

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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sharing God's love with all through worship, education, and service.

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Welcome

Welcome to our worship today: If you are visiting with us, or if you are seeking a faith community and desire to be a part of our ministries, we encourage you to follow the contact information at the bottom of this page and give us your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

Offering:

Offering may be placed in the offering plate on the table in the narthex at the bottom of the stairs or in the basket by the elevator. The offering will be carried to the front at 10:15 worship and presented during the offertory.

Online Giving:



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Prayer List:

The clipboard to add people to the prayer list is on the table in the narthex at the bottom of the stairs. Please be sure to include your name, their name, your relationship, and the prayer request.

INTRODUCTION

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

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+GATHERING+

We begin the service on the front steps of the church for those who are able.

PROCESSION

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21: 1-11

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them.

C: Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please follow the procession cross and the choir to your seat.
Begin singing as you enter the sanctuary.*

PROCESSIONAL SONG

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

ELW 346

+MEAL+

THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

Please sing as the offerings and communion elements are carried to the front.

OFFERTORY



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray

C: **Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

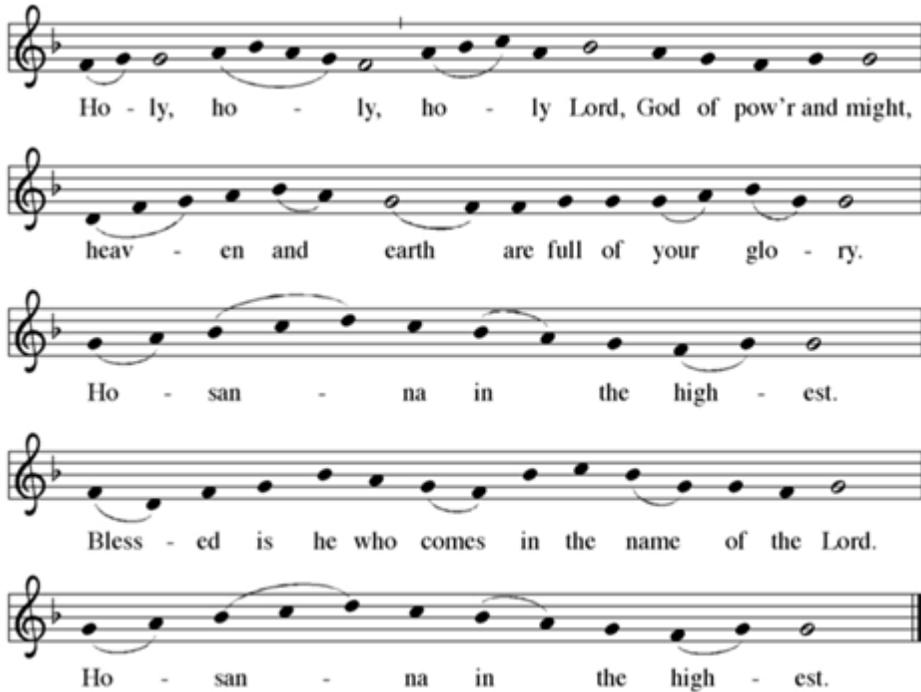
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God, brimming with your extravagant love. In the beginning you created, not because you needed to but because it delighted you:

You made the textures of feathers and fur, the fragrance of pine and saltwater, glinting minerals and sparkling stars, humankind in gorgeous diversity.

You became like us in Jesus Christ, whose life magnified the abundance of your grace and the lavishness of your love.

He saw the richness of a widow's pennies and the surpassing fineness of a lily's petals and the towering greatness of a mustard seed and fed thousands with five loaves and two fish.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus gathered his friends for a simple meal and set a feast of love. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we remember: **the command to love as he has loved.**

We remember: **the life of God poured out for us like wine.**

We remember: **the resurrection that shattered the power of death.**

We remember: **Christ's ascension into heaven
and promise to come again.**

Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup.
Let the fragrance of your love fill this house. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Let it fill our noses with the sweetness of grapes and the earthiness of wheat. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Let it lift our hearts as lavish compassion for the little, the lost, and the least.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Let this bread and cup so magnify your prodigal love, mirroring the heavenly feast that has no end. Bring us at last to the infinite table where you have gathered all your holy ones in the new creation where every tear is wiped away, and every need has been met in you. All honor and glory is yours, O God, who is both Giver and Gift, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever, **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table.

