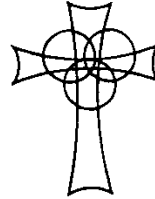


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Sunday of the Passion



PALM SUNDAY

The First Day of Holy Week

March 28, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. We come together in this holiest week of the entire Christian Year to reflect and meditate upon those great and mighty acts by which God has brought life and salvation to the world through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God send His Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may be sanctified and renewed through our reflection upon our salvation and be brought at last to the bright Easter dawn.

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the Passion of Your Son You offer Your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament
on the Sunday of the Passion**

*Divine Service, Setting Four
Lutheran Service Book, Page 203ff*

✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

The Congregation gathers within the nave of the church as usual. All of the worshippers receive palm branches as they enter the church for the service.

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 443
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
 The little children sang;
 Through pillared court and temple
 The lovely anthem rang.
 To Jesus, who had blessed them,
 Close folded to His breast,
 The children sang their praises,
 The simplest and the best.**

- 2 From Olivet they followed
 Mid an exultant crowd,
 The victor palm branch waving
 And chanting clear and loud.
 The Lord of earth and heaven
 Rode on in lowly state
 Nor scorned that little children
 Should on His bidding wait.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 3 **“Hosanna in the highest!”**
 That ancient song we sing;
 For Christ is our Redeemer,
 The Lord of heav’n our King.
 Oh, may we ever praise Him
 With heart and life and voice
 And in His blissful presence
 Eternally rejoice!

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The Apostolic Greeting and Opening Collect:

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
C **Hosanna to the Son of David!**
- P** Let us pray.
Assist us mercifully with Your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby You have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

The Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 442

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain All glory, laud, and honor
 To You, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children
 Made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 **You are the King of Israel**
 And David’s royal Son,
 Now in the Lord’s name coming,
 Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Hymn, continued

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. *Refrain*

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The Thanksgiving and Blessing of the Palms:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Congregation raises their palm branches for the prayer of blessing.

P We praise and thank You, O God, for the great acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the Holy City of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path. We ask that You bless † these branches and † those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord!

C Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

The Hymn, concluded

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

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The Antiphon:

P Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

C Hosanna in the highest!

A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

The Service of the Word

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

- 1** **Jesus, I will ponder now**
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.
- 2** **Make me see Your great distress,**
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.
- 6** **Graciously my faith renew;**
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

The Congregation is invited to read the text printed in bold type

P The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³And they cried out again,

“Crucify him.”

¹⁴And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

“Crucify him.”

¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him,

“Hail, King of the Jews!”

¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

**“Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,
³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!”**

³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying,

“He saved others; he cannot save himself.

**³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross
that we may see and believe.”**

Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

“Behold, he is calling Elijah.”

³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last

A moment of silence is kept for reflection and in thanksgiving for our redemption

³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

P This is the Passion of the Lord.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 430

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

**1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!”
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

The Hymn concludes on the next page...

7 **Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!**

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The Sermon

When God Writes a Lovesong

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Rejoicing in our Savior's choice to suffer in our place so that we might live through His victory, let us pray for ourselves and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Let us pray for the Church here and throughout the world, that during this Holy Week she may joyfully proclaim Jesus who humbled Himself even to point of death that all might have life in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for ourselves, that receiving Christ's willing service, we may have the mind of Christ and humbly serve our Christian brothers and sisters with kindness and gentleness, always speaking the truth in love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all baptized believers, that the Holy Spirit would send us aid to resist every temptation and faithfully to follow our Lord in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who serve in positions of authority, both in our nation and throughout the world, that they may be kept safe, hear the word of the King of peace, prefer humble service to empty power, and defend all citizens including the unborn and the frail. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who are depressed, anxious, burdened, and troubled, that they may know Christ's merciful care for them and for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the sick and recovering, (*including _____*.) that they may rejoice in Christ's willing suffering which wins our eternal restoration and that they may receive healing according to His gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those in hospice care and those near death, that knowing Christ's faithful death and His defeat of death's reign they be sustained in Him. And let us pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones, (especially _____,) that they may find their comfort and peace in Jesus who suffered, died, and rose for them and who comes to be with them in His Word and His Body and Blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those who give thanks for the wondrous blessings that God has showered on them (especially _____) that they may ever return thanks to the Giver of all good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for all the people and other concerns that are committed to our thoughts and prayers especially _____, and all the other petitions which we present to the Lord from the things unspoken and hidden in our hearts..., and we pray that God who knows all and sees all would give His gracious and wise attention to our needs and desires, conforming all things to His holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those who commune this day and in this Holy Week, that they may receive Christ's true Body and Blood with repentance and trust, for the forgiveness of their sins, and for His power to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord for all His saints who lived their lives in faith, having the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. And we pray that, like them and following the example of Christ our Savior, we too may be obedient unto death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Yourself into death for our sin that we may be Your holy people, and as You know what we need, grant us all things according to Your holy will, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for He is our peace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.



