

“Sundays and Seasons”
Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025



PRELUDE

WELCOME STATEMENT

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord;
Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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. 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.**

PROCESSIONAL INVITATION

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELW 344

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin and whose Mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

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

A reading from Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
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.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 31:9-16

(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
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.
Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.
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.
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, through he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

(Assembly remains seated for today's gospel reading.)

GOSPEL READING *Luke 22:14-23:56*

The gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

(The Assembly may follow along in the pew bible, Pages 75-78 in the New Testament)

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON *Rev. Phillip Potaczek*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Were You There" *ELW 353*

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were
made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who
with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe
in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We
look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

... Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love,
in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING

“Weeping Over Jerusalem”

Dakota Road

He journeyed there for the last time.
Jerusalem, you were still so blind.
He was the message of truth,
but you just would not believe
So you hung him on a tree.

He journeyed there for the last time.
Jerusalem could not see the sign.
He brought you healing and life,
but you just turned him away
and you screamed out “Crucify!”

Chorus:

He was weeping over Jerusalem
He was crying, tears were running down his face.
He was weeping over Jerusalem,
because they could not see God’s grace.

He journeys to us ev’ryday.
Jerusalem, do we walk your way?
He wants to give us new life,
but do we turn him away
and do we scream “Crucify?”
(Chorus)

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OFFERING PRAYER

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: DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe ... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on † us and on these † gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

In broken bread
And the cup that we share
We remember You
In broken bread
And the cup that we share
We remember You

Chorus
We remember You Jesus
We remember Your love for us
We remember the blood you shed
We remember You

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

“Jesus Messiah”

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing
(Chorus)

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world
(Chorus)

Ending

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

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SENDING

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended. **Now, it must be lived.**

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Your Touch is on Us"

Hans Peterson

Your touch is on us God of day and of night
Inspire our living to do what is right
Move in our hearts with your Spirit that we
may bring hope to places of hurt and of need

Help us to know who we are deep within
through voices demand and temptations press in
Give us the courage to hear the Christ
"Follow me now to be children of light"

Creatures and plants move and breathe in the land
The mountains they sing and the trees clap their hands
Lead the way home to be peace in this place
where there is abundance of food and your grace

Trinity at a Glance

- **Lenten Worship Schedule:** All are welcome to Trinity's Midweek Lenten services at **7pm**.
 - April 17 (Holy Week: Maundy Thursday) - Holy Communion
 - April 18 (Holy Week: Good Friday) - Service of Word and Prayer
 - April 20 (Easter Sunday)
- **Easter Breakfast** will be served again this year, thanks to the Enkes and volunteers. All are welcome in the Fellowship Hall on Easter morning, Sunday, April 20, 8am-9:30am. **Please sign up to volunteer service or donations for this event.** Clean-up begins promptly at 9:30am, so be sure to get to church on time for this delicious meal and fun fellowship opportunity. *Sunday Session, Affirmation students, and First Communion class will not be meeting that day.*
- **Easter Lilies** sponsorship sign up sheet is in Java Junction.
- The **First Communion service** will take place on **Sunday, April 27** at 10:00 AM. Students are asked to arrive at 9:30 AM that day in order to run through the service together, as well as take photos with Pastor and loved ones. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you!
- Applications are available near the West Entry for the **Alice Guenther Memorial Scholarship** for any current high school senior involved with music. See the application for more information.
- The **Swenson Scholarship** is now open to active Trinity high school seniors who are going on to further their education. Applications can be picked up from the church office. **The deadline is May 5, 2025.**
- It's time again for the **Annual Spring Rummage Sale!** The sale will be held **Fri May 2nd**, 3-6pm & **Sat May 3rd**, 8am-Noon. Special pricing will be on Saturday Noon-1pm: \$3/bag. Donations for the sale will be accepted during office hours Mon - Thurs 9am-2pm. Please note that we are NOT accepting electronics. There is a sign up sheet in Java Junction for volunteers. Even one hour will help make this a success!
- Join Infinity Premier Innovations at Trinity Lutheran Church for an **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th from 10am-12pm.** *It is free to attend.* There will be egg hunts, activities, food, and prizes! We are needing donations of Easter Candy for this event. The egg hunts will be divided into age groups, and the schedules will be posted on TLC's Facebook page, so be on the lookout for those start times. Save the date for a beautiful morning of outdoor activities!
- Mary Heider is updating the **Church Directory**. Please fill out the forms if you are a new member or have had any changes in address/phone numbers etc. You can put the forms in the offering plates.
- **TODAY, Sunday April 13th**, immediately after Service, there will be a **Special Congregational Meeting**. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on the transfer of funds to complete roof repairs.
- We invite you to join the **TLC Book Club** in the Community Room starting on Tuesday, **May 6th**, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Each Tuesday evening in May, we'll be reading and discussing 'The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate' by Jeannie Gainsburg. This insightful and practical guide provides essential tools for understanding and supporting LGBTQ+ individuals with compassion, respect, and confidence. Whether you're new to allyship or looking to deepen your advocacy, this book offers valuable insights on how to be a strong and effective ally to our LGBTQ+ neighbors, friends, and loved ones. We encourage you to join us for meaningful discussion and reflection on how we can all stand together as the Body of Christ in support of equality and inclusion. We will start by reading Part I. It is not necessary to have read before attending, but it makes for a more engaging conversation. Please join us!
- **Blood Drive** will be held Thursday **April 17th**, in the Community Room at Noon.
- **Saturday May 10th** will be the Starved Rock Marathon Watering Station event. Please join us in supporting the Marathon.

● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- February income = \$26,790.19 (Income YTD = \$48,177.83)
- February expense = \$23,776.43 (Expense YTD = \$43,891.47)
- Income Less Expense = \$3,013.76 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$4,286.36)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Left on Loan = \$30,367.09

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (4/14):** 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (4/15):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
4:30p Property Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- **Wednesday (4/16):** 1p Bible Study (Java Junction)
7p Holden Evening Prayer
- **Thursday (4/17):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
12p Blood Drive (Community Room)
7p Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
- **Friday (4/18):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
7p Good Friday Prayer Service
- **Saturday (4/19):** *International Bicycle Day!*
- **Sunday (4/20)** *No Affirmation Class*
No First Communion Class 2 (Fellowship Hall)
8a Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9a Sunday Session (Education Building)
10a Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<p><u>Sunday, April 13, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: <i>Reagan</i> Ushers: Lector: <i>Jackie Smith</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Brad Gromm & Sue Williamson & Ann Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung & Sue Williamson</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, April 20, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: <i>Madi</i> Ushers: Lector: <i>Adam Gross</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung & Becky Glaser</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i></p>
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