



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 13, 2025

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Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

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. We invite you to join us in our commitment to being an anti-racist, LGBTQIA+ embracing, community- loving congregation.

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 ✠

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

↓ PRELUDE

Lamb of God

Tune: *Your Only Son*, Twila Paris, b. 1958

✠ 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 MUSIC

***All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #344 vs 1, 3, 4**

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***
- 3** ***The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. Refrain***
- 4** ***To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. Refrain***

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

↑ 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.**

↓ GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th
chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead,
going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and
Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he
sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the
village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find
tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it
and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you
untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So
those who were sent departed and found it as he
had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its
owners asked them, "Why are you untying the
colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they
brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks
on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along,
people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from
the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the
disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud
voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,
³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
"Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He
answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones
would shout out."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↑ 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

⁴The 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.
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 in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}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

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

Philippinas 2:5-11

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

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

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

p. 151

***Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.***

↑ GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 22nd
chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Please see bulletin insert if you would like to
follow along.*

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

↓ MESSAGE

↓ CHOIR *What Wondrous, Marvelous Love*

Arr. Mary Ann Cooper (ASCAP)

Tunes: Wondrous Love, Aberystwyth, My Savior's Love

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↑ APOSTLES' CREED p. 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.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or

suffering, especially *the family of Helen Minar, Matt Marcheschi, Mary Kay Wentz, Henry G., Klaus Hofmann, Paul M., Jason Hayes, Shari, Sonya, Michelle Koka, Janine Carr, Fern Stern, Anna Streissguth, Starr Brown, Mary Waller, Nevi Zabilski, Ann Kenyon, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, First Congregational Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We pray for the life of Mary Kay Wentz as she celebrates her birthday this week. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **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

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

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

↓ OFFERING

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 152

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

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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 p. 153
*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

↑ 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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. **Thanks be to God!**

↓ DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD p. 154

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away 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. 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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

↑ DISMISSAL

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

↓ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" is sung by a cantor.

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

Due to the solemn nature of this service, there will be no postlude today.

Please exit the sanctuary quietly.

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* Denotes a selection from the 2024 favorite hymns list.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 31

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 4/14 *Dine & Connect hosted at Trinity*
 9:30am Craft Group
Tues 4/15 7:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 4/16 10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Thurs 4/17 6 :00pm Maundy Thursday Potluck & Worship (see bulletin insert)
Fri 4/18 12:00pm Good Friday worship hosted at Immanuel (see bulletin insert)
Sun 4/20 8:45am Pop-up Choir Rehearsal
 9:30am Easter Sunday Worship
 Easter Brunch follows worship
 Egg Hunt (for kids 12 and under) follows brunch

THE MISSION & SERVICE COMMITTEE will continue their 2025 focus of letter writing for advocacy in April with letters to our congress representatives asking them to protect and strengthen programs for children and families, namely the SNAP and WIC programs. Please join us this morning during Coffee Hour to participate.

BOOK STUDY on "Call to Allyship" meets this morning after worship. *We will meet in the meeting room this week*, as Easter preparations will take place in the sanctuary. Please note: we will not meet on Easter or 4/27, resuming on May 4th.

RIDE THE RAILS TO STOP CANCER *A Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) fundraiser*

Our first fundraiser for the 2025 Trinity Terrific Trekker's Relay for Life Team is here! Join us for a fun afternoon riding the steam train. Here is the information: **Sunday, April 27th, 2025** A 90 minute train ride departing from the Sunol Train Depot (6 Kilcare Road, Sunol) Rides leave at 10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm. Tickets: \$25 Adults \$15 children 2-12 Free for children under 2 years old. Please reserve your spot by contacting Joanne Robinson. She will collect the money and make reservations. You may also contact her with any questions. Money needs to be in by Friday, April 18th (Good Friday). Checks payable to American Cancer Society.

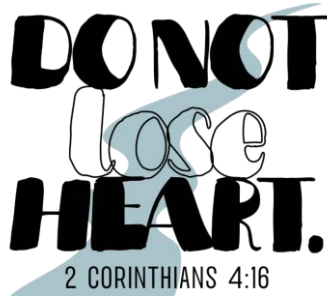
UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE TODAY! Please take one from the church entryway. If you would like a digital copy as well, please let Jessica know and she will send you one via email.

COFFEE HOUR NEEDS HOSTS. Please look at the sign-up sheet and see where you might be able to fill-in.

THE MIDWAY SHELTER MEAL is April 27th. We need volunteers for all parts of this meal. Please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway if you can provide a part of the meal.

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56



SYNOD ASSEMBLY- Trinity is looking for 2 voting members to attend. This year the Synod is trying something completely different. Please see details below. If you are interested in attending as one of our 2 voting reps, please contact Jessica by Easter Sunday. We need to register by April 26th.

This year our assembly will happen in three parts. We are excited to try gathering this way as we explore new ways of being together. Our goals are to strengthen our relationships through the on-site gatherings for part 1, and provide a more economical experience by meeting on-line for parts 2 & 3.

Part 1: Regional On-site Gatherings-May

Voting members AND visitors are invited to join us at these regional gatherings. You may choose which gathering you would like to attend. These gatherings will be about learning and growing together. We will spend time in worship and conversation, enjoy a lunch together, and connect with one another as we journey together in faith.

We will be attending this in-person event:

May 17: WALNUT CREEK, St Matthews Church, 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Part 2: Online Business Gathering - June 14, 9:00 am -Noon (gathers on zoom from the comfort of your own home)

Voting members will gather online to do the business of the church. We will hear reports for the various ministries of our Synod and the ELCA. We will consider resolutions and hold elections.

Part 3: Online Budget Gathering - November 1 9:00 am-Noon (gathers on zoom from the comfort of your own home)

Voting members will gather one more time to consider, discuss, and vote on the budget.

Cost:

Visitor (Regional gathering only)-\$25

Voting Member (Regional and online gatherings)-paid for by Trinity. Please contact Jessica to have her register you as one of our voting members.

There is the link in our email newsletter to register as a visitor at the in-person gathering in Walnut Creek on May 17th. Pastor Jill is hoping there will be a group from Trinity there. Please see her with any questions. You may register yourself as a visitor from the link in the newsletter or contact Jessica if you need help.

Assisting in Worship:

This morning:

Assisting Minister: Kaye Fitzsimons

Reader: Anita Burnaford

Additional Readers: Mike Luque, Candace Gutleben,
Ken Gutleben

Greeters: Chuck & Sherri Bangert

Children's Attendant: Jessica Fleischman

Coffee Hour:

Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Sunday, 4/20

Assisting Minister: Meg Brogan

Reader: Demeter Lamb

Greeters: Gunther Hofmann & Joanne Robinson

Children's Attendant: *not available this morning, but children who need a little break from worship are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall with their adult, where there will be a children's area set-up.*

Coffee Hour: Easter Brunch

Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson