  
welcome you to worship today.*

# Today's Service

## Palm Sunday

The first Sunday of Holy Week is commonly called Palm Sunday, referring to Christ's entry into Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna!" This is the day on which Jesus entered the city in triumph, but as part of his journey to the cross. This is the week in which the crowd's cries of "Hosanna" would soon turn to "Crucify him!"

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Luke 19:28-40 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

*Cover: Entrée triomphale du Christ à Jérusalem, painting by Félix Louis Leullier (1811-1882)*

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## Prayer for today

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## Give

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## Visiting First Pres?

If you would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the visitors card in your pews. An usher will collect them during the offering.

The Nursery (available for children up to 3 years) opens at 9:00 am in Room 212.

Join us for Coffee Hour following worship in the Great Room.

## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Dr. Jack Reeder  
Sanctuary Choir  
Carol and Cherub Choirs  
Rick Day  
Gonzalo Zarazaga

## Prelude

### Truro

J. Wayne Kerr



Our Sanctuary sound system is equipped to broadcast directly to T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. If your hearing aid is so equipped, switch it into this mode. If you do not have this type of hearing aid, assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

# The Welcome

## Introit

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Robert McConnell

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
With praise and palms prepare the way, for Jesus comes to us today!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

## \*Call to Worship

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

**People: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!**

Leader: Let us rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works we have seen.

**People: For if we are silent, the very stones would cry out!**

## \*Processional Hymn No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Most merciful God, we confess that, like the crowds and disciples who first greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, our hearts are quick to abandon him. We acclaim him as our King, but we are inclined to serve other masters. We profess to follow him, but in times of trial we deny him. We greet him with praise and palms, and in the next moment we say, "crucify him." Forgive us, O Lord, and give us steadfast hearts willing to follow Jesus even to his passion and death, for he is our only hope in life and death. Amen.**

## Kyrie

John Arndt, David Gungor, Ian Cron,  
Ben Kilgore, and Evan Wickham

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains the lyrics "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;". The second staff is in G major and 4/4 time, with a 2/4 time signature change indicated by a double bar line and a "2" over the staff. It contains the lyrics "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;".

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### \*Sung Response No. 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are: "The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

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### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### Anthem

Love, Love, Love, Love

American Folk Song

Love, love, love, love,  
Christians this is your call.  
Love your neighbors as yourself,  
For God loves us all.

## Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing, children in preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will go to their Faith Building classrooms, rooms 213, 215 and 219. Please pick up your children following worship.

Leader: Holy God, we thank you for the gift of these children,

**People: And for their parents.**

Leader: We know that you have entrusted them to their parents,

**People: And also to our community.**

Leader: To care for them,  
to teach them,  
to be examples of Christ to them.  
Bless these children.

**People: And let us be a blessing to them.**

**All: Amen.**

## New Testament Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

New Testament, page 83 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

“The Unexpected Savior”

## Hymn of Response (see insert)

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

## Prayers of the People and The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Invitation to the Offering



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Thank you for your generosity!

## Offertory

Ride On, King Jesus

African American Spiritual arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Ride on king Jesus,  
No man can a-hinder me.  
Ride on king Jesus, ride on,  
No man can a-hinder me.

King Jesus rides on a milk white horse,  
No man can a-hinder me.  
The river of Jordan he did cross,  
No man can a-hinder me.

If you want to find your way to God,  
No man can a-hinder me.  
The gospel way must be trod,  
No man can a-hinder me.

## \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God all creatures here below.**  
**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## \*Hymn of Sending No. 826

Lift High the Cross

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

I want Jesus to Walk with Me

African American Spiritual

In my troubles, Lord walk with me  
In my troubles, Lord walk with me  
When my life becomes a burden,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## \*Postlude

Fantasia super: Valet will ich dir Geben

Johann Sebastian Bach

# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem this Palm Sunday!

We celebrate Helen Kohr's 100th birthday today!

## Concerns

For Lacy Sanders, brother of Rev. Leslie Sanders (our mission partner at Hope Church in Chicago), who has terminal cancer.

