

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors! Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.

We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

Accessible and all-gender restrooms are located in the nursery in the basement.

Single-use, all-gender restrooms are located on the 1st floor.

For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome**, **inclusion**, **and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.

Our services are livestreamed on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.

If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to a pastor today.

Today's bulletin cover art is provided by Finn Wald. Thank you, Finn!

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

+CALL TO WORSHIP (8:45, in the sanctuary; 11:00, outside in the rain garden)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

The colt is readied. The branches are raised.

Hosanna in the highest!

The disciples are yearning. Our hearts are amazed.

Hosanna in the highest!

The One we've waited for is finally here.

Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus, our Messiah, is drawing near.

Hosanna in the highest!

Save us again, O God.

We lay our hearts before you!

Save us again, O God.

We worship and adore you.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

8:45—All worshippers are invited to join in the procession as we sing All Glory, Laud, and Honor. 11:00—We will walk around the library and back into the sanctuary, waving our branches as we go.

Once inside, we invite everyone to find a pew.

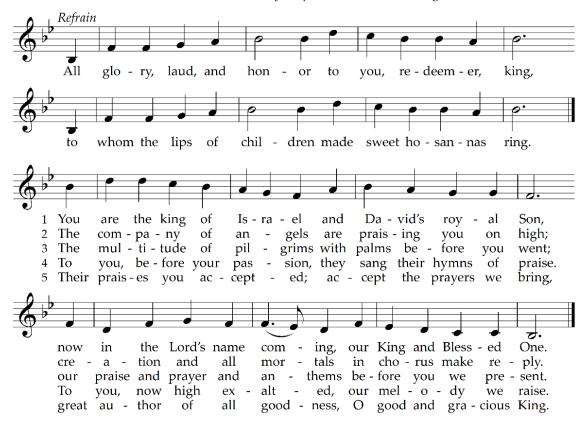


(11:00) +GOSPEL READING

Mark 11: 1-11

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

You are invited to wave your palm branches as we sing.



+GREETING

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

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all who are cast down, you call us to seek good and to meet oppression with justice. Teach us to find salvation in the emptying of ourselves for the sake of those in need, so that goodness may prevail and your kingdom come in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 Hal H. Hopson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then **all**)



Be gracious, LORD, for I, in anguish, Your loving mercy now implore; The very heart within me planted Can bear its grief alone no more. **Refrain**

My eyes have wasted all their crying, My life with sorrow melts away; The loving thoughts of those around me In score and memory fast decay. **Refrain**

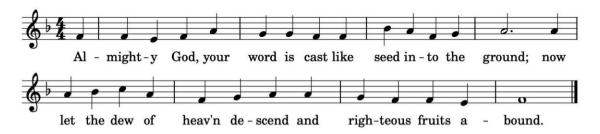
Amid the pain of their denial, I come, O LORD, to you for grace; My trust is ever in your mercy, I glory in your smiling face. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

(8:45) +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



(8:45) +GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-11

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

SERMON



With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give energy and joy to our pastors, worship leaders, and musicians. Watch over those who travel. Bless all those in need of healing, especially Matt Floding; Katie Murray's mom, Pat Wilson; Mary Ann Sheets's sister, Lorrie Blain; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Joyce Hanson; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Juliet Williamson; Joanne Chadwick; Jan Mehlhoff's friend Margie Guelker; the family of Arnie Johanson, upon his death; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Hear us, O God," to which the congregation will respond, "Your mercy is great."

Loving Spirit, grant us grace to live with the assurance of your care for all creation, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING (8:45)

Aria on 'Jesu, Meine Freude'

arr. David Cherwien

(11:00)

O Jerusalem Adult Choir Rick Prescott

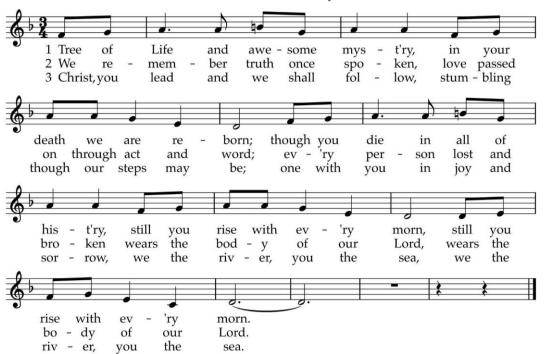
O Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, if only you could see the things which make for peace. O Jerusalem. But your eyes cannot see it, your eyes cannot see peace.

Peace... Peace...

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

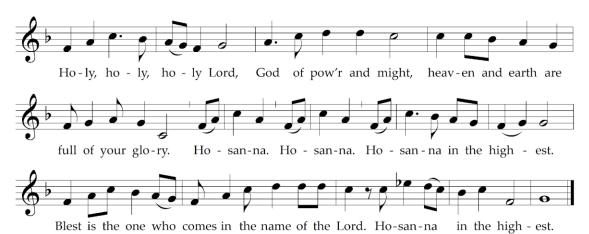
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

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:

+SANCTUS



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+LAMB OF GOD



Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

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All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

(11:00) For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

al - might

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

To You All Hearts Are Open

To you all hearts are o - pen, to you all de - sires known. To you there are no Last time

God;

we come

to

you.

