

# *Palm* SUNDAY



TRINITY  LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, March 29, 2026  
9:00 am Service

# Order of Worship

*Congregation is invited to gather in the narthex with your palms as we await our procession into the Worship Center together.*

## **\*Processional Gospel**

### **Luke 19**

When they had come near Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples ahead of him, saying, "In the village ahead of you, you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me." So they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road, and all of them were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!"

## **\*Processional Hymn**

### ***Blessed is the One***

Blessed is the one who comes in the name,  
Who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name,  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.

## **\*Welcome**

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

**We confess to you, most loving God, the sins that both bind and scatter us. We have knowingly believed dishonest words. We have questioned your gracious power again and again. We have given into temptation. We have acted out of fear, placing blame on others yet holding ourselves apart. In our disbelief and confusion we have hurt our neighbors and ourselves. Gather us back to you. Forgive us, free us, and make us whole for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Friends, beloved of God, Jesus came not to condemn the world but that all might be saved through him. In the name of † Christ your sins are forgiven. May God unbind your guilt and shame, lead you by the Spirit, and bring you to wholeness in abundant life. **Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

***All Glory, Laud, and Honor***

**Hymn #344**

verses 1, 4, 5

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

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

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

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (*Refrain*)

**\*Greeting**

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.**

**Hymn of Praise**

***Lamb of God***

**Hymn #336**

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God.

*Refrain:* Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified.  
We laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble king they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

I was so lost, I should have died.  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

## 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.**

## Children's Moment

Pastor Paul

## Reading

### **Matthew 21:1-11**

*Jesus' Triumphal Entry*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 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!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

## Hymn of the Day

### ***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

**Hymn #338**

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.
  
3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

### **Installation of Trinity Call Committee**

#### **Prayers of the Church**

*Congregational Response:* **Hear our prayer.**

#### **\*Sharing of the Peace / Announcements**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Offering

*Thank you for your continued financial support.  
An offering plate can be found in the back of church as  
you leave worship. Or give online at [www.trin.org/give](http://www.trin.org/give).*



## Offertory Response

### **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am**

**Hymn #814**

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. *(repeat 2x)*

## \*Closing Prayer

*Heavenly Father,*

**You have met us here and filled our hearts with your truth,  
that we might rejoice in the abundance you provide.  
Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence,  
seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God,  
and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## \*Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## \*Benediction

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
† bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

***God of Grace and God of Glory***

**Hymn #705**

verses 1, 2, 4

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days,

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Joy Rundell

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**In Our Prayers:**

Frank Fritzke, Stacey Lewandowski, Elyse Hirsch (daughter-in-law of Kelly & Liz Hirsch), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Stacey Barta (niece of Bob & JoAnn Lohmann), Robin Nelson (sister-in-law of Curt and Eileen Nelson), our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

Prayers of celebration for James Charles Rosso, son of John and Dana Rosso,  
who will be welcomed into our congregation through Holy Baptism  
following worship this morning.



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## **Announcements**

### **Holy Week Worship Services**

Maundy Thursday, April 2 | 7:00 pm  
Good Friday, April 3 | 7:00 pm  
Easter Sunday, April 5 | 9:00 & 10:30 am

**Palm Sunday Breakfast** Join us for a continental breakfast today in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Pastries, breakfast pizza, yogurt parfaits, juice, and coffee will be served as we shout "Hosanna!" and launch into Holy Week.

**Easter Egg Hunt** Families are invited to grab your baskets today at 10:00 am to search for treat-filled eggs that remind us of the new life we receive in Christ.

**Drive Thru Prayers** Stop by the Trinity parking lot each morning of Holy Week between 7:30 - 8:30 am for a cup of coffee and a prayer to start your day.

**Golden Agers / OWLS Luncheon** Trinity's Golden Agers (members 70+) and OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) and a guest are invited to enjoy lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 12:00 noon. A Maundy Thursday worship service with communion will follow the meal.

**Vacation Bible School Registration is Open** Kids ages 3 years old through 4th Grade are invited to "Rainforest Falls" VBS at Trinity on June 15 - 18, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Register online at [www.trin.org/vbs](http://www.trin.org/vbs).

**Adult Faith Formation Series** Join Pastor Paul on Thursdays, April 16 - May 21 at 7:00 pm in the Pioneer Room to discuss the book *Joyful Anyway* by Kate Bowler, exploring how to find joy amidst life's difficulties. Please sign up for the series at [www.trin.org](http://www.trin.org) under the **EVENTS** menu. All are welcome.