For Julia Hoekstra and Amy O'Keane, and their families, on the passing of their beloved mother, Patricia J. Young, on March 30. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Prayers for the Country and the World

Lord, as we joyously enter Holy Week on Palm Sunday, keep us mindful of the week ahead. Slow us down and help us to remember where this week leads. In a world that seems to be splintering apart, with people feeling afraid and alone, may we compassionately walk alongside them remembering the sacrifice you made for us. As we walk with Jesus toward the cross this week let our hearts be humble and focused on him. Amen.

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need. We invite you to share your prayer requests by filling out a Joys & Concerns card, emailing us at [pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org) or call 224.544.1967.

Prayer requests will be removed from this listing after two weeks. Please let us know if prayer continues to be requested.

**Prayer Chain** For confidential prayers, you may email [prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org). Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

## Serve, Learn, & Connect

### Engagement & Membership

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### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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### Join our Music Ministry

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### Mission & Outreach

Sally McDonald and Laura Johnson

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## Weekly Ministries

For details and schedule visit our website at [firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://firstchurchlf.org/ministries)

### SUNDAYS

#### Early Word Bible Study

8:30 am, South Parlor

#### Middle School Youth Group

Most Sundays, 5:00 pm, Youth Lounge

#### Senior High Youth Group

Most Sundays, 7:00 pm, Youth Lounge

### TUESDAYS

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00 pm, South Parlor

#### Adult Bible Study

1:00 pm, Zoom

### WEDNESDAYS

#### Wednesday Women's Bible Study

10:00 am, South Parlor/Zoom

### THURSDAYS

#### Daybreakers Men's Bible Study

6:30 am, South Parlor/Zoom

### FRIDAYS

#### Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 am, South Parlor/Zoom



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

For more information and to sign up, visit [firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents](http://firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents)

## Easter Flowers

Offerings for Easter flowers are welcomed in memory or in honor of a loved one. Donations accepted until Tuesday, April 15. [firstchurchlf.org/flowers](http://firstchurchlf.org/flowers)

## Rummage Sale Volunteers

This year's 75th Anniversary Rummage Sale is Saturday, May 3. If you would like to volunteer to work the sale, please email [rummage@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rummage@firstchurchlf.org) for the sign-up link or fill out a volunteer card at the front desk.

## First Camp 2025

**June 9-13, 9:30-11:30 am**

First Camp registration is now open on our website. For ages 3-6 years old, this camp runs Monday, June 9 through Friday, June 13 from 9:30 - 11:30am. First Camp is run by Rachel Magnusson and parent volunteers, and Rachel is seeking volunteers. Please email her at [rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org).

## Sign up for our newsletter!

Scan the QR code or go to [firstchurchlf.org](http://firstchurchlf.org) to receive news and updates.



## Our Last Sunday Evening Worship During Lent Tonight, 5:00 pm, Chapel

Join us for a casual evening worship in the chapel led by Daniel Makins. The service will begin at 5 pm with communion and dinner in the great room to follow. All are welcome!

## Maundy Thursday Dinners Thursday, April 17

This year we invite you to join us in homes across town for a shared meal and communion. Together, we will reflect on Jesus' humility and sacrifice, breaking bread in fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Good Friday. Sign up today at [firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents](http://firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents)

## Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 18, 7:00 pm

Our solemn Tenebrae service is a time of reflection on the passion of Christ. Through scripture readings, music, and hymns, we will journey through the events of Christ's crucifixion as the sanctuary gradually darkens.

## Easter Sunday April 20, 5:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Join us at the north pavilion at Lake Forest Beach at 5:30 am for a casual sunrise celebration with communion; traditional services will be at 9:00 and 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

## Easter Egg Hunt April 20, 10:15 am

Bring your Easter baskets to the Parish House lawn for our annual Egg Hunt between services!

For the full church calendar, schedule of ministries, and more: [www.firstchurchlf.org](http://www.firstchurchlf.org)  
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