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Palm Sunday Weekend
March 28-29, 2026



Palm Sunday and Rite of Healing

March 28, 2026 - 5:00 p.m. and *March 29, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.

The Good News is.....inspiring us to act.

Lent was originally a season for new converts to Christianity to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: God's mercy, radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, and nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—good news for us and for all people.

As Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the crowd responds to Jesus' authenticity and humility. This week's theme intentionally places us in the crowd, inviting us to shout "Hosanna," to throw our coats down, and to wave branches. What will the good news inspire us to do? How will the gospel move us? As we head into Holy Week, how will we put Jesus' teachings into practice?

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given in honor of

Ellie and Rod Koester's 50th Wedding Anniversary

RITE OF HEALING ASSISTANTS

A Special Thank you to our Rite of Healing Assistants for this weekend:

Patti Niver, Mary Galazín, Susan Schilling, Chris Moore, Becky Elsbernd, Nadine Pals

Welcome to Trinity- We are glad you are here!

If you are new to Trinity please complete the Welcome Card located in the pews so we can follow-up with you.

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

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs or ask your Usher.

We love having small children in worship!

- 1) ***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.
- 2) ***The Child Care Room*** is available for those needing a space to change or feed little ones, located next to the nursery. Nursery space is available but won't be staffed. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the education wing and just outside the north sanctuary door.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

*Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the eleventh chapter.

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

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and 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. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Then 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.

*Processional Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor

ELW 344

Song (*Sunday*)

Ride Through Jerusalem

Trinity Sunday School Children

Children’s Sermon (*Sunday*)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Confession and Forgiveness

P The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action. So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives. Let us begin with confession.

(silence is kept)

P Join me in prayer:

**C Jesus of Nazareth,
we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.
You marched through the streets and walked on water.
You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.
Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.
Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.
Holy God, we long for a faith like that.
Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith
to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.
Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act.
With hope for tomorrow we pray, Amen.**

P Church family,
whether or not you wave your palm branch,
whether or not you live out your faith,
whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions,
God will never stop loving you.
Jesus will never stop marching for you.
The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

**C We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.
What good, good news. Amen!**

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

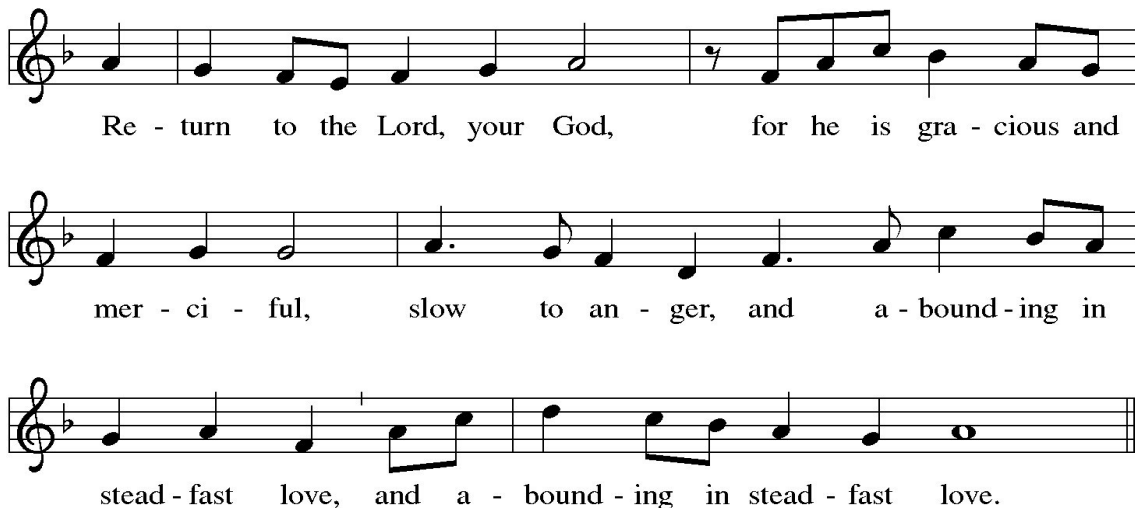
- ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ 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.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***Gospel: Matthew 27:38-51**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” ⁴⁴The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

There in God’s Garden

ELW 342

***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.**

Announcements

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.