C: Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

COMMUNION

All baptized believers are welcome at the Lord's table. We trust in faith that the real presence of Christ is present in the bread and the wine. You will be invited to come to the front to receive the bread from the pastor, and then an individual cup of white grape juice or red wine. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask at the time of communion. Those who are not communing may come forward and request a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN "Lamb of God Most Holy"

ACS 932

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

+WORD+

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9A

⁴The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Silent prayer

READING OF THE PASSION *(separate booklet)*

GOSPEL MATTHEW 26:14 – 27: 66

	8:00	10:15
Narrator/Evangelist:	Koen Thomas	Verlyn Hays
Jesus:	Larry Etchison	Mike Hartman
Peter:	Bob Anderson	Tim Zielonis
Judas:	Tom Hocker	Denny Burkhard
Pontius Pilate:	Kolton Kramer	Jim Smith
Centurion:	Daryl Gochenauer	Daniel Burkhard
High Priest:	Kevin Kramer	Matt Thomsen
First Servant Girl:	Carol Anderson	Linda Vaughan
Second Servant Girl:	Leslie Hocker	Deb Hartman
Bystander (House):	Amy Boya	Billye Hays
Pilate's Wife:	Ja'net Gochenauer	Sharon Stevens
Passerby (Crucifixion):	Jill Kramer	Stacey Zeller
Bystander (Crucifixion:)	Phyllis Harmon	Heather Zielonis

Please stand as you are able

+SENDING+

BENEDICTION:

P: May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love. When you leave this place may you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

This is a time for reflecting on what we've just experienced. We will depart in song. Please refrain from conversation until you have exited the building.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time and E-flat major. The treble clef part features a melody with a quarter rest in the first measure, followed by eighth notes in the second and third measures, and a quarter note in the fourth measure. The bass clef part provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords in the first and second measures, followed by eighth notes in the third and fourth measures. Chord symbols E♭, Fm, B♭, and E♭ are placed above the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble clef part has a quarter note in the first measure, followed by eighth notes in the second and third measures, and a quarter note in the fourth measure. The bass clef part continues with chords in the first and second measures, followed by eighth notes in the third and fourth measures. Chord symbols Cm, Fm, B♭, and E♭ are placed above the treble staff.

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***Please
exit the
church in
silence.***

WORSHIP HELPERS	MARCH 29	APRIL 5
Acolytes: Aubrey Hartman, Kolton Kramer, Abigail Light, Koen Thomas, Hailey VonLumm, Jonah Wagenheim		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Daryl & Ja'net Gochenauer	Patsy Shaw & Ja'net Gochenauer
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	8:00 Ja'net Gochenauer 10:15 Verlyn Hays	Stacey Zeller
<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Melissa Jacoby 10:15 Rachel Wise	8:00 Tom Hocker 10:15 Dennis Burkhard
<u>USHERS</u>	Leslie Hocker Mike Hartman Aubrey Hartman	Jim & Mary-Louise Smith
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Heather Zielonis Deb George	Deb George

Prayers:

For all of our homebound.

For the work of the Call Committee.

Members: Cathy Lamason; Phil Warner; Denise Burkhard; Alan and Bonnie Williamson; John Wallace; Carol Pensyl; Linda Humes; Miriam Wise

Friends: Vickie Widmann; Deandre and Destin; Eliette Costella; Olan Turner; Cally Cole; Gunnar Etchison; Robin Gladen; Stephen; Charles Crum; Jean Kuhn

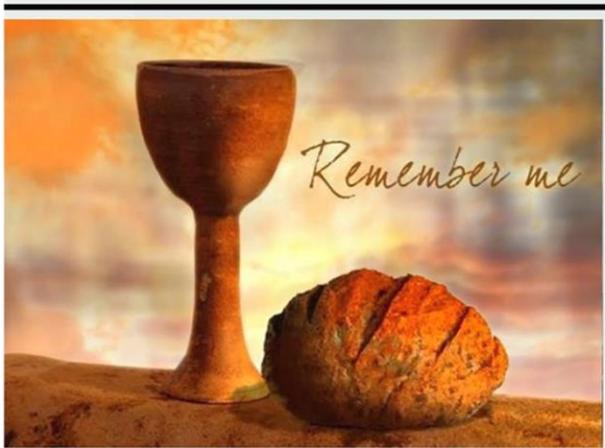
Family & Friends of: Jay Sydnor; Anna May Smith

Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: MARCH 29, 2026

- Sun, 3/29 8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion
9 am, Confirmation Class
- Thurs, 4/2 12 pm, Maundy Thursday Worship
6:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Meal and Worship
- Fri, 4/3 11 am, Good Friday Prayer Walk
7:30 pm, Good Friday Tenebrae Worship
- Sun, 4/5 6:30 am, Easter Sunrise Worship
10:15 am, Festival Worship
10:15 am, First Sunday Kids

Maundy Thursday April 2



**12 pm, Worship in
the Sanctuary**

**6:30 pm, Agape Meal
& Worship begins in
Fellowship Hall.**





Friday, April 3

11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.



**Good Friday
Tenebrae
Worship
April 3
7:30 pm**

