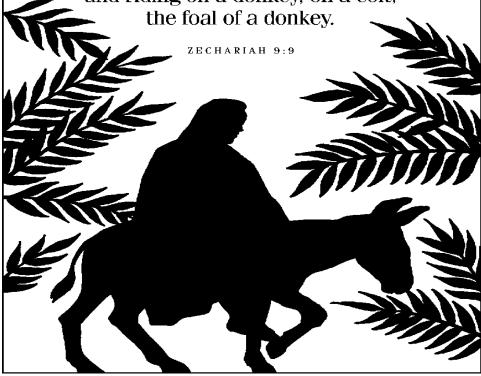
Rejoice greatly,

O daughter Zion....

See, your king comes to you ... gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt,





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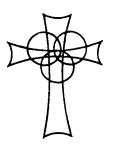
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PALM SUNDAY The First Day of Holy Week April 13, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

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.

CONCERNING 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. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with HIm before communing.



THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT ON THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

₩ 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 worshipers receive palm branches as they enter the church for the service. At the time of the service, the altar candles are lighted and the ministers take their places in the chancel for the beginning of the Liturgy.

The Flute & Piano Prelude

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

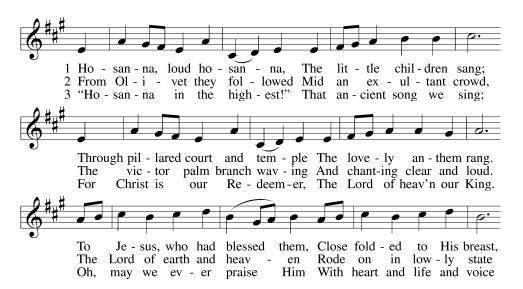
The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 443

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"





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The Apostolic Greeting and Opening Collect:

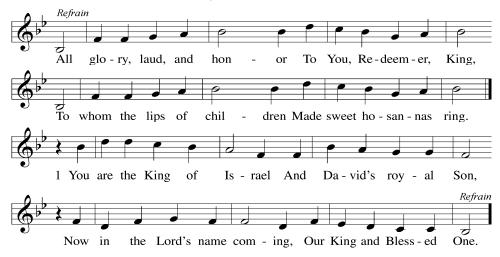
- P The grace of our Lord → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
- **C** Hosanna to the Son of David!
- Let us pray.
 Assist us mercifully with Your help, O Lord God of our 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"



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The Reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel

John 12:12-19

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

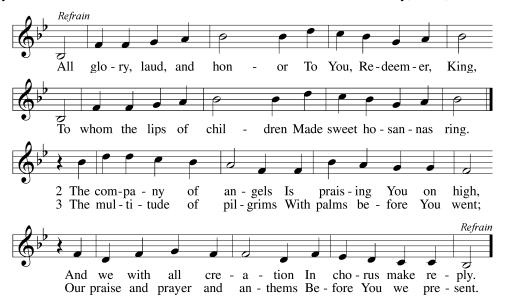
15"Fear not, daughter of Zion, behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

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"



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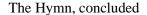
The Thanksgiving and Blessing of the Palms:

- **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.

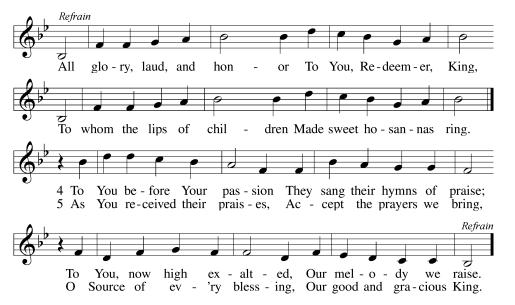
The Congregation raises their palm branches for the prayer of blessing.

- 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!



"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"



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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

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge,

³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!

³⁹"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me;

I kill and I make alive;

I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



The Epistle Philippians 2:5-11

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.