Anthem

Trinity Choir

***Offertory**

Doxology

**Praise God, whose blessing gives us life,
Like morning's gentle dew.
We will trust you through the wilderness
And walk the way with you.
To the God who calls us servants
Neighbor, stranger, friend made fair;
Christ is present in the water,
In the fire, the earth, the air.
May we live to love in all we do,
And grant our neighbor rest;
All creation praises God on high,
Now may these gifts be blest.**

Sung to the tune "Thaxted" ELW 880
Written by Colby Gochanour

***Offering Prayer**

P O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

RITE OF HEALING

***Healing**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing - with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

C Amen.

Laying On of Hands and Anointing

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing will come forward and stand as one might do in order to receive communion. Your forehead will be anointed by a pastor while a healing touch spiritual minister lays a hand on your shoulder. Ushers will assist in directing you forward. All who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives, the lives of others, and the world are invited to come forward.

Healing Hymns

*Healer of Our Every Ill
Jesus, Remember Me*

ELW 612

ELW 616

***Prayer**

P Living God,
through the laying on of hands, anointing and prayer,
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.
When we are afraid, give us courage; when afflicted, give us patience;
when dejected, give us hope; and when alone,
assure us of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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.

***Blessing**

P As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak the good news of the gospel:
God became human in Jesus for us,
to bring love and justice for all,
and joy that surprises.
Thanks be to God
for this good news!

C Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

***Sending**

P Let us go forth in peace. God's story continues.
C Thanks be to God

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT TRINITY

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Thursday, April 2 | 6:30pm | Sanctuary

Our Holy Week observance of Maundy Thursday includes several of our young people taking Communion for the first time. Join us for a reception for them following the Service.

GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA Friday, April 3 | 6:30 pm | Sanctuary

Our Good Friday Service will include several music pieces including the Cantata *"It is Finished"* featuring the Trinity Choir, Bell Choirs and instrumentalists from Trinity and the Community. Join us for this meaningful observance of Good Friday during Holy Week.

EASTER OFFERING All designated Easter offerings at Trinity this year will be shared evenly with the Beacon Warming Shelter in Mason City and Lutheran World Relief. 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.

EASTER GARDEN & MEMORIALS *due Today, Sunday, March 29th*

Easter Plants for our Easter Garden can be purchased for \$15 each to honor or remember a loved one. You can also honor or remember a loved one with an Easter Memorial, which is money given to a specific ministry. Sign up boards are posted outside the church office.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS: Monday, March 30 | 12Noon | Fellowship Hall

We invite everyone at Trinity to read Scripture together as a spiritual discipline, using the devotional Journey with Jesus, as we read the Gospel of John. Journal questions are provided to dig deeper and to reflect on the daily readings. Join the gathering at noon on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall to discuss and process the Scripture in community. Bring a lunch and stay for as long as you can.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER *Gathering in prayer to hold space for peace and unity.*

Thursday, April 2 | 2pm—2:45pm | St. John's Episcopal

Join us in a time to gather as Christians as we offer Prayer petitions for our community, our country and our world. We gather at a different church every week.

GOOD FRIDAY "CROSS WALK" Friday April 3 | 12:00 Noon

Join the Mason City Christian Community as the cross is carried through the downtown area. Meet outside main entrance First United Methodist at 119 S. Georgia Ave. at 12:00 Noon.

BELONG AND GROW: TRINITY MEMBERSHIP CLASS April 2026

Looking for a church home? A place to belong? Curious to know more about Trinity's life and mission? 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. Tues, April 14 at 6:30 PM OR Sunday, April 26 at 1:30 PM (Choose one session) To sign-up, go to trinity-mc.org/membership or contact the office.

NEW TRINITY PICTURE DIRECTORY *Schedule Your Photo Session Now!*

Here is the QR code to schedule your Trinity Directory picture. You may also schedule by going to our Trinity website or working with a volunteer TODAY at the east entrance. Pictures will be taken April 13-22 in 10 minute time slots. Please schedule your time now and be a part of this great connection tool at Trinity!



