



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.*

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

### **Palm Sunday April 2, 2023**

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Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

*You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us.*

**You are welcome here!**

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.  
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

# ✠ THE SERVICE ✠

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

### ↑ GREETING

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

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

### ↓ PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL      **Matthew 21:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"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."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### ↑ BLESSING THE PALMS

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

Let us pray.

**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.**

### ↑ LITANY

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

**That the King of glory may come in.**

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty in battle.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

### ↑ PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

**CHOIR:** *Pave the Way with Branches*

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957 Text © 1999 Bret Hesla, admin. Augsburg Fortress

**HYMN:** *All Glory Laud and Honor*      #344 vs. 1-2

### *Refrain*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

**1** *You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. Refrain*

**2** *The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### ↓ FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The 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 awakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>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;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God.**

### ↓ Psalm 31:9-16 (read responsively)

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my  
throat and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years  
with sighing; my strength fails me because of  
affliction, and my bones are consumed.**  
<sup>11</sup>I 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.  
<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For 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.  
<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You are my God.**  
<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the  
hand of my enemies, and from those who  
persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love."**

### ↓ SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

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

Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God.**

### ↓ DRAMATIC READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-27:66

See bulletin insert

### ↓ HYMN *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

#337 vs. 1, 2, 5

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
and did my sov'reign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for sinners such as I?***
- 2 Was it for sins that I had done  
he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
and love beyond degree!***

**5 But tears of grief cannot repay  
the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away:  
'tis all that I can do.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

**↑ APOSTLES' CREED** **page 105**

Let us profess our faith in the words of 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**

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)*

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Today we pray especially for *Jeanie Thompson, Pehr Markusson, the family of Stephen Mann, Peter Dow, Kimberly Gutleben Sanchez, Joan Lang, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Paul Koski, Wes & Marla Anderson, Elena Sweet, Constance Farber, Barry Toomajian, Alan Petersen, Vincent Maloney, George Lyon, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Ann Kenyon, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Craig Anderson, Pastor Craig, Michael Rasmussen, Jackson Bohm, Buddy and Sherri Scott, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Geoff Kline, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Willie Prewitt, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the priesthood of all believers; Alameda Korean Presbyterian Church, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the life of Nick Hayes as he celebrates his birthday this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

*A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation*

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

OFFERING

*The offering baskets will not be passed through the congregation at this time. Please place your offering in the basket placed on the stand in the middle aisle of the sanctuary.*

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Ho-san-na, in the high-est.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Ho-san-na in the high-est.**

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**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

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness. **Thanks be to God!**

↓ DISTRIBUTION

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Embodied God, **at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑HYMN *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!* #346

- 1 *Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, your road pursue,  
with palms and scattered garments strewed.*
- 2 *Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.*
- 3 *Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.*
- 4 *Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die,*

*bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!*

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.

↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*  
(Tune: *Consolation*, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816)  
Arr. George Shearing, 1919-2011  
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# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 41

*Please join us after worship for a simple fellowship time of cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall.*

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 4/3 9:30am Craft Group  
Tues 4/4 7:30am Bible Study (meets on Zoom)  
Wed 4/5 *No Women's Bible Study this week*  
Thurs 4/6 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship  
Fri 4/7 12:00pm Good Friday Worship  
7:00pm Good Friday Worship

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

**Maundy Thursday**- April 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm- Gather together just as Jesus' disciples did for his last evening among them. We will welcome some of our younger members to join us around the Lord's Table for their First Communion and remember the events of the night Jesus was betrayed and arrested.

**Good Friday**-April 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon and 7pm- Our week of remembrance continues with a service of increasing darkness, called Tenebrae. Join us for worship at Noon or 7pm.

Maundy Thursday and the 7pm Good Friday worship services will be live-streamed just as our Sunday worship services are. You can find the live-stream by going to our website at [www.trinityalameda.org](http://www.trinityalameda.org) and clicking on the "Live Video" tab in the upper right hand corner.

**EASTER FLOWERS FROM HOME** A couple of years ago when we celebrated Easter in our homes, the congregation donated flowers from their gardens to decorate for Easter. The Worship and Music Committee with the Visual Enrichment Committee asks that you help us again this year by bringing flowers from your garden to help us decorate our chancel on Easter Sunday. We ask that you bring your flowers Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be arranging the flowers on Good Friday and wouldn't want them to spoil before Easter Sunday. You are welcome to make an arrangement of your own, or you can bring your flowers (in water please) for us to arrange. If you would like the vase or container back, please label the base of the container with your name. Speak to Mary Kay Wentz if you have questions or would like to help.

**EASTER BRUNCH** Trinity will host our Easter Brunch immediately following the 9:30 worship service. Please join us! A free-will offering will be collected to help cover the cost of the brunch.

**EASTER DEDICATIONS FOR THE BULLETIN** Please see the insert in today's bulletin for Easter dedications. The dedication deadline is today, please fill the form out and leave in the offering plate. Your free-will offering can come in at any time, but the dedication wording needs to be in today. (If you send in a free-will offering at a later date, please be sure to note 'Easter Dedication' on your check so that it can be directed to the fund for new green paraments.)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## Birthdays this Week:

Nick Hayes (4/4)

### **Visits from Pastor Stephanie**

If you would appreciate a visit from Pastor Stephanie, she is available by phone, text or email to make an appointment. She is happy to visit with you in your home, at her office, or a location of your convenience.

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

*Mon-10:00-Noon; Tues. 9am-Noon; Thurs.-10:00-Noon*

You can reach Pastor Stephanie on her cell phone at (510) 846-0883