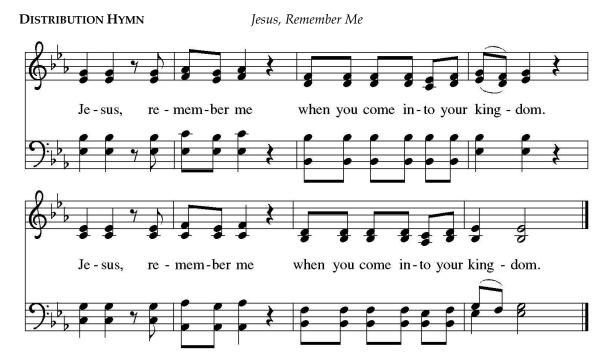
Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble, though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here. Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,

fal - ters,

we will not

fear.

though the em - pire



+BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

+SENDING HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.



+BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Jesu, Meine Freude arr. P. Radtke

Join us for worship during the Great Three Days!

6:00 p.m. worship and meal on Maundy Thursday. 7:00 p.m. worship on Good Friday. 5:00 p.m. worship on Saturday for the Easter Vigil.

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING THREE

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Caren Hiatt	Cantor	Caren Hiatt
Carol Berg	Assisting Minister	Carol Masters
	Crucifer	Noah Hines
Kevin Proescholdt, David Berg	Communion	Nicki Hines, Katy Benson, Andrea Martin
Tom and Julie Cahoy	Ushers	Amber Barry, Adam Lewis, Alan Libra
	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Coffee Servers	Katy Benson
	Counters	Deb Helmel
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

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PARISH INFORMATION

EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office (office@htlcmpls.org / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website (htlcmpls.org) to donate electronically.

APRIL 3 & 10: LECTURES ON BEING CHRISTIAN IN AN ELECTION YEAR LIKE THIS ONE

Join us on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. for a hybrid event with William Willimon, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School, and again on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. for a hybrid event with William H. Lamar IV, Pastor of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington, D.C. Both presenters will be zooming in to present and talk with us, followed by treats in the Community Room.

DIALOGUE BREAKFAST MONDAY, APRIL 8

You are invited to a Dialogue Breakfast on Monday, April 8, featuring Larry Rasmussen, a Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

Here at Holy Trinity, Larry Rasmussen will speak about the themes in *The Planet You Inherit: Letters to my Grandchildren When Uncertainty's a Sure Thing,* his newest book.

WHAT: Dialogue Breakfast with Larry Rasmussen

WHEN: Monday April 8, 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 East 31st St, Minneapolis, MN

WHERE TO REGISTER (for food planning): https://forms.gle/WSVqzsz652jCUCpG9

MONDAY, APRIL 1—OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY

The church office is closed on Monday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you on Tuesday!

MONDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 8-12—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, April 8-12. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com) to sign up for part or all of the week.

APRIL 2024: BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DAVID

Pastor David will lead a discussion on *The Land Is Not Empty* by Sarah Augustine. Sign up in the Community Room if you wish to join the discussion.

HOLY WEEK 2024



THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

All are welcome to gather for Dinner Church at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room as we begin our observance of the Three Days. The meal and worship will be interwoven. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Children's Choir will help lead music for the service.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 — GOOD FRIDAY

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. Music will include the Adult Choir; Andrew Winfield, cello; Joanna Phillips, violin; Abs Trewin, soloist.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 — VIGIL OF EASTER

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. Soloists will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Community Room this year at 5:00 p.m. so that families with young children can participate!

SUNDAY, MARCH 31—EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary to celebrate this good news. The adult choirs, along with brass instruments, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Tuesday, March 26	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion	
Wednesday, March 27	5:00 PM	Choir Families Meal	
	5:45 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	
	6:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal	
	6:00 PM	Supervised Play Time	
Thursday, March 28	6:00 PM	Dinner Church in the Community Room	
Maundy Thursday		The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define	
		Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven;	
		we approach one another and God in vulnerability through	
		foot washing; money is collected for the care of the	
		neighbor; and we share Holy Communion.	
Friday, March 29	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service in the Bartsch Room	
Good Friday		The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Even in	
		the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection	
		promises given to us. Tonight's service ends in silence.	
Saturday, March 30	5:00 PM	Easter Vigil Service in the Community Room	
Easter Vigil		Keeping vigil on Easter eve is an ancient practice for the	
		church. The liturgy is multifaceted, rich, and playful.	
March 31	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
Easter Sunday	9:45 AM	Easter Breakfast Tacos	
Lucici Curiung	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service	

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "Bridging Healing and Hope"

Anar is a non-profit based in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their work is centered on advancing the psychosocial wellbeing and resilience of children in Palestine. Through community-based services that include creative expression, their aim is to break the cycle of oppression and intergenerational trauma and build community capacity for resilience and hope. Sarah Myers, formerly of Augsburg University, will share her connections with this hopeful organization.

March 31 EASTER SUNDAY—NO ADULT FORUM

Join us in the Community Room (the room to the rear of the sanctuary) in between services for breakfast tacos from Habanero, sweet treats from congregants, and friendship.