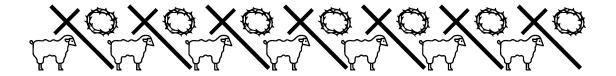
The Trinity Singers

"Blessed Is He"

The Gradual and Verse

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a Philippians 2:8b-9

- P [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
- Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
- **P** He sent redemption to his people;
- **C** he has commanded his covenant forever.
- P [Christ] humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.



The Solemn Reading of the Passion Gospel

The Passion according to Saint Luke Saint Luke 23:1-56

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 Luke.

¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought [Jesus] before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying,

"We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."

³And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵But they were urgent, saying,

"He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him." ¹⁸But they all cried out together,

"Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"

—¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.

²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"

²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying,

"He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying,

"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

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

⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.



⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P Here ends the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 430



The Hymn continues on the next page...

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.

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.

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

Savior, Servant, Friend Jesus, Our King Text: Zechariah 9:9

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- People loved by God, let us come before our Father's throne of grace with confidence through our Lord Jesus and, in the power of His Spirit, ask His mercy for all in need.
- Let us pray for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father gather and guide it so that we may worship Him in peace and tranquility. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our pastors, teachers, missionaries, and all servants and leaders of the Church, and for all the people of God, that together we may all faithfully fulfill our callings. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Let us pray for our families and for all the schools of the Church, that the Word of God may guide and govern the lives of our children. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Let us pray for those who have fallen away from the faith or do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way home to the Father. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Let us pray for all who are troubled by the difficulties of life, especially as we remember, that the Lord who rescued the world from sin and death through the death and resurrection of His Son would mercifully reach into their lives with comfort, faith and relief. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Let us pray for all those who rejoice in the Lord's blessings, especially, that they may ever give thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Let us pray for all those who mourn the earthly passing of their loved ones, (especially,) that they may receive comfort and peace from the One who is our Resurrection and our Life. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Let us pray that the Lord would hear and answer according to His will the needs and concerns of all those who have committed themselves to our prayers, especially remembering and all those whom we name before the Lord in the silence of our hearts Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

- Let us pray for all who commune today, that in true and living faith we may receive the Savior's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord for the memory of all those who have finished the course of their lives in faith and now dwell in endless glory where every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. And we pray that the Lord would grant us to have such faith in Him to follow the example of His Son in our lives and so also come to the joys of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people of every time and every place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.
- 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 # 439, abbr. & alt.

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"



- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness; The sinful child of man may live in gladness; Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.
- O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded, That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded! To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.

(LSB 439:7a, 12b)

The Hymn concludes on the next page...

And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven To me the crown of joy at last is given, Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

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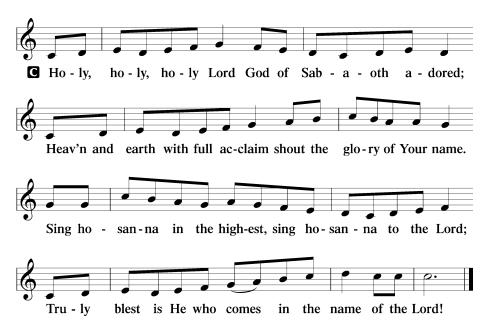
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The Congregation rises.

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.
- 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:





Text: Stephen P. Starke

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:
- 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:

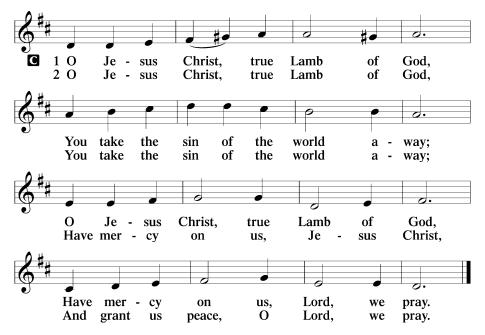
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 He Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace:

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

The Agnus Dei:



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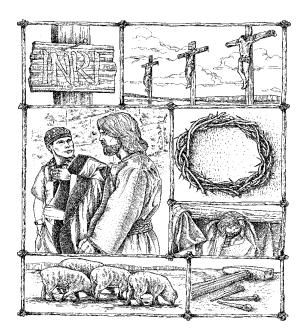
The Distribution of Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music During the Distribution:
"What Wondrous Love Is This" – The Trinity Singers

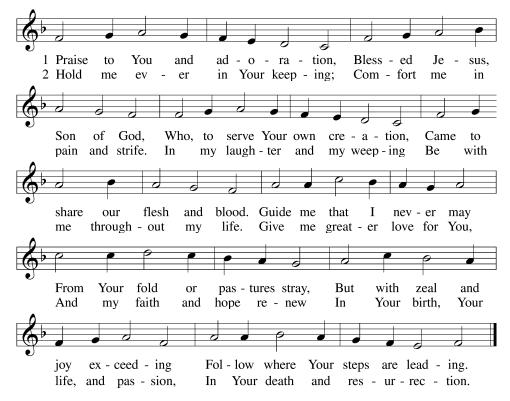
The Congregation rises.



The Post Communion Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 692

"Praise to You and Adoration"



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The Post-Communion Thanksgiving:

- **P** For as often as we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
- **C** we proclaim 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!
- 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

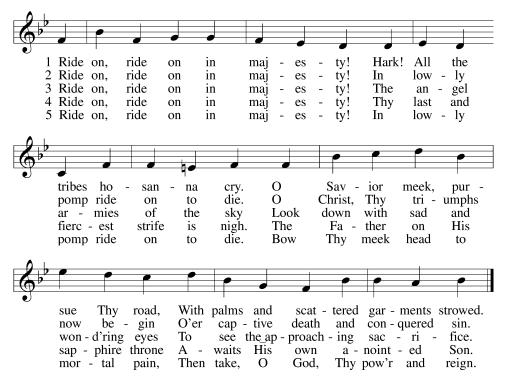
 → Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C Amen.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 441

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"



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Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, 1690, Hamburg, alt.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

▼ To God All Praise and Glory! ▼



Those Who Serve Us This Day In Worship

The Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Lector: Tracy Peele

The Communion Assistant: George Kurtzweil
The Worship Assistant: Helen Joynes
The Choir: The Trinity Singers

The Flutist: The Trinity Sing
Susan Kennedy

The Parish Musician: Skip Hall

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The Celebration of Holy Week A.D. 2025

at

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



With the celebration of Palm Sunday, Christians throughout the world have entered into Holy Week, the most important week in the calendar of the Christian Church Year. Our Holy Week observance will continue throughout this coming week with the following services:



7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday ♣ April 17, 2025

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Confession and Absolution; Sermon: "Jesus, Our Servant"; the celebration of Holy Communion; and the Stripping of the Altar.

A special monetary offering will be collected at this service to help the needy assisted through Help By Phone.

Good Friday April 18, 2025

7:00 PM

The Office of Tenebrae

The "Service of Darkness" with the Adoration of the Cross; the Reading of the Passion according to Saint John; Sermon: "Jesus, Our Savior"; and Prayers for the Church and the World.





The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Easter Sunday ♣ April 20, 2025

8:00 AM Easter Fellowship Breakfast 9:30 AM The Festival Celebration of

The Festival Celebration of the Resurrection with Hymns; Special Music; Sermon: "Jesus, Our Redeemer"; the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the celebration of Holy Communion.

All are invited and welcome to join us as we celebrate this Most Holy Week commemorating God's great acts of love to redeem the world through Jesus Christ.

NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the Lutheran Service Book in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

PALM CROSSES ... Again this year, Palm Crosses have been blessed in today's service and made for you to take home following worship. May this reminder of both our Lord's triumphal entry and His saving Passion be a blessing to you in the coming days.

