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March 28, 2026

Palm Sunday

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway / **Greeter:** Jeanne Helke

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 67*

Pre-service Prayer:

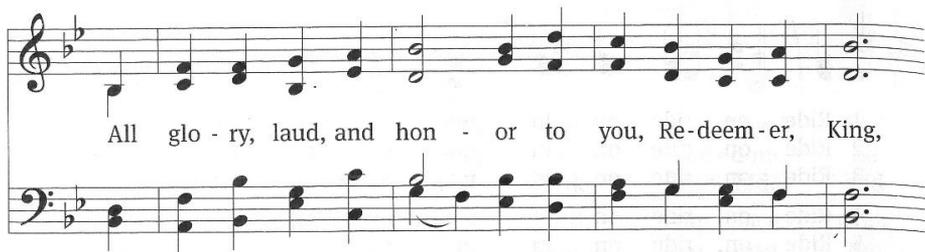
Dear Jesus my King, prepare my heart for worship. Open my heart to hear. Teach me through Your Word. Forgive me by Your grace and Your redeeming work. Comfort me with Your love. Strengthen me with Your power. Guide me with Your wisdom. Hold me in Your hand. Keep me in Your care. Amen.

Order of Worship (*The Lutheran Hymnal*, p. 15)

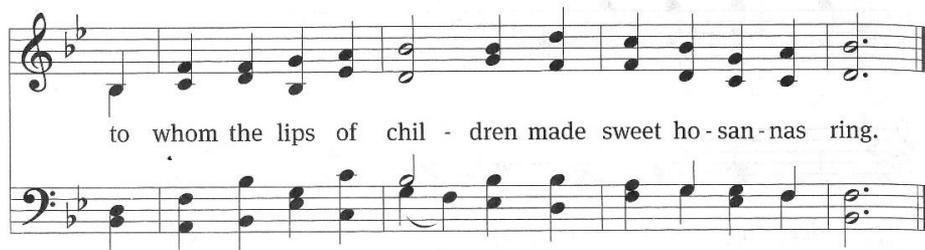
*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Welcome to Worship & Opening Prayer

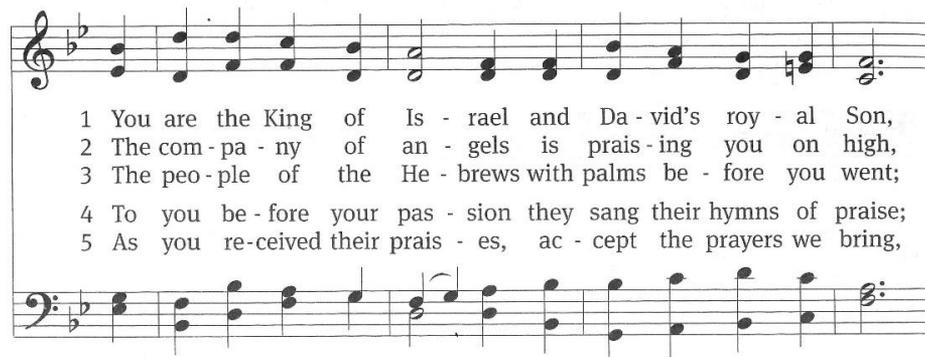
Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor



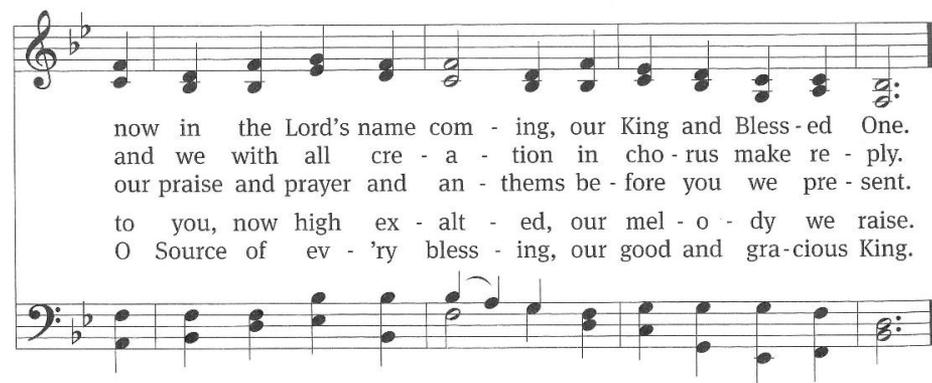
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high,
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (sings): **Amen**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C (sings): **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C (sings): **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor & Congregation: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (sings): **Amen.**

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 67:1-5*

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

C: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

Congregation Sings (TLH, p. 16ff)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore.