The Service of the Sacrament

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 452

“O Perfect Life of Love”

- 1 **O perfect life of love!**
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.
- 2 **No work is left undone**
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
- 3 **No pain that we can share**
But He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care
Have pierced that tender heart.
- 4 **And on His thorn-crowned head**
And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That He might make us whole.
- 5 **In perfect love He dies;**
For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.
- 6 **In ev'ry time of need,**
Before the judgment throne,
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy merits, not mine own.
- 7 **Yet work, O Lord, in me**
As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be
To grace Thy love has brought.

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The Preface Dialogue:

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus*:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer:

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His Body and Blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

The *Agnus Dei*:

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion:

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Music During the Distribution: "O Perfect Life of Love"

After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 692

"Praise to You and Adoration"

- 1 Praise to You and adoration,
Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation,
Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may
From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where Your steps are leading.**
- 2 Hold me ever in Your keeping;
Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping
Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You,
And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion,
In Your death and resurrection.**

The Post-Communion Thanksgiving:

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup:

C **We show the Lord's death until He comes.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a memorial of Your Passion in a wonderful Sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this Sacrament of Your Body and Blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Solemn Prayer and Blessing of the People:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

P Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Almighty God, we pray You graciously to behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

P The blessing, mercy, and grace of Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C **Amen.**

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 441

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

- 1 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!**
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!**
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!**
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.**
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠



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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers on the Altar today have been given by Vincent & Tracy Peele in honor of David Peele's birthday.

PALMS ... In addition to the palms that worshippers received at the beginning of service, palm crosses will be available for you to take home following worship as a reminder of Christ's triumphal entry and the victory of His cross.

COVID-19 PROTOCOL CHANGES ... Recently, the Governor and County Executive both made changes to the capacity limits for houses of worship which we have been seeking to follow since we have resumed in-person public worship last June.

The capacity limit in our county has been raised from 25% to 50%, which for us here at Trinity will allow us to now have up to **63 persons** with us for worship. And for a congregation of our size, this pretty much allows us to say that with our typical, pre-pandemic, average attendance, all of our regular attendees can be together in the sanctuary. (Services will continue to be livestreamed as well.)

While this is certainly a cause for rejoicing, and we do hope that many will be able to return, we will continue to abide by the protocols that we have had in place for our worship gatherings since June. Masks will continue to be required, as well as hand sanitizing and distancing. For more information, please see the "Trinity Stay-Safe Rules" that we have printed later in the Bulletin.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS TODAY ... We have entered into the most sacred time of the Church's Liturgical Year as we walk with our Savior Jesus through His passion, death, and resurrection and rejoice in the life and salvation that He has won for us. We pray that you will join us for worship in these holy days, either in person at Trinity or online.

A calendar of the worship services we are offering this year for Holy Week can be found following the announcements in today's bulletin.

Pastor has also made a "Holy Week Preview" video which is available in the video archive on the church Facebook Page. This video is an introduction to the services of Holy Week as they will be celebrated here at Trinity.

PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY ... Even though we are not able to hold our Sunday Morning Bible Class at this time doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor has provided parts of our Bible Study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use. The guide for the Lenten Season is currently available, and the guide for Easter Season will be posted soon. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE STUDY ... will be on our Holy Week and Easter Week break for the next two weeks so that we can focus on the chief services of the Triduum, and then to allow for a little respite for Pastor following these busy, sacred days.

We will return for these devotional moments on **April 14th**. We hope you will join us again then.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... Why end a good news story on a note of fear? St. Mark's Gospel wants us to see human fear as evidence that God is at work. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday April 4, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Fear...Like Onions, You Know?", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com.

PORTALS OF PRAYER ... The April-June quarter booklets are available on the literature table in the rear of the church for you to pick up for use in your devotions.

FROM YOUR CHURCH'S PUBLISHER ... Concordia Publishing House is assisting congregations and their members with materials to help sustain us spiritually during this time of quarantine that many find ourselves in. Please visit www.cph.org and check out the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... The weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin is a listing of those we remember in prayer during worship at Trinity and for whom you are invited to pray for in your own personal prayers during the week. In the version of the weekly bulletin that is published online, we only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor continues to keep the list current and invites you to send him by email any new prayer requests, or to let him know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. The "full text" version of the Prayer List, as it would ordinarily be found in the bulletin, can be made available to Trinity members who request one by sending an email to Pastor.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2021 is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

EASTER FLOWERS ... The Trinity Family is invited to make donations towards beautifying our church home for our Easter celebrations with lilies. An order form is available following the announcements in today's bulletin for you to place your order and to give information regarding any dedication you would like to have made for your gift in the Easter Sunday bulletin. **Orders are due today.**

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

The following readings are provided for your devotional use, listing the full sets of readings appointed for each day in Holy Week.

Monday in Holy Week, March 29, 2021

Isaiah 50:5-10; Hebrews 9:11-15; Matthew 26:1—27:66 or John 12:1-23

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 30, 2021

Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Mark 14:1—15:47 or John 12:23-50

Wednesday in Holy Week, March 31, 2021

Isaiah 62:11—63:7; Romans 5:6-11; Luke 22:1—23:56 or John 13:16-38

Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 1, 2021

Exodus 24:3-11; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Mark 14:12-26

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

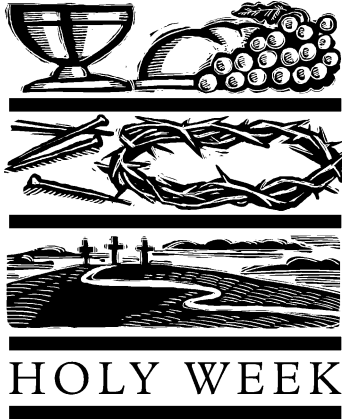
Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

Daniel 6:1-24; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day, April 4, 2021

Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8



**The Celebration of Holy Week
at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mount Rainier, Maryland**

March 28—April 4, 2021

*All are invited to share in the events of this Most Holy Week
as we remember God's great love for us and for the world
in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

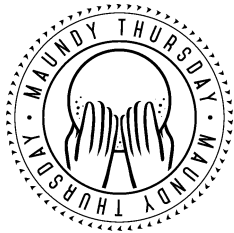
*Services are both in-person at Trinity and livestreamed on Facebook Live.
Visit our church website—www.tlcmr.org—for more information regarding our livestreaming.*

The Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday ✕ March 28, 2021

9:30 AM **The Liturgy of Palm Sunday**
with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into
Jerusalem; the Reading of the Passion according to Saint
Mark; Sermon by Pastor Schiebel, "When God Writes a Lovesong";
and the celebration of Holy Communion.



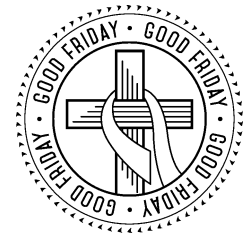
Maundy Thursday ✕ April 1, 2021



7:00 PM **The Liturgy of Holy Thursday**
with Confession and Absolution; Sermon by Pastor Schiebel, "This
Blessed Sacrament of Unity"; the celebration of Holy Communion
on "the night in which our Lord was betrayed"; and the Preparation
of the Church for Good Friday.