A WORD OF THANKS ... Thank you to all those who came and attended our Midweek Lenten Vesper Services this Lent. We pray that these moments of prayer, preaching, and meditation were a blessing for you. A special word of thanks especially goes to Judy Kampia for enriching our worship and song with her piano accompaniment. And much thanks goes to Carole Dingess, The McCoyer Family, and Judy Kampia for providing the meals we were able to share together before worship.

YOU ARE INVITED ... On this Palm Sunday, we now have begun our celebration of Holy Week. We invite you to please prayerfully plan on joining us for the worship services we will have here at Trinity this coming Holy Thursday and Good Friday. While this Sunday of the Passion has given us a "preview of coming attractions", it is also a blessing to remember the events of this Holy Week on the days which they took place, allowing us to spiritually walk with our Savior from palms to Passion, cross to grave, and finally to the glories of Easter's empty tomb. You are most welcome to be with us here in person at Trinity; or if you cannot be present with us physically, join us virtually by our livestream online. See you at worship this Holy Week!

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY DURING HOLY WEEK ... In this season of remembering God's mercy shown to us in our Lord Jesus, we are moved to share that same love and mercy to others. Please remember the following "mercy opportunity" that we have in this season:

Maundy Thursday Help By Phone Offering: Remembering our Lord Jesus' command to "Love one another", we continue our tradition of collecting a special offering for the work of Help By Phone, our local assistance agency. On Maundy Thursday, this special collection will be collected with other offerings at the door (Regular Maundy Thursday Offerings will go to the work of Trinity). You may also give to this offering either today, Palm Sunday, or on Easter (Please be sure to notate your gift as being for Help By Phone, or use the special Love Offering envelope available in your box set.)

EASTER FLOWERS ... There is an opportunity to help beautify the Lord's Altar for the celebration of Easter with Easter Lilies. **Orders are due TODAY.** Please place your order by filling out one of the order forms available on the literature table in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Rona in the church office.

EASTER BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP ... As we gather together next Sunday to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection, we will have the opportunity to fellowship around the table and share in an Easter Breakfast together, beginning at 8:00 AM. Please come out and join us. If you have any questions, please speak with Carole Dingess.

CROP WALK ... Thank you to everybody who supported the CROP Walk by participating in the Franklin's Fundraiser, and a special thank you to Ms. Dingess for making a wonderful dinner with the congregation there possible. The countdown to the CROP Walk is on, and we are less than a month away (May 4th, 1-4pm at Driskell Park in Hyattsville)! Support online https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-lutheran-mt-rainiermd (The link is also available on the home page of Trinity's website), and see Sarah Lydia for details on joining the team, donating, or helping out in other ways (slmccoyer@gmail.com, 202-507-2344).

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2025** 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 now **\$50.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (<u>trinity-elcoffice@verizon.net</u>).



TRINITY'S SERVICES ONLINE ... For five years now, we have provided a livestream of our worship services and they have been well-received by members and friends of Trinity, as well as by those who have "found" us online. We have also been able to leave an archive of these services, devotions, and Bible Studies on our church Facebook Page for those who may have wanted to view them later. Facebook has recently made changes to their video storage policies which allows live videos to remain on a page for 30 days. This change has already begun to be implemented, and Facebook is allowing those who have "old" videos to have time to download and archive these videos off of the platform. We are in the process of moving these videos into storage offline, and if there is a particular service that you would like to "keep for memory's sake", please know that now would be the time to download and save it for yourself. In a few months, only those videos that have been recently recorded will be available for viewing on our Facebook Page, and older videos will no longer be linked in our group or page. Please know that even with this change on the part of Facebook, we will continue to offer our worship services online for our Trinity Family.

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at **kfuo.org** and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: A blessed Holy Week to you! On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET) we continue in 2 Samuel, studying chapters 12-16. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 p.m. ET) as we begin a new study of the book of Genesis! Join us this Friday (April 18 at 11 a.m. ET) for a Good Friday service in German. The service will be broadcast live from Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Wartburg in Waterloo, Illinois.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, April 20, 2025, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "A Risen Christ and a Clean Room", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUO.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS, FESTIVALS, AND COMMEMORATIONS...