Amen.

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

Cong: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us. You who takes away the sin of the world, Receive our prayer. You who sits at the right hand of God the Father, Have mercy upon us. For You only are holy; You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C (sings): And with Your spirit.

P: Let us pray...

C (sings): Amen!



Scripture Lesson:

Zechariah 9:8-12

Jesus' triumphal, yet humble, entry into Jerusalem on Paul Sunday was foretold hundreds of years earlier through the prophet Zechariah.

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it! Hallelujah!

C (sings): **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Scripture Lesson: *Philippians 2:3-11*

C (sings): **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

Paul urges us to do nothing from selfish ambition but in humility to count others more significant than ourselves. He then points to Jesus as the prime example: The Son of God did not hesitate to set aside His divine glory and full use of His power in order to serve us.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,¹⁴ being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C (sings): Praise be to You, O Christ!



Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: 162 -- Ride on, Ride on, in Majesty

The Sermon

Text: *John 12:1-19*

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive

ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus^[d] was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

"Palm Sunday Offers a Glimpse into what Is to Come"

- I. The Faithful's Devotion
- II. The Enemies' Hatred
- III. The King's Entrance

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation; and uphold me with Your free spirit. Amen.

Prayer

Hymn: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord (bulletin back page)

P: The Lord be with you.

Congregation (sings): And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation (sings): We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Congregation (sings): It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father almighty and everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Congregation (sings):

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory;

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

P: 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;

Congregation (sings):

For Thine is the kingdom and the power

And the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: Words of Institution...The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Congregation (sings): Amen.

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.**



Distribution

Christ teaches us in His Word that He desires unity of faith and confession among those who commune together at the Lord's Table. For this reason, we ask that only those who have confessed their unity with us through communicant membership in our congregation or a sister congregation of the

Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) come to the Lord's Supper this morning. This scriptural practice we call "close communion" is not a judgment on your faith, but is an expression of our own. Visitors who may wish to learn more about communing with us in the future are invited to speak to the pastor at your convenience. We would also like to share this blessing with you.

Thanksgiving

Congregation (sings):

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
Depart in peace according to Your word,
For mine eyes have seen Your salvation:
Which You have prepared before the face of all people.
A Light to lighten the Gentiles
And the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
Forevermore. Amen.**

Benediction (Pastor)

C (sings): Amen! Amen! Amen!

Hymn: Hosanna to the Living Lord! (music, cf. TLH 70)

Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to th'incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing.

"Hosanna, Lord!" your angels cry; "Hosanna, Lord!" your saints reply.
Throughout the earth, around your throne,
your people sing in sweetest tone.

O Savior, with protecting care abide in this your house of prayer,
Where we your parting promise claim,
assembled in your sacred name.

O Spirit, all our sins forgive, and come within our hearts to live.
Our souls shall be your temple pure
and you will make our faith endure.

So, on that last and dreadful day,
when earth and heav'n shall melt away,
your flock, redeemed from sinful stain,
shall swell the sound of praise again.

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity! to all
who have gathered for worship this
morning. We especially welcome guests

and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look
forward to having you worship with us again!

Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in
the back of the church or mailed to the church.



in the
HOSPITAL
and in our prayers



Hospitalized Last Week: Dennis Lux
(Deaconess, released). **Additional Prayer List:**
Jackie Steger, Bertie Hein & Family, Ariel Smith,
Joyce Miller, Donna Zarling, CLC pastoral
vacancies

This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday

5:00 p.m. Mansfield Worship Service

Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday devotion w/ Communion at

Good Friday

3:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship with Communion

Easter Saturday (April 4)

9:05 a.m. Easter Brunch

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service **Greeter:** Kevin Shaffer