Wednesday Night Alive, April 8th

COMMUNITY MEAL Wednesday, April 8 6:00pm to 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Tator Tots, Fruit, Cookies and Bars.

Wednesday Night Alive Adult Education Opportunities:

***SPEAK--Supporting Parents of Estranged Adult Kids** April 8, 2026 6:30-7:30pm

Pastor Beverly Butler will lead the discussion as we explore the various reasons why parents (most often middle aged and older) find themselves in this increasingly common experience of estrangement from their adult children. We will learn about the toll that estrangement takes on family members, and how to listen for cues in conversations to offer a truly helpful response.

***Joy in Christ - A Study on Philippians** April 15 & 29 from 6:30–7:30 PM | Gathering Space

Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads a discussion exploring Paul's letter on finding joy in Christ regardless of circumstances—everyone welcome!

***Moving Through Grief and Loss** April 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30-7:30pm | Library

This three week opportunity will offer a supportive environment while sharing tools and resources for moving through grief and loss. It will be held from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesdays April 15, 22, and 29. Facilitators are Pastor Beverly Butler and Linda Vold.

***Choir Rehearsal** | Choir Room | 6:30pm

Trinity's Choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Please join us!

***Confirmation** | Fellowship Hall | 6:30pm

***Nursery** | 6:30pm—7:30pm | The Nursery is located on 2nd floor, just outside the Sanctuary.

The Nursery is unstaffed but is available for preschoolers and their parents during this time.

***Campfire Kids, Grades 1-6** | Rm 208 | 6:30pm—7:10pm

Campfire Kids is our elementary programming on Wednesday nights. Students embark on fun Bible adventures with their leader Nate Ruge, and other wilderness guides, as they experiment with Bible Stories and Faith Traditions. This week, Jesus makes the disciples a beach breakfast.

LYDIA CIRCLE/WOMEN OF THE ELCA Wednesday, April 8 | 9:30-10:30am. | Rm 208

Our Bible Study continues with God's name, God's promise: Gate and Shepherd.

All women are invited to attend.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY Thursday, April 9 | 9:30am-10:30am | Room 208

How do we deal with temptations? If and how are we delivered from evil? The WELCA Bible Study will consider these difficult issues as we conclude our study of “The Lord’s Prayer.” Led by Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist. We will also consider plans for the Fall.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 AM Quilting Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
12Noon Journey with Jesus (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 PM Diminished Vision Group (Gathering Space)
5:30 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
12Noon Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
10:30 AM Coffee and Clapper Bell Choir (Rm 307)
2:00 PM Let Us Pray Gathering (St. John's Episcopal)
6:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 PM GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE - Livestream, KCMR

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - Livestream, KCMR
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Traditional)
11:30 AM No Youth Group

MONDAY, APRIL 6

CHURCH AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DIMINISHED VISION

Monday, March 30, 2026 | 2pm | The Gathering Space
This group is for anyone dealing with a loss of vision that is impacting their daily life. The group shares tips with each other and offers support. Special guest speaker is Connie Mendenhall, chief Information Officer at the Iowa Department of the Blind. She will share the programs and services available for people of all ages. Please contact the church to be put on the list for meeting notices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerriets, Daniel Hanson
Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Organist

Mark W. McClellan

Cantor

Sat: Julia Hines Sun: Kylie Hansen

Acolytes

Stella Johnson, Alayna Johnson

Trinity Choir

Directed by Dennis Lee
Accompanist: Camille Lee

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Sally Becker
Sunday: Kim Pang

Ushers

Saturday: Stu Vold, Dean Graven
Sunday: Jake Rockman,
Joe Blanchard, Brook Boehmler,
Tracy & Eric Farland

Technical Support

Claire Hardy

Greeters

Jake and Nancy Rockman

Coffee Fellowship

Craig Remmen,
John and LaVonne Welch

Worship Transportation

Randy Elsbernd,
Jon and Mary Wicks

Building Host

Dana Rockwell