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# PALM SUNDAY

*Hosanna In The Highest*

April 12-13, 2025



TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Palm Sunday*

April 12, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

April 13, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

*Sometimes faith is simple. But sometimes it's messy and nuanced – more complex than black or white, one thing or the other. This Lent, we are letting the Gospel of Luke guide us to the “in-between” nature of following Jesus.*

*Shouts and Silence:*

*Jesus doesn't instigate his own parade. Instead, just his quiet presence alone inspires the multitude to shout out and praise God. When the religious leaders try to silence the crowd, Jesus tells them that the noise level isn't the point—even the stones would cry out if they were silent. It takes wisdom to know when our voice is needed and when it's just noise.*

**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 available during the **9:00 and 10:30 services**, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

**Toddler Sunday School:** Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:15-10:15am parents are invited to join their 0-2 year old for a time of free play, activities, and Bible stories in the nursery.

**Seating for People with Limited Mobility** 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.

| Serving in Worship This Weekend |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Pastor                          | Pastor Dan Gerrietts<br>Pastor Daniel Hanson<br>Pastor Beverly Butler |
| Organist                        | Jodi Korth  |
| Cantor                          |   |
| Greeters                        | Mike and Heather Englin   |
| Coffee Fellowship               | Mindy and Tracy Farland<br>Lisa Lorenzen                              |
| Acolytes                        | Colton Hesley, Bennett LeDuc  |
| Technical Support               |   |
| 9:00 a.m.                       | Evelynn Hunt, Carter Rockwell   |
| Worship Transportation          |   |
| 9:00 a.m.                       | Randy Elsbernd, Kay Larson  |
| Ushers                          |   |
| 5:00 p.m.                       | Chris Suntken, Jace Suntken   |
| 9:00 a.m.                       | Kevin Hendrikson, Phil Lee<br>Tony Siemons, Burton TeKippe            |
| Custodian                       | Dave Smith  |

## GATHERING

**Prelude** (9:00am)

***Lord I Lift Your Name on High***

Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way*

*From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay*

*From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky*

*Lord, I lift your name on high*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

L On this day, Jesus marched

**C in between the city walls and the Temple,  
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,  
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,  
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

L On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

**C So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.  
May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.**

L Hosanna in the highest!

**C Hosanna in the highest!**

#### \*Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> 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, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

#### \*Processional Hymn

***All Glory Laud and Honor***

ELW #344

## **Confession and Forgiveness** (5:00 p.m.)

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**C 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.**

L 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.

**C Amen.**

## **Children's Sermon** (9:00 a.m.)

**Dani Vogel**

## **Sunday School Choir** (9:00 a.m.)

***Hosanna***

## **Prayer of the Day**

P Speaking God, most days we are inundated with noise.  
Some of it is good—laughter, music, storytelling.  
Some of it is hard—arguments, slurs, misleading lies.  
Every day we live between silence and shouting, rotating through quiet and noise.  
So in the midst of this messy middle, help us to hear what is yours.  
Help us to hear your song, your story, your good news.  
Help us to hear your voice, your Spirit, your will.  
And show us how to release the rest.

**C Amen.**

**[IN] BETWEEN PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER****Hymn***What Wondrous Love Is This*

ELW #666

Vs 1-2

**Reading: John 13:1-20—Jesus the Servant**

<sup>13</sup> Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you[c] are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>18</sup> I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." <sup>19</sup> I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

**Hymn***Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW #712

Vs 1-2

## Reading: John 13: 33-38—New Commandment / Peter will Deny Jesus

<sup>33</sup> (Jesus said) Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” <sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

## Hymn

## *Ah Holy Jesus*

ELW #349

Vs 1-2

## Reading: Luke 22:24-27—Dispute Over Greatness

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup> But he said to them, “The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

## THANKSGIVING

## 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 (9:00 a.m.)

## *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Kylie Hansen

## Reading: Luke 22:39-46—Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

<sup>39</sup> He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” <sup>41</sup> Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup> “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done.” <sup>43</sup> Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.

