

RADISSON-LANGHAM LUTHERAN PARISH

First Saskatchewan Lutheran Church
Langham, SK

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Radisson, SK

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

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

C: And also with you.

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.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel: Mark 15:1-39

Prayers of Intercession:

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A Brief Silence

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem our creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer (especially...); grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

God bless us that we may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

Sunday of the Passion: This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Let us remember in our prayers: Walter Ewert, Alice Hamp, Andrew Nosterud, Shirley Neufeld, Ken Neufeld, Dawna Flath, Harry Meister, Darren Wilkie, Susan Wonko, Genie Thompson, Linda Hartshorn, Logan Kane, Roger Wilkie

Also, Wally & Elfrieda Roth and family on the passing of his sister, Edna Froese on March 24.

This week:

TODAY: 2:00p - Kinasao's 2020 Annual General Meeting via Zoom
WEDNESDAY, March 31: 1:30p - Cotton Pickin' Quilters at St. Paul

There will be NO Easter Service this year.

Thank you to Lawrence Schensney & Irene (G) Hamp for leading us in worship this morning at St. Paul.

First Sask - there will be palm leaves left in the church entry on Friday if anyone would like to pick some up for Palm Sunday.

For at-home worship services/devotions check out the following:

- Saskatoon Lutheran churches - view live-streamed or taped services each week:
<https://saskatoonelcic.com/>. A full list of churches with streamed services across Canada can be found here (including Pastor Wallace Bornhuse at All Saints Lutheran, Calgary, Rev. Rick Chappell at Trinity Lutheran, Westlock, AB, Intern Pastor Sharon Kane at Trinity Lutheran, Estevan):
<https://elcic.ca/publichealth/livestreaming.cfm>

- Pastor Randy Fiege is on Facebook, 10:30a from Sundre, AB

First Sask giving can continue by:

- Envelopes can be mailed to: Roxanne Elke, P O Box 272, Grandora, Sask. S0K 1V0
- We also now take eTransfers, just make sure you put your envelope number in the message portion as well as your intended disbursement of the funds. Send your eTransfers to: firstsasklutheranchurch@gmail.com

Note from Sask Synod & Bishop Sid:

Our long journey in pandemic days continues. With decreasing active case numbers and increasing vaccination numbers, we are hoping for more 'normal' days ahead. But we still have some months of 'working it out' ahead. During this time, I am offering an opportunity to be brought together in worship in a synod wide series of Holy Week services. I hope you can join us. Details on the services and the connecting links are at <https://sasksynod.ca/synod-wide-holy-week-services/>

The Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC
invites you to join Bishop Sid on a
Journey through Holy Week

March 31st 7:00 p.m. Holy Wednesday

April 1st 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

April 2nd 7:00 p.m. Good Friday

April 3rd 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Join us on Zoom

Meeting ID: 843 1786 2145 Password: 306

For those interested, visiting breakout rooms will follow worship on Wed. and Sat.

Services will be virtual. People can join in individually or in their 'bubbles' at home, or

could meet with a video screen in their church buildings (following Health Directives).

Services will include readings, music, visuals and enactments. For Maundy Thursday we will be offering virtual communion. Instructions for each service will be given as service begins, and will be distributed before the service on the Synod news through mailchimp.

Services can be accessed live each night at 7:00p through a Zoom link or the recording accessed the next day on YouTube.

Zoom link for all Holy week services (Meeting ID: 843 1786 2145, **Passcode**: 306

YouTube links will be posted here following each service during Holy Week.

Easter Day option: For congregations who currently are without a pastor, a link to an Easter Day service will be offered. I will be preaching with the service provided by Our Savior's, Regina and offered on their Zoom platform at 10:30a on Easter Day. That link will also be made available on the synod website. Peace, Bishop Sid

Note from LuMinHos - We're happy to share the latest edition of **The Caregiver** with our LuMinHos supporters. Please click on the link below to see articles and photos about this ministry. Chaplain Richard Engel has made many hospital visits in the last few months despite the restrictions of COVID-19. We are grateful for his presence with those facing the challenge of hospitalization. Thank you for your ongoing prayer and financial support. It is making a difference!

<https://www.luminhos.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/March-2021-Caregiver.pdf>

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Saskatoon invites you to come and "catch up" with the ministry by tuning in to our Appeal-ing Evening. Come to our Facebook page (Lutheran Campus Ministry at Usask Saskatoon) at 7:00p on Saturday, April 10th. Without leaving the comfort of your home you will enjoy music, have some fun, hear how the ministry has been faithful during the time of COVID and

have opportunity to partner in the ministry by your presence with & presents to LCM-Saskatoon.

Happy Birthday this week: Chase Rothenburger, Paule Bertholet, Don Paulow, Dylana Flath

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

4The 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.

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

6I 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.

7The 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;

8he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

9It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

5Let 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,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL: MARK 15:1-39

15 As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. 2 Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” 3 Then the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” 5 But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

6 Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. 7 Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. 8 So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. 9 Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” 10 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. 12 Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” 13 They shouted back, “Crucify him!” 14 Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

16 Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. 17 And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. 18 And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 19 They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 20 After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

21 They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. 22 Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). 23 And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. 24 And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

25 It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. 26 The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” 27 And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. 28 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save yourself, and come down from the cross!” 31 In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32 Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

33 When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34 At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” 35 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” 36 And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” 37 Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”