

"Songs of loudest praise"



PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 23-24, 2024



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## *Palm Sunday*

March 23, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

March 24, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

### **Wandering Heart: "Songs of Loudest Praise"**

*This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves - a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.*

*As Holy Week begins, Peter is no longer front and center, and so we imagine he is with the rest of the disciples when Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt. As they witness crowds shouting hosannas, the disciples are confused. People are supposed to be praising Caesar, but instead they are shouting for the one entering the city on a donkey. Their singing is subversive, courageous, and contagious. Their praise shows the ripple effect of public displays of faith.*

**Welcome to Trinity!** We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

**We love having small children in worship!** Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

**Handicapped Seating** is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

**Large print bulletins and listening devices** are available from the ushers.

**Activity Bags** are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

**Our Mission** *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

### **Serving in Worship This Weekend**

<b>Pastor</b>	Dan Gerriettes Daniel Hanson
<b>Organist</b>	Teresa Jacobson
<b>Cantor</b> <sup>9am</sup>	Allison Day
<b>Greeters</b>	Roger an Susan Schlitter
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Penny Bennett, Jayne Carlson Kevin Hendrikson
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Sally Becker
9:00 a.m.	Kay Larson
<b>Technical Support</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Ellen Gansen, Evelynn Hunt Carter Rockwell
<b>Worship Transportation</b>	Randy Elsbernd Jake & Nancy Rockman
<b>Ushers</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Bob Gentz, Derek Schlitter
9:00 a.m.	Mike Dutcher, Mark Lehmann, Roger Schlitter

## GATHERING

### Prelude

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

### Welcome

P The Holy Gospel according to John the twelfth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **\*Gospel: John 12:12-16**

P <sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So 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!"

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup> His 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **\*Gathering Hymn**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

ELW 855

### **\*Greeting**

P Beloved, remembered by God  
and remembering both the call and the promises of God:  
the everlasting love of the Father, the gift of the Son,  
and the strength of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

P 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**

**Holy Baptism - Nova Lynn Swanson** (5:00pm)  
**Kamden Carly Swanson**

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**Children's Sermon** (9:00am)

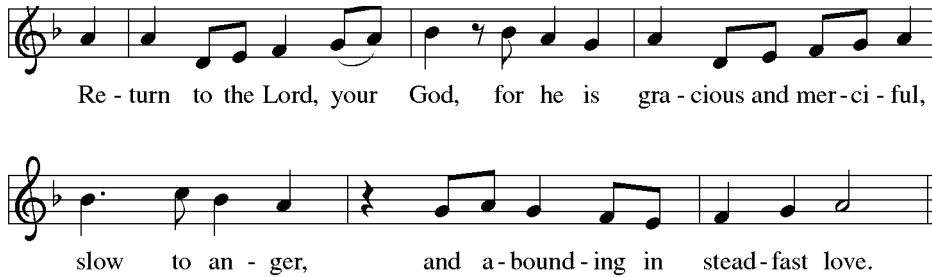
Pastor Daniel Hanson

**Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

L <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-second chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: Luke 22:54-62**

P <sup>54</sup>Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a female servant, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup>A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup>Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Daniel Hanson**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

- P The Gospel of John tells us that crowds gathered to praise Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, singing and shouting with confidence. After describing the crowd, however, the Gospel writer zooms in on the disciples and tells us that while the crowds shouted praise at Jesus, the disciples were confused. The text says, “the disciples did not understand what was happening” (John 12:16). A lot of our lives may look like this: either we understand God’s presence in our lives and want to shout it from the rooftop—or we’re standing on the side of the parade missing our chance to sing. That is why we need the prayer of confession. Because life happens fast, and without a doubt, we have stood where the disciples stood. So let us pray, for we don’t want to miss our chance to sing:
- C Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!  
We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.  
However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.  
Too often we stay quiet.  
Too often we let others carry the song.  
Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade  
but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.  
Show us which songs are ours to sing.  
Show us which parades are ours to lead,  
and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.  
With hope and honesty we pray, amen.**
- P Friends, no matter where you are on the parade route—whether you are waving palm branches through the streets or standing against the wall, quiet and cautious—Jesus marched for you. Jesus’ love, his striving for justice and mercy, it was for you. You are included in this story and nothing can ever change that. So hear these words and trust them deep in your bones: We have reason to sing, for Jesus Christ loved you yesterday. Jesus Christ loves you today. And Jesus Christ will love you tomorrow. You are forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve. Go out and sing. Go out trusting these words.
- C Amen.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

