

Sunday, March 29th, 2026
Palm Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Opening Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ELW 344

1. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.
2. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.
3. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
4. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
5. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. C: And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, 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. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. ⁶ I 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. ⁷ The 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; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

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.

***Holy Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54**

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.”¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas.¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”²² Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!”²³ Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him.³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads⁴⁰ and 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.”⁴¹ In 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.”⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ”⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.⁴⁶ And 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?”⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.”⁴⁸ At 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.⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Sermon

The Long Silence, read by Pastor Brad

*Hymn of the Day:

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW 712

1. 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.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*The Prayers:

Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

ELW 818

1. O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stray, and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,
4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Words of Institution

*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.

Distribution of Communion

*Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

"Were You There"

ELW 353

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Postlude

Calling all volunteers of all ages to help collect items for our Savers FUNdrive!!

The Dunn County Humane Society has invited our church to assist in packing soft goods for the first of two Savers FUNdrives in 2026, following their Rummage & Bake sale on **Saturday, April 25th at 4:00 p.m.** at the Dunn County Fair Grounds in the Fanetti Center. Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to sign up on the sheet in the narthex and can also help load the U-Haul on delivery day, on **Wednesday, April 29th, 9:00a.m.** at the church.

The next Savers FUNdrive collection will be during the whole month of May, so start cleaning out the closets and **SAVE IT, BAG IT, AND THEN BRING IT** to Trinity Lutheran Church any Saturday in May!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Peggy Schutz - 715-556-2247.

No large items and no black bags this year

Trinity Lutheran Church exists to support its members in proclaiming the Word of God so that all may know the peace, joy, and fulfillment that comes through Jesus Christ

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Order Butter Braids to help our kids go to camp! Order deadline is TODAY, March 29th. See any confirmation youth or the form on the table in the Narthex.

Brass Cleaning will be Wednesday, April 1st at 9am Please come help shine up the brass for Easter!

No Worship on Wednesday. Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30 pm. Good Friday Worship at noon & 6:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th. Sunrise service at 6:30am, Breakfast at 7:30am, and Easter Service at 9 am. Confirmation youth will be serving biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit, and a beverage. Proceeds go towards youth going to Bible Camp.

Sunday, April 12th will be the Youth Service.

Have you made your Foundation gift? Help start our Parsonage project with a strong foundation with an initial gift. You should have received a letter in the mail by now, if not, call the office. You can give through a check, online, or using Venmo. Put "Foundation" or "Parsonage" on your gift.

Raise the Roof Fundraiser Saturday, April 11th, 11 am till 4pm, Boyceville Fire Hall. This fundraiser for our new parsonage will feature a silent auction, raffles, games, "flip-flop" chicken, and more. If you would like to donate items, you can drop them off at the church. Also, see sign up sheet in the Narthex to help out. Contact the church office for more information.

Simply Giving is a great way to support the church year round! Fill out the form and turn it into the church to financially support Trinity directly from your bank account. You can even choose any fund you want money to go into, so this is a great way to give to the Parsonage Fund regularly! See Becky Nyhus if you have any questions or call the office.

Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson

Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh

Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw

Reader: Bridget Hellendrung

Greeter: Barb Doty

Ministers: All Baptized Believers

Ushers: Nate Holden, Jeremy Mittlestadt, Stan Larson

Altar Guild: Melissa Holden, Pam Larson, Carol Nusberger

Fellowship: Caden Knutson & Bentley Halopka

Schedule For The Week of March 29-April 5

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
Monday	10:00am	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	9:00am	Brass Cleaning
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	Noon & 6:30pm	Good Friday Worship
Sunday	6:30am & 9:00am	Easter Worship Service
	7:30am	Easter Breakfast



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Our Prayer Concerns

Dick Clack	Saul Hedlund	Jeanna Hollister	Helen Rosen
Leona Steies	Kayden Ebensperger	Shannon Bauer	Amy Frieburg
Jennifer Marlett	Brad Stevens	Shirley Mittlestadt	Ken Larson
Randee Mayer	Lynda Swenson	Kasen Iverson	Megan Vullings
Tom Lohfink	Lynda Bird	Ashley Behling	Brian Moll
Kathy Joles	Family of Judy Krueger		

Weekly Devotions

Sunday: Matthew 6:19-21	Monday: Matthew 6:22-24	Tuesday: Matthew 6:25-34
Wednesday: Matthew 7:1-5	Thursday: Matthew 7:6-11	Friday: Matthew 7:12-14
Saturday: Matthew 7:15-20	Sunday: Matthew 7:21-23	