<sup>44</sup> In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. <sup>45</sup> When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

### \*Prayers of Intercession

*Response after each petition*

**Stay With Me**

ELW #348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

### \*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.

## **Reading: Luke 22:54-62—Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested; Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>7</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” <sup>49</sup> When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” <sup>50</sup> Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as though I were a rebel? <sup>53</sup> When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!”

<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.

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ELW #338

**\*Sending**

P Let us go forth in peace. God’s story continues.

**C Thanks be to God**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers and colored bulletins** are given in honor of **Harlan and Marge Baack's 62nd Wedding Anniversary** given by their family.

**Sunday School students** will celebrate *Palm Sunday* today during the Sunday School hour with a processional at Good Shepherd.

## **Holy Baptism**

Today we celebrate the baptism(9:00a.m.) of **Audrey Rose Lee**. Audrey is the daughter of Daniel and Cassie Lee. Audrey's sponsors are John and Britta Lee. Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Audrey to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!

## **Belong and Grow—Membership Class—Sunday, April 13th at 1:30 p.m.**

Looking for a church home? A place to belong? Interested in learning more about Trinity's life and mission, or whether this might be the place to connect and grow?

Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn about our mission commitments and the faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people! New Member Sunday will be May 4th at the 9am worship service, reception to follow.

## **Trinity Trippers to Tulip Festival—Thursday, May 1** | Departing at 7:30 AM from the Trinity parking lot.

Trippers are traveling to Pella, Iowa, for the annual Tulip Time Festival on Thursday, May 1. This is a "do-it-yourself" trip with charter bus transportation, and the day is open for your food and activity choices. Walk through town to see the tulips, watch the 2:45 PM pa-rade, check out the craft market and antique implements, browse the stores, enjoy the museum flower show – all for free! For additional information go to <https://www.pellahistorical.org/tuliptime> . **Sign up and pay to reserve your spot in the church office by April 24. The cost is \$40 for the trip.** This is not refundable.

## **Sunday Morning Coffee Volunteers Needed**

A Big Thank You to all of you who have volunteered to help with **Sunday Coffee this year**. We couldn't do it without you! We still need volunteers for May to the end of the year. Please sign up for a Sunday that fits into your schedule on the clipboard by the office.

## **Sunday School KIDS Sing with Adult Choir**

Special Sunday morning event on Sunday, April 27! Children, age 3 – Grade 6 will sing at the 9:00 AM worship service with the Adult Choir! We will also be recognizing the 2024-2025 Sunday School leadership.

## **Camp Scholarship Drive—**

Trinity's camp scholarship provides funds to offset the cost of attending bible camp. To ensure this can continue, we are launching a special drive to raise \$15,000 for camp scholarships by Easter Sunday 2025. **To make a gift, simply write "Camp Scholarships" on your check or envelope or go to our online giving page.**

# **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

## **REJOICING SPIRITS**

**Wednesday, April 16 at 5:00 PM / Fellowship Hall**

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another.

*Join us for a special Holy Week service that reenacts Jesus's journey from his entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his death on the cross on Good Friday and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.*

Holy Communion will be provided along with an opportunity for singing and prayer.

Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation. All are welcome.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 17, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Recall the Last Supper, First Communion recognition

**Community Cross Walk** will be held again this year on Good Friday as we remember Jesus' journey to the cross. Folks from area churches will gather at **noon on April 18** outside of First United Methodist Church, 119 S. Georgia Ave., and will walk through downtown Mason City stopping at various "stations" to hear readings from Scripture. We will conclude at St. Paul Lutheran Church with a brief worship in the sanctuary followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. All are invited to this community event.

**GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA—APRIL 18, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Featuring Trinity's musicians and ensembles

**BRASS INSTRUMENTALISTS** - Would you like to play in the Trinity brass ensemble on Easter Sunday? Easter is on April 20— 9:00 and 10:30 AM worship services. Please contact Deb Nielsen at 641-420-4113 or debknielsen@gmail.com if you can play.