P Hear us O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

### **\*Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **Announcements**

#### **Offering**

Text to Give is available at Trinity!  
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.  
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.  
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



#### **Special Music**

*Sing Hosanna, Sing*  
Trinity Choir

arr. Dave Williamson

#### **\*Offertory**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

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*Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.*

#### **\*Offering Prayer**

P O Lord, you who daily bear our burdens,  
strengthen our hands  
and expand our heart's capacity  
to bear one another's burdens,  
so that we might offer your generous care  
to friend and neighbor alike  
who may feel crushed under by their own burdens.  
We pray this in the name of the One whose burden is light.

C **Amen.**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

**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.

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

P We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
**C** who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.  
P We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
**C** who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.  
P We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
**C** who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.  
P We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
**C** so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.  
P Hosanna!  
**C** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **\*Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ELW 344

Sunday School Choir (9:00am)

*Sing Hosanna to Jesus*



## SENDING

### **\*Blessing**

P Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### **\*Sending**

P Go in peace. Sing songs of loudest praise!

**C Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given in honor of **Alan and Sharon Steckman's 30th Wedding Anniversary.**

*The bulletin cover is "Then They Remembered" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org*

## Holy Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism(5:00) of **two sisters, Nova Lyn Swanson and Kamden Swanson.**

Nova and Kamden are the daughters of Shane and Danya Swanson. Their sponsors are Chad and Angie Lappe and Zach Egesdal. Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome **Nova and Kamden** to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!

## Easter Memorials

Please see the signup sheet located by the church office—if you would like to remember or honor a loved one with an Easter memorial. You can also call in your request to the church office. The deadline is **March 25.**

Copies of **Christ in Our Home** for **April, May & June** are available to pick up by the office and welcome desk.

## 2024 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar

If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary please sign up. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25

## Please call the church office if you or your family are hospitalized

If you or a family member would like to be visited by a pastor or the parish nurse, please be sure to contact the church office. Thank you.

**Caregivers Support Group** will meet on Tuesday, March 27th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rm. 300

## WALK A WAY— Walking Pilgrimage—La Crosse, WI to Winona, MN—May 8-10, 2024

Find refuge and step away from your routine on a pilgrimage experience along the Mississippi River. Explore a way of being that supports listening and letting go. We depart from Mason City on Wednesday morning, May 8, and return late afternoon on Friday, May 10. We will walk approximately 28 miles from La Crosse, WI, to Winona, MN, over three days on the Great River State Trail and Flyway Trail. Overnight accommodations include the Franciscan Spirituality Center (FSC) in La Crosse, WI, and the Alverna Center in Winona, MN. Private spiritual direction is available for an additional fee at the FSC. The Reverend Stephen Benitz of St. John's Episcopal Church and Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse of Trinity Lutheran Church, will guide us on our pilgrimage. A support vehicle travels with us to assist as needed and to provide snacks and water along the way. Cost: \$300 (this includes transportation, overnight accommodations, and meals.) Partial scholarships are available. Participants will be responsible for paying for their own celebratory lunch on Friday. Register and pay a \$150 deposit to save your spot. Space is limited to nine people. ***The registration deadline is March 31, 2024.***

## Affirming and Healing Prayer

**Monday, April 4 | 1:00 PM / Library**

Does prayer for healing really work? Are "I am" prayers stronger than petitioning prayers? Join the "Affirming & Healing Prayer" workshop and experience adding power to your prayers. April 4, from 1-3 PM, in the Trinity Church library. Start with the "affirming" version of the Lord's Prayer.

