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Palm/Passion Sunday

HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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10:00am

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Introduction

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE

*** ACCLAMATION**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*** PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: LUKE 19:28-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

*** BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray:

P: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*** PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*** THE HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #344**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray:

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.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

THE PASSION GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #343

My Song is Love Unknown

* THE 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.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God in your mercy,
Receive our prayer.

MEAL

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

* OFFERTORY: Salvation Belongs to Our God Page 219

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the lamb forever and ever. Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name? Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever. For you alone are the Holy One, and blessed is the one whose name is Word of God. All praise and thanks to you, holy God! Salvation belongs to our God and to the Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

* OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

* THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

* THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

THE DISTRIBUTION

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

* BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever
Amen.

* THE SENDING SONG:

#339

Christ, The Life of All The Living

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

Serving Today: April 13, 2025

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Laura Poethke

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Allyson Schmalz

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound Board: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: April 20, 2025 (Easter)

Communion Assistant: Amber Johnson

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Bonnie Mazza

Ushers: Steve Anderson & Ferol Howell

Musician: Michelle Foster

Sound Board: Laura Poethke



Maundy Thursday Soup Supper: 6:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Worship: 7:00 PM

Good Friday: 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday: 10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING: 9AM Sunday School & Worship 10AM every Sunday.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME: Have you ever thought about joining one of our worship teams. We are always looking for new people to help usher, read, help with communion or acolyte. Please see Amber Johnson, head of Music and Worship if you are interested.



We will be having a soup supper before worship on Maundy Thursday, April 17@ 6pm. If you would like to sign up to bring a soup, bread or dessert please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. All are welcome to attend!



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Our food pantry is getting ready to put together care packages for Easter. If you would like to donate a ham or any other food items please see Debbie Sadler, Donna Shinn, Robin Chieco or Bonnie Mazza to find what items are needed



SCHOLARSHIPS: Holy Trinity is so blessed to be able to offer Scholarships to our youth and adults continuing their education at colleges and trade schools. If you are interested in applying please go to our website to find out more information. The dead line for applications is Sunday, May 18, 2025.

