

FIRST READING. Isaiah 50:4-9a 4 The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, 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. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. 6 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. 7 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; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9a It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING. Philippians 2:5-11 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, 10 so that at the name given to 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.



Palm Sunday



Sunday April 13, 2025

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Stand as you are able and face the centre aisle near the entrance.
Blessed be the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
All: Hosanna in the Highest. (repeated three times)
HYMN 344 verse 1
All glory, laud, and honour to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the king of Israel and David’s royal son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming, our king and Blessed One.
Please face the procession as it pauses in the middle of the sanctuary.
Processional Gospel Luke 19:28-40
The Gospel is announced:
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
“Glory to you, O Lord
after the Gospel is read....
The Gospel of our Lord
“Praise to you, O Christ”
HYMN 344 verse 2
All glory, laud, and honour to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.
Procession approaches the front of the worship space
Blessing of the Palms The Lord be with you
and also with you Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
it is right to give our thanks and praise.
Procession; Let us Go forth in peace **In the name of Christ**
HYMN 344 verse 3
All glory, laud, and honour to you, redeemer, king to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
when all have processed in and taken their places in the assembly
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest
HYMN 344 verse 4
All glory, laud, and honour to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
HYMN 344 verse 5
All glory, laud, and honour to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king.

Weekly Calendar:

Monday: Pastor’s day off
Tuesday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne
Wednesday: Rose City Quilters 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm (first of the month)
Pastor in Welland
Thursday: Pastor in Welland
Friday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Upcoming Events & Dates To Remember

Pickleball continues every Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 am until 11:30 am.
Please come and join this fun activity or email Margaret at margaret@kleinsmith.ca if you have any questions.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, April 17th at 10:00 am.

Holy Week:

April 17 Maundy Thursday (First Lutheran 7:00 pm)
April 18 Good Friday (St. Matthew’s **10:00 am**)

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week’s service:

Scripture Reader Linda Borland
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen
Counters Carole McLeod & Jenn Rusk

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for April 18 service:

Scripture Reader Marily Schultz
Prayers Margaret Kleinsmith
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Carole McLeod & Bob Hansen

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for April 20 service:

Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz
Prayers Linda Borland
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Attendance April 6 - 15 people, attendance 1 year ago - 23

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

GATHERING

A chime will sound to call us together and to prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Palm Sunday Procession..... (printed in Bulletin)
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading.....Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm **31:9-16**..... **ELW**
Second ReadingPhilippians 2:5-11
Gospel Acclamation.....(sung twice)
Re-turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer-cy come seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God
Hymn of the Day..... **ELW # 343**
My Song Is Love Unknown
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving.....ELW Page 152
Holy, Holy, HolyELW Page 153
Communion Prayers
The Lord’s Prayer
“Lamb of God”ELW Page 154
Distribution of Communion
Communion Hymns..... **ELW # 346 & 339**
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....**ELW # 345**
Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.
“Thanks be to God”