During Holy Week, any feasts, festivals, or commemorations which fall in this time are transferred to be celebrated during the week following the Second Sunday of Easter so that the days of Holy Week can be kept as a time of special reflection on our Lord's Passion.

Visit http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/ where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. 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 ongoing time of 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.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

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 they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM

Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

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

Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

Readings are provided for each day in Holy Week for your own devotions as well as those which will be used at the worship services held during this week.

Monday in Holy Week, April 14, 2025 Isaiah 50:5-10; Psalm 36:5-10; Hebrews 9:11-15; Matthew 26-27 or John 12:1-23

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15, 2025 Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Mark 14-15 or John 12:23-50

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16, 2025 Isaiah 62:11-63:7; Psalm 70; Romans 5:6-11; Luke 22-23 or John 13:16-38

Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 17, 2025 Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, April 18, 2025 Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22 or 31; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

Holy Saturday/Easter Even, April 19, 2025

During the day: Daniel 6:1-24; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 In the evening: (Selected Readings for the Great Vigil of Easter)
Genesis 1:1-2:3; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:10-15:18; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Job 19:20-27; Daniel 3:1-30; Romans 6:1-11; John 20:1-18

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day, April 20, 2025 Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 16 or 118:15-29; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13 – 20

May Be Subject to Change

Today The Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal

12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

Monday Monday in Holy Week

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open

Tuesday Tuesday in Holy Week

9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open

Wednesday Wednesday in Holy Week

9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open

Thursday Holy (Maundy) Thursday

9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open

7:00 PM Holy Thursday Divine Service

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

Friday Good Friday

7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

Saturday Holy Saturday/Easter Even: The Great Vigil of Easter
Next Sunday The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day

8:00 AM Easter Fellowship Breakfast

9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)





CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Worship Attendance: 18; Communed: 17.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Lenten Midweek Worship Attendance: 5.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR MARCH 2025:

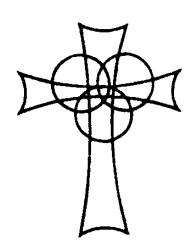
General Offerings received (5 Sundays): \$11,781

General Offerings needed to meet the 2025 budget: \$14,938

Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$8,500

Remaining Balance in Thrivent mutual funds (as of 3/28/25):\$44,977

For January through March, we're about \$8,570 behind in the offerings we need to meet the budget for the year, including the sidewalk repairs and donations received for the sidewalk. In March, we paid \$1,200 for snow removal for the entire season (much better than last year, thanks to the new company Vincent found!), and \$13,678 for the sidewalk. Thanks as always for your contributions!



▼ O Christ, Hear Us! **▼**

Intercessions for the Week of April 13, 2025

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Delores, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, August, David, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;

Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I;

Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers;

Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie;

Nathan, son of Art; Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;

Doris, mother of Vincent; Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students;

Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;

Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Craig, husband of Edith; Virginia, mother of Sam;

Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark; Lori, friend of Carole;

Aidan & Family, friends of Joyce; Raymond, brother of Joy;

Nancy & Family, sister of Vincent; Daniel, friend of Cullen; Donald, friend of Cullen;

Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda; Mary, former Concordia Teacher;

Laura, granddaughter of Gus & Betty; Jim, friend of Michelle;

Millie, co-worker of Joyce; Dale, son of Gus; Daisy Jane, daughter of Kyle & Samantha

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Mason Lowery, John Tyler Hines, and Corey Rupertus, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- **▼** Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ♣ 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 the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.

- ▶ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- **▼** Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political and social discourse.
- **▼** For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

4000 – 30th Street at the intersection of 30th Street and Bunker Hill Road Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

Sunday Mornings:

Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live For more information, please visit the church website.

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