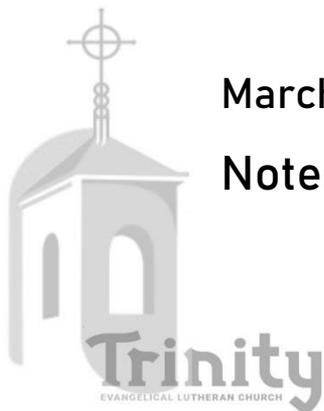
News & Notes

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated in the worship service this morning. Communicants please register in the north entry. **Reminder:** The Church Council has decided to shift our monthly Communion schedule so that we will celebrate the Lord's Supper on the *last* Saturday of the month instead of the *first* Saturday of the month.

Spring Clean-up at Trinity is scheduled for Sunday, April 12. April 19 is the make-up date if the weather does not permit the work on April 12.



Isaac Everett and Hannah Ayers invite the members of Trinity congregation to their wedding on Friday, April 10 at Trinity, 5:00 p.m. All are also welcome to a reception with light refreshments in the church basement following the service.



March 2026

Notes from Church Council

Spring Cleaning Day (inside and outside) is the **Sunday after Easter -- April 12**, starting at 8:00 a.m. Come when you are able, stay as long as you are able. **Weather make-up date:** April

19.

Trinity is able to send two delegates to the CLC Convention in June (25-28). Voting members of the congregation are eligible to serve as a delegate. If you'd like to volunteer or have questions/need more information, please speak to Pastor Eichstadt.

Vicar Sam Radermacher: Pastor Eichstadt will meet with Sam when he is in Eau Claire for meetings in April. The April Council meeting will be delayed until April 18 so that we have the information from meeting with Radermachers. In this way, the Council can discuss preparation and plans for the Radermacher's arrival in June.

Question for the Congregation: During Vicar Sam Radermacher's extended stay this summer, the weekly worship schedule would be able to shift back to Sundays. The Church Council would like to hear everyone's thoughts on this matter. Question: For the weekly worship services June - September should we a) return to a Sunday schedule, or b) keep the current Saturday schedule. You can share your thoughts and preference online at: <https://tinyurl.com/SpokTrinity>, or you can share them directly to Pastor Eichstadt or Dennis Lux.

February 2026 Financial Summary

	February	Year-to-Date
Income	\$6,220	\$10,985
Expenses	\$3,247*	\$8,153
General Fund Gain/Loss	\$2,973	\$2,831

* February and March expenses are lower than the April - January because the annual Insurance premiums are paid in ten monthly installments. Starting in April, an additional \$1,069 will be added to the monthly expenses for insurance.

Additional Note: The vacancy pastor salary is half the regular salary, no health insurance. The June-September pastoral salary for the vicar will be full salary, no health insurance.

Total Trinity Funds	\$61,174
General Fund	\$23,125
Designated Memorials	\$38,049



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Call News: Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI,

has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI / Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has **returned** the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, is considering the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ /

Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, is considering the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI / Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, is considering the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY / Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, is considering the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Pray for Laborers--Current pastoral vacancies:

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| 1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing, MN | 2. Living Hope, Appleton, WI |
| 3. Trinity, Spokane, MN | 4. Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ |
| 5. St. Paul's, Austin, MN | 6. St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD |
| 7. Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI | 8. Messiah, Eau Claire, WI (3rd pastor) |

CLC Officer and Board Nominations can be made through March 31, 2026. To nominate, go to clclutheran.net/nominations. From this website you can nominate online or print a pdf and email or mail your nominations. The Moderator will accept a list of nominations without the form as well.

ILC Dorm Supervisor: Immanuel Lutheran College is accepting applicants for this position to begin the 2026-27 school year. Females who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 15.



April Cleaners

Sanctuary: Estes / **North Entry:** Clark
Basement: Helke

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this

brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this His ho - ly
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,

in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
 Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

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| <p>5 We dare not ask how this can be,
 But simply hold the mystery
 And trust this word where life begins:
 "Given and shed for all your sins."</p> | <p>7 But blest is each believing guest
 Who in these promises finds rest;
 For Jesus shall in love remain
 With all who here His grace obtain.</p> |
| <p>6 They who this word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!</p> | <p>8 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your Supper and in You find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.</p> |