Good Friday ✕ April 2, 2021

7:00 PM **The Stations of the Cross**
A devotional service which follows the traditional *Via Dolorosa*
in Jerusalem recounting the journey taken by our Lord Jesus
from His condemnation to Calvary and to His burial.



**The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday ✕ April 4, 2021**



9:30 AM **The Festival Celebration of the Resurrection**
with the Blessing and Lighting of the Paschal Candle; Easter Hymns
and Music; Sermon by Pastor Schiebel, "The New, Eternal,
Normal"; the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the celebration of
Holy Communion.



Hyattsville Compassion Center

*A shared ministry of
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!

Our operating hours are:
Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment during the center's open hours.
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

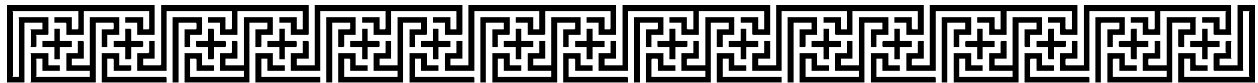
In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time owing to reduced staffing at the center.
If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center before bringing your items during center hours.

Trinity Stay-Safe Rules

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- ❖ While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- ❖ Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ❖ Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- ❖ Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- ❖ All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- ❖ Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28—APRIL 4
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Monday	<i>Monday in Holy Week</i> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	<i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i> 9 AM—Noon 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Church Office Open Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	<i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i> 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Thursday	<i>Holy (Maundy) Thursday</i> 9 AM—Noon 7:00 PM	Church Office Open The Liturgy of Holy Thursday (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Friday	<i>Good Friday</i> 7:00 PM	The Stations of the Cross (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Next Sunday	<i>The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday</i> 9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)



CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Worship Attendance: 21; Communed: 17.



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of March 28, 2021

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Dina, niece of Sylvia; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I;
Kristie, co-worker of Joyce; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Sue, co-worker of Joyce;
Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia; Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce; Mary, cousin of Pastor;
Alan, cousin of Kim; Danielle, neighbor of Kim; Shirley, aunt of Kim; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Zoila, mother of David; Jeff, husband of Mary;
Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Joyce, friend of the Peeles; Cora, aunt of Tracy

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

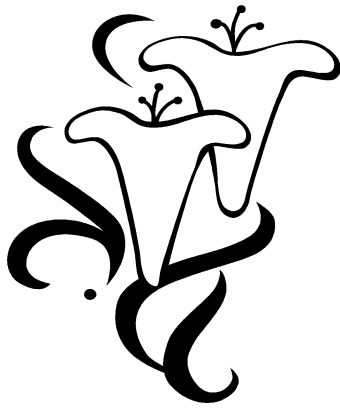
Thanksgivings and Blessings

David Peele, who celebrates his birthday this week.

Kevin & Stacy Hagedorn, who celebrates their wedding anniversary this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ For Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- ✠ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✠ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✠ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✠ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of the shedding of their blood.
- ✠ Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ✠ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



Easter at Trinity

As we celebrate our Savior’s victory at Easter, our joy is heightened with the sight of beautiful flowers adorning God’s House on Easter Sunday. This year we are offering Lilies. You can help us with the purchase of Easter Flowers to enhance our worship on this special day. The cost for each plant is \$10.00. We will be ordering only 18 Lilies. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to give us your name and any “dedication” information you would like shown in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. You can also use this order form.

You may choose to take your plant(s) home following the Easter Service or the Sunday following, or donate them to share the joy of Easter with others. Your donation may be left in the offering or sent to the church office marked for “Easter Flowers”.

Orders are due by March 28, 2021.

The lilies are \$10.00 each. Number of Lilies _____

Please **print** the following as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

Given by:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Please fill out this form and return it to the church office or you may call the church office at 301-864-4340. Also, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Donations towards the purchase of lilies are greatly appreciated even if you do not wish to take a lily home. Any lilies that are purchased through donation will be distributed to sick and shut-in members or used to beautify our church yard.

