



Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, March 28, 2026
Palm Weekend

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word"

Sufferer/Traditional Spiritual

arr. Lloyd Larson

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GATHER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: God of Justice,
God of Compassion,
God of Sacred and Scandalous ways,
We have so much still to learn.

By your grace, we have come to know love more deeply –

C: **its mess, its complexity, its stubborn and tender truths transform us more each day.**

P: Through fires that refine and valleys of death, you have guided us.

C: **You draw us into the heart of Wisdom,**

P: Saving us from the lies of destruction.

C: **Turning us towards hope that liberates.**

P: But still, O God, we struggle to trust in you..

And so, when we are afraid. Or hurt. Or weary...

We betray the very One who brought us thus far.

C: **We confess, we still shame Jesus, when he turns over tables.**

P: We confess, we still condemn Jesus, when he breaks the rules to which we are loyal.

C: **We confess, while Jesus is torn from the arms of his mother by ICE,**

P: killed by his own lovers – so afraid of desiring trans women,

C: **and sitting lonely on the street with no family to welcome them home,**

P: our loyalties are often elsewhere.

C: **Our priorities are not your own.**

P: Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear within us.

C: **Meet us there with your good news that sets the captives free.**

P: Forgive us from the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more.

(pause in silent prayer)

P: Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy.
C: **God does not bind us to our regrets.**
P: Or forever hold us to what we once believed.
C: **God says, come and follow!**
P: Know forgiveness and sin no more.
C: **Love abounds. And Justice shall be manifest!**
P: Wherever new life is desired,
C: **may the peace of Christ be welcomed among us.**
P: Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection.

'Enfleshed'

GATHERING SONG

"All Glory Laud & Honor"
vs. 1, 3 & 4

ELW #344
Theodulph of Orleans,
tr. John Mason Neale
M: Melchior Teschner Public Domain

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. Refrain

3. The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. Refrain

4. To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of honor and celebration, Together we cry, “Hosanna!” to your son, who rode willingly and bravely into Jerusalem. Hear us as we celebrate your anointed one, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & OFFERING

Pastor Rick

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 12:12-27

L: The good news according to John 12

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!” ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, 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 of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!” ²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very 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. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

L: The gospel of God.

C: Praise be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Rick

SONG OF THE DAY

"O Sacred Neck, Now Wounded"

Isaac Wardell, Joh Guerra,
Kate Bluett & Keith Watts

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1. O Sacred Neck now wounded
Pressed down by blows and knees
This Son of God surrounded by silent enemies
Will no one stop and listen
Will no one rise and speak
Of violence and oppression which
Hanged You from that tree

2. O Sacred Head discounted
Lies crowned in locks and sweat
See thorns and curls now found in
Your weeping mother's hands
O sun kissed King of glory
What honor once was Yours
Yet now despised and gory
Our still and lifeless Lord

Refrain

O Man of Sorrows beaten down
Our Brother's blood cries from the ground
You bore our sin we turned our eyes from You
The Lamb of God

3. O Sacred Body wounded
Now breathless in the street
Your people here press onward
To be You hands and feet
Your mouth to speak Your justice
Your heartbeats for the poor

Your life it flows within us
To break down prison doors

Chorus

O Man of Sorrows beaten down
Our Brother's blood cries from the ground
You bore our sin we turn our eyes to You
The Lamb of God

CREED

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

From siblings in Christ at *Reconciling Works*, 2026.

PRAYERS

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,
or use this code to give electronically.*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Come to our gathering and receive our offerings. Be with us in this place and listen to our stories. Sit beside each one of us and be warmed by the fire. See our dancing and listen to our singing. Teach us new steps, new tunes, and new words.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

*A COMMUNION PRAYER (MARY REMEMBERS HER SON) *

P: Five bullets and a hundred lashes on my son's body;
I greet you still, *The Lord be with you.*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Five bullets and a hundred more they stopped his heart and cancelled my own,
I bid you still, *lift up your hearts.*

C: **We lift them up to God.**

P: Five times and hundred more I ask God if it is still right to give God thanks and praise.

They asked him, "Are you who they say you are?" He told the truth. Upon him the anger of Rome and their obsession with their peace and their order rained from their whips and fired from their guns. They have killed my son.

For they have forgotten the God who has breathed upon us the breath of Life; they have forgotten the One who gave life when they took his life away.

On the night that my son was to be given up for betrayal, desertion and death, he took bread from the plate gave it to me and said,

C: **"Take this and eat."**

P: And then he gave me something to drink and said,

C: **"Take this and drink."**

P: Breathe upon these gifts now, O God, your breath of life so we may remember again how to live.

For as often as you eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we will remember Jesus and all the sons who have been taken away from their mothers. We will remember the daughters who have been snatched from their homes. We will remember.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Creator God, in heaven, holy 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 COMMUNION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these gifts that we have received sustain us and sustain the people in their struggle. May these gifts give us courage to stand in solidarity with those who have been persecuted. May these gifts bless us with strength to fight, so that peace may be actualized in our communities. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

L: Oh God, may we receive your blessing, through sharing your blessings beyond borders. May we receive gifts, from those who carry nothing. May we recognize you, in people we don't know. And may we all find a safe home and peace in you, who had no place to lay your head.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Were You There?"

vs. 1-3 & 5

ELW #353

African American spiritual
Arr. ©1999 Augsburg Fortress OL#51959

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please leave in silence

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Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

Prayer List

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Joe Burt, brother-in-law of Clinton Ellerbe
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Jules Webb, daughter of Martha Webb
Marilu Ritzman, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt
Douglas Hardie, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant: Vicki Volbrecht
Communion Prep:
Welcome Table Host:
Fellowship Host:
Prayer Writer: Jo Anne Gearhart
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers from
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Trinity's Clergy Leader:

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Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
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Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klaman	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (March 30)

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

Tuesday (March 31)

5:30 pm JET Eco/Justice-Room 2

Wednesday (April 1)

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room1
6:30 Tenebrae Service-Room 9 (The Chapel)
6:30 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

Thursday (April 2) Maundy Thursday

9:30 pm Bible Study-Room Room 2
3 pm Spanish Class-Room 2
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service with
Foot Washing

Friday (April 3) Good Friday

10 am Quilting-Room 2
11-2 pm Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm 7 Last Words & Veneration of the Cross

Saturday (April 4) Holy Saturday

5 pm Saturday Worship

Sunday (April 5) Easter Sunday

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Easter Brunch

Coming Up:

Offices Closed
Monday, April 6

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

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Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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