

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

Saturday, March 28, 6 PM | Sunday, March 29, 9 AM

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Welcome! Today is Palm Sunday. Please take a palm frond from one of our ushers to use in today's service and find a seat in the sanctuary.

*The **tolling of the bell** signals the beginning of worship. A pastoral greeting and announcements will be given following the Offering.*

GREETING

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 12:12-19

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

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Pastor: The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,

People: **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”**

Pastor: And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His 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. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

People: in the name of the Lord.

With palm fronds held high and waved in joyful worship, we acclaim Jesus Christ our living and reigning Lord, present for us now in His means of grace—the One to whom every knee will one day bow.

OPENING HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”.....LSB 548

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem-er, King,
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
 And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
 To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT.....*Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

People: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

People: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

(♪) GLORIA PATRI..... Page 186

People: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

(♪) KYRIE.....Page 186

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent.

(♪) SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY.....Page 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Isaiah 50:4-9a

4 The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

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

6 I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

7 But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

8 He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL.....*Hebrews 9:12a,c,15a; Psalm 111:9a*

Pastor: [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his
own blood,

People: thus securing an eternal redemption.

Pastor: Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

People: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people;

People: he has commanded his covenant forever.

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.

HOLY GOSPEL.....*Matthew 27:11-66*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross,

and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED.....Page 191

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”..... LSB 444

I No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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| <p>2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;
 With palms His path is strown.
 With ev'ry step the cross draws near:
 The King of glory's throne.
 Astride a colt He passes by
 As loud hosannas ring,
 Or else the very stones would cry
 "Behold, behold your King!"</p> | <p>3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn;
 The palms, how soon laid down!
 No bloom or leaf but only thorn
 The King of glory's crown.
 The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,
 The streets with tumult ring,
 As Pilate to the mob replies,
 "Behold, behold your King!"</p> |
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4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake
 The cross and all its pains
 And chose a servant's form to take,
 The King of glory reigns.
 Hosanna to the Savior's name
 Till heaven's rafters ring,
 And all the ransomed host proclaim
 "Behold, behold your King!"

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SERMON: "The Hour of Christ's Death"..... Matt. 26:1—27:66

3. This hour is the _____ of Old Testament _____.
2. This hour is the _____ of Old Testament _____.
1. This hour is the _____ of Jesus's earthly _____!

1. This is the hour when Jesus' once-for-all _____ was put into effect.
2. This is the hour when Jesus fulfilled the _____ given to ancient Israel.
3. This is the hour that points to your own _____!

If the hour of Christ's death is the center and focus of all history—and if it became the goal of his earthly ministry—how can you understand your whole life to be lived in—and every part illumined by—the light of the crucified and risen Christ?

(♪) OFFERTORY (*Stand*)..... LSB 192

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

- (6:00)..... "When on the Cross the Savior Hung" -J. S. Bach
Marilyn Mark, Associate Organist
- (9:00)..... "Glorify Thy Name" -arr. Hayes

PASTORAL GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Out of love for our members and guests, and with sincere concern for the spiritual welfare of all, and in the desire to honor Christ our Lord and to be faithful to His Word, Trinity Lutheran Church abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. All who are communicant members in good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to come in true repentance to receive Christ’s body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. All others are welcome to gather at the altar rail with arms folded across your chest, indicating your desire to receive a word of blessing from the pastor.

(♪) PREFACE..... Page 194

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

(♪) SANCTUS.....Page 195

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

(♪) LORD’S PRAYER..... Page 196

Pastor: 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.

**People: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

(♪) THE WORDS OF OUR LORD.....Page 197

(♪) PAX DOMINI.....Page 197

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(♪) AGNUS DEI.....Page 198

**People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*Sit*)

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior”..... LSB 640

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”.....LSB 350

(♪) NUNC DIMITTIS (*Stand*).....Page 199

**People: Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

(♪) THANKSGIVING.....Page 200

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

(♪) POST-COMMUNION COLLECT.....Page 201

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: Amen.

(♪) SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS.....Page 201

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(♪) BENEDICTION.....Page 202

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"..... LSB 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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*(There is no Postlude on this Passion weekend
as we anticipate the solemnity of Holy Week.)*



PRAY

without ✦ ceasing

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THESE GENERAL & SPECIFIC NEEDS AT TRINITY

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS AT TRINITY

- **Peace & comfort for the loved ones of Susan Boyer, mother of Barb Koehn**, who recently passed away.
- For our homebound members, in particular those with acute health issues: **Vonnie & Ron Andrie, Pat Campbell and Edna Bornstein**
- For relatives and friends of Trinity on active military duty

GENERAL CHURCH & WORLD CONCERNS

- Thanks for God's care through Word & Sacrament
- For opportunities to share Jesus with others
- For the Spirit-empowered readiness to love, confess, forgive, and be reconciled
- For persecuted Christians throughout the world, and for the conversion of their persecutors
- For the well-being of pregnant mothers and their preborn children, in both body and soul
- For an end to racism, terrorism, and every evil
- For our national, state, and local government leaders
- For all those who are chronically ill and suffering

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

- *Carole Anderson*
- *Heidi Baumert's dad, Joe*
- *Lois Baumert's brother, Claude*
- *Nancy Engen*
- *Duane Goodwin*
- *Rod Kula's father, Darrell*
- *Ervene Nothwehr*
- *Jeremy Petersen*
- *Rhonda Petersen*
- *Sandy Pooch*
- *Cole Rahne's grandfather, Robert*
- *Judy Rathje*
- *Bill Rosell & Chris Rosell*
- *Carie Sills*
- *Darlene Striegel*
- *Dell Votroubek*
- *Eloise Weiss*

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