

Sunday of the Passion
Sunday, March 28, 2021 – Traditional Service

**“Hosanna
in the
highest!”**

Mark 11:10

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Traditional Service

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts:

Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory,

only to be left alone to die on the cross,

abandoned by even his closest friends.

Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability:

agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken.

Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering,

we also expect God's salvation:

Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people.

We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion

of God's astonishing work.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"March Triumphant Into Jerusalem"

Thygerson

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL READING

Mark 11:1-11

Entrance into the final days

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.



OPENING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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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 are prais - ing you on high;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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 awakens— awakens 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up 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.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 31:9-16

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

⁹Have 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.**

¹¹I 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.**

¹³For 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.**

¹⁵My 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."**



SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

AT THE NAME
of Jesus

every knee
should bow.
PHILIPPIANS 2:10



Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Mark 15:33-39

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"Faith Sees Victory"

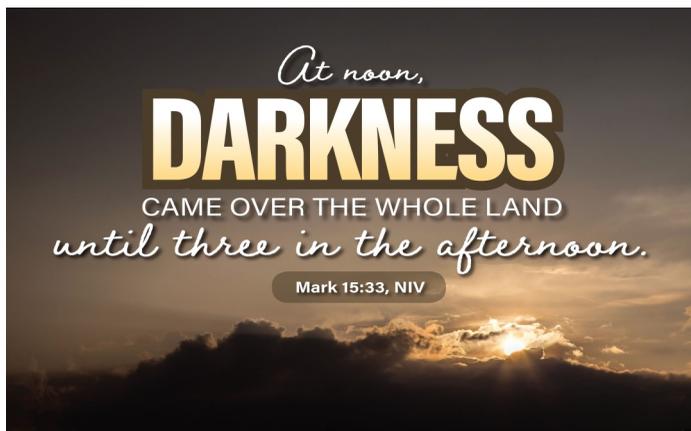
Pastor Aaron

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Palms"

Ellen Diehl; soloist

Fauré



Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Sosanna
IN THE
Highest

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility, and faith to see your victory over death in Jesus's refusal to succumb to death's tyranny. Teach us the saving wisdom of the cross and empower us to confess Christ crucified.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by changing climate and ravaged by natural disasters, and nurture new growth.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers and guide those who command them; guard against cynicism, that they would carry out their challenging vocation with integrity and hope for a just world.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer, especially Scott, Jim, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Cameron, Ron, Cheryl, Bernice, Ayano, Marlene, Bob, Kelly, Denise, Carl, Beth, Jane, William, Rick, Belva, Phyllis, Martha, and the families of the victims of the shootings in Atlanta and Boulder.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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Some followed Jesus all the way to Calvary, others fled in the garden, and others denied him in his hour of trial. Give us courage in our discipleship and restore us when we falter. We pray especially for our members: Michael & Loriann Smith; Ruth Smith; Richard & Linda Snurr; Brady Snyder; Sandra Snyder; Herbert Spomer; Kyle, Erin, Carter, Lyla, & Drew Staley; Adam Stambaugh; and J. Ronald Stambaugh.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you † that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The wing - ed

tribes Ho - san - na cry; O Sav - iour meek, pur - sue thy
squad - rons of the sky Look down with sad and won - dering

road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power and reign.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Ritter

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The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and, in honor of my great grandchildren & in memory of many loved ones by Norma Cleaver.

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Designed by Phil Lobaugh.*



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, March 21, 2021

In-Person	84
Online Worship Service Views:	284

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." – John 12:24

In this week's gospel Jesus speaks about his coming death and outlines what it means to truly follow him. Like Jesus, we are called to go the second mile, to put aside self-interest for the sake of the gospel and serve God and neighbor willingly.

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Thank You!



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"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*