Explore six kinds of prayer. Compose several of your own positive healing prayers, including your own "conversational" healing prayer. Workshop leader Jim Collison is a graduate of St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. Jim was a lay minister for over 40 years, mainly with the Congregational Church in Orchard, IA.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

There is NO meal on March 27th during Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday – March 28

6:30 PM Worship Service

**Wandering Heart:** *“Streams of mercy”*  
JOHN 13:1-20 | *Jesus washes Peter’s feet.*

Holy Communion will be celebrated  
\*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

### Good Friday CANTATA– March 29

6:30 PM Worship Service

“Were you there”

*Written by Pastor Larry Day featuring Trinity Musicians*

\*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

## EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

### Easter Saturday - March 30

5:00 PM Worship Service

Easter celebration led by Trinity’s youth and contemporary  
worship teams

Holy Communion will be celebrated

**Wandering Heart:** *“And I hope”*  
LUKE 24:1-12 | *Peter runs to the empty tomb and  
learns Jesus is alive.*

### Easter Sunday—March 31

9:00AM\* & 10:30 AM Worship Services  
WITH SPECIAL MUSIC AND BRASS AND HOLY  
COMMUNION CELEBRATED

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LUKE 24:1-12 | *Peter runs to the empty tomb and  
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*All designated Easter offerings at Trinity this year will be shared evenly with  
the Trinity Camp Scholarship Fund, 43 North Iowa and Lutheran  
Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS). Designated offerings include those  
dollars that are received thru member’s Easter Offering envelope, The Easter  
online giving tab, and all gifts marked “Easter.”  
Thank you for your generosity to these partner ministries.*

## *Wednesday Night Alive*

April 3, 2024

**Meal is at 6pm**

*Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Oven roasted  
potatoes, Salad & Dessert  
Free Will Offering*

**Programming begins at 6:30**

- **Mission Jamaica** Join Pastor Dan Gerrietts and other members of the 2024 Mission Jamaica team, as they present a program from this rewarding outreach ministry.
- **Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss** (April 3, 10, 17 & 24)  
This class will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength and mind. Call the office if you are planning to attend by Tues., April 2—so accommodations can be planned. Facilitated by Linda Vold, Retired Therapist and Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse.
- **Trinity Choir**— meet in the Choir Room
- **Kindergarten - Grade 6**  
students will come to *the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor* and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.
- **Confirmation : Grades 7 & 8**  
Students will meet together from 6:30 – 7:45 pm - experience small group and large group learning as they study for their confirmation.
- **Flame: Grades 9-12**—meet in the Youth Rm.

## Summer Camp 2024—Riverside Bible Camp

If you're entering Grade 3 in Fall 2024, you can go to Camp Riverside. Information is available at the church office, or contact Marty Greder, Education Dir., at 423-0536 or [marty.greder@trinity-mc.org](mailto:marty.greder@trinity-mc.org). *Trinity has a subsidy for a member and a friend, so register today!*

### TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and midweek services. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Usher** – Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Readers** – Read the lessons for weekend services. Lessons provided a week prior to reading. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Communion Servers**— Assist Pastors with Communion distribution during worship services. Training available. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation** – Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the 1st Monday of each month from 9-1:00 and the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the **2nd Wednesday of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.**

*For more worship serving opportunities, go to [trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers](http://trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers)*

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Monday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Lectio DivinaRm. 322)  
9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

#### Tuesday, March 26

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
9:30 a.m. Caregivers Support Group (Rm. 300)  
Noon Staff Meeting  
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)  
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, March 27

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)  
4:00 p.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen

#### Thursday, March 28

##### ***Mauudy Thursday***

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
10:30 a.m. Clappers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
**6:30 p.m. Mauudy Thursday Worship Service**  
7:30 p.m. Reception for First Communion Students & Families (Gathering Space)

#### Thursday, March 28

##### ***Good Friday***

**6:30 p.m. Good Friday CANTATA Service**

#### Saturday, March 30

##### ***Holy Saturday***

**5:00 p.m. Worship Service**

#### Sunday, March 31

##### **Easter Sunday**

**9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship Service**  
No Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Worship Service**

### CO-Ed Softball returns this Summer

There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Stephanie Johnson will be coaching. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stephanie at 641-420-5301.