## **EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Easter Saturday - April 19**

**5:00 PM Worship Service**

A service of light with readings and hymn celebrating Easter

Holy Communion will be celebrated

**Easter Sunday—April 20**

**9:00AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services**

With special music and brass and Holy Communion Celebrated

*All designated Easter offerings at Trinity this year will be shared evenly with the Trinity Worship Transportation, Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank and ELCA World Hunger. 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.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, April 14

- 9:00 a.m. Rolling Bandages for Global Health Mission (Fellowship Hall)  
Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)
- 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 300)
- Noon Lent Discussion (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:00 p.m. Adult Ministries Cabinet (Rm. 300)
- 6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, April 15

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Noon Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm. (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Education Committee (Nursery)  
Finance Committee (Rm. 300)  
Ministries Committee (Gathering Space)
- 6:00 p.m. Generosity Committee (Rm. 300)  
Worship & Music Committee (Library)

### Wednesday, April 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group (Rm. 300)
- 5:00 p.m. Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

### Thursday, April 17

- 8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 a.m. Clapper Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

### Friday, April 18

- 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Cantata Service

### Saturday, April 19

- 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Worship Service

### Sunday, April 20

- 9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Worship Service

## *Wednesday Night Alive*

April 23 2025

**Meal is at 6pm**

*Tater Tot Casserole,  
Cranberry Fluff & Dessert*  
Free Will Offering

**Programming begins at 6:30**

- **April 23, 2025**

Join Carlyle Dalen in the Gathering Space as he presents "**The Magic of Butterflies.**" Carlyle is the Cerro Gordo County Attorney and one of his hobbies is collecting butterflies.

- **April 30, 2025**

Join Heather Hucka, Conservation Education Manager/Naturalist for Lime Creek Nature Center/Cerro Gordo Conservation Board in the Gathering Space for '**Caring for Creation**'. What does it mean to have dominion over the earth and its creatures? As caretakers, we are given a responsibility beyond our understanding. Creation is not ours to control but to learn from and nurture.

- **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.

### **Living Well in the Midst of Grief and Loss—**

Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss is a four-week class that will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength, and mind. We will have 4 sessions: **Wednesdays, April 23 and 30, and May 7 and 14, at 2:00 PM.** Please call the office if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly. This class is facilitated by Linda Vold, retired therapist, and Beverly Butler, Pastor of Spiritual Care.

### **Legacy Lunch and Learn—***An Educational Event on How to Leave a Lifetime Gift*

**Thursday, May 1st 11:30 a.m.** | Fellowship Hall

Come and listen to **Shelly Halverson, a Certified Celebrant** and learn how to talk to loved ones and plan ahead to bring peace of mind to you and your family. Learn how to develop helpful checklists and instructions should you desire to leave a Lifetime Gift. Please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board. Sponsored by the Legacy Cabinet

### **Bike Ride—**

**Monday, April 28th | 6:00 PM** | Trinity Parking Lot

Come and join us for the first bike ride of the season on the High Line Trail out to Georgia Hanford Park and back. The surface is paved with an approximate distance of 5 miles but you can turn around whenever you choose. Meet in the Trinity parking lot.

### **Trinity Softball Team**

Adults and youth 14 and over are invited to play for Trinity in the Mason City Co-Ed Church League. Games are on Friday evenings beginning mid-May. Sign up outside the office. Play ball!

**Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief** are in need of the following items for babies 6 to 24 months.

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|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Diapers - pre-folded | 2. Socks       | 3. Receiving Blankets |
| 4. Ivory soap bars      | 5. Hand towels | 6. Monetary donation  |

Items can be placed on the tables on the stage.

**HOLY**  **WEEK**

**Maundy Thursday Worship: 6:30 PM**

**Good Friday Worship: 6:30 PM**

**Easter Saturday Worship: 5:00 PM**

**Easter Sunday Worship:**  
**9:00 AM & 10:30 AM**