



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

10:00a.m. Worship Service & Communion
[NO Sunday School]

11:00a.m. Fellowship Hour

*We are a church that actively shares
a living, daring, confidence in God's grace
with our community and the world.*

April 13, 2025

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

May the presence of the Almighty bless and comfort you, so you
leave here renewed and prepared for the week ahead.

Congregation please stand if able when indicated by the Pastor

You are also invited to say the words in **bold type**.

PRELUDE MUSIC

(a time of quiet preparation and heart reflection)

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

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 As he was now 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.”

PROCESSION

Let us sing forth in peace, ***in the name of Christ. Amen.***

Assembly will be asked to rise. *[assembly will stand and wave palms in the air during the opening hymn]*

PROCESSIONAL SONG:

ELW#: 344

[All Glory, Laud, and Honor]

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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 awakens— awakens 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. ⁹It 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.

¹⁰For 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.

12Like 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.

14But 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.

16Let 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.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.189

"LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE"

GOSPEL: Luke 23:1-49

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But

they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days

are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY ELW#: 346

[Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!]

APOSTLES CREED ELW p.105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will conclude with "God, in your mercy"

The congregation's response is: "**receive our prayer.**"

Pray for those in need of God's healing, for those with medical//health:

Tracy Schmaltz & Amy Schmaltz, and Ken Tormala

PEACE

OFFERING

The offering table is in the narthex, outside the sanctuary doors.

Giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and gave to us through Jesus Christ.

Tithes & offerings are gathered for the support and mission of the church, including the care of those in need within our community and beyond.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Everything That We Have

Everything that we have everything that we are every moment is a blessing from above

It's endless love that we breathe

it's endless love that we receive-

what has freely come we now let freely go.

Working hard to survive is no guarantee

For the deck is always stacked against the poor

If we'd use just what we need

Reject the creeping cancer of greed

Like a miracle the hungry could be fed



***May we show gratitude in the way that we live
Not with pompous prayers and not with fancy feasts
Imagine how the world should be
Then take a risk to build this dream
That's the offering that God is asking for***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.190

CHRIST'S WORDS AT THE TABLE

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith...

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p.191

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited forward for communion.

Kneel at the altar rail where you will receive communion by individual cup.

Red wine and white grape juice are available.

Gluten-free wafers are also available.

If you would just like to receive a blessing, come with your arms folded in prayer.

LAMB OF GOD ELW p.191

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

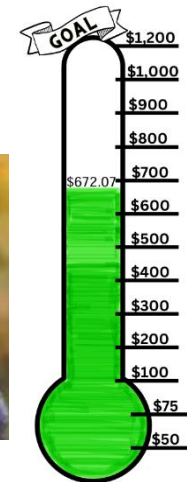
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG ELW#: 536

[God Be with You Till We Meet Again]

DISMISSAL: *Thanks be to God.*



**Our World Hunger Campaign
ends April 30th.**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need within our community
and beyond.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Today] Sunday, April 13th	PALM SUNDAY [NO Sunday School] Worship, 10am, Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, April 15th	Quilting, 9am to noon
Thursday, April 17th	MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship, 6:30pm
Friday, April 18th	GOOD FRIDAY Worship, 6:30pm
Saturday, April 19th	HOLY SATURDAY/VIGIL OF EASTER 6:30pm
Sunday, April 20th	EASTER SUNDAY, 10am [no Sunday school] Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, April 22nd	Quilting, 9am to noon Finance meeting, 6pm Council meeting, 7pm
Sunday, April 27th	Worship, 10am, -Family Sunday- [Sunday School] Fellowship Hour, 11am FLLC Annual Meeting at FLLC, 3pm Let's Eat here at HTLC, 4-5:30pm A.A.: 8-9pm

APRIL HELPING HANDS

	April 13 th PALM SUNDAY	April 17 th MAUNDY THURSDAY	April 18 th GOOD FRIDAY	April 19 th HOLY SATURDAY	April 20 th EASTER SUNDAY	April 27 th
Musician	Kristiina Vanhala	Kristiina Vanhala	Kristiina Vanhala	Kristiina Vanhala	Deb Young	Kristiina Vanhala
Reader		VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Sandi Engel
Greeter(s)	Anika & Maija Mechlin	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	-	-	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Jack & Sandi Engel
Communion Assistant	Julie Judson	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	-	-	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sunday School Teacher(s)	No Sunday School	-	-	-	No Sunday School	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Acolytes	Caleb & Wyatt Young, Bella Kotila, Dylan Hoffman	-	-	-	Sophia, DJ, Jude, & Finley Armbruster	Michael & Emma Rothenberger, Thomas Weber, Kiefer Mechlin
Coffee Servers	Jean Pekkala & Darlene Hietala	-	-	-	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Counters	Julie Judson & Becky Moyle	-	-	-	Paulette Archambeau & Roberta Tapani	Mary Jurgensen &
Altar Care	Janey Sargent					



- **Lisa will be out of the office** until 4/21/25 but will be checking her emails. She will also be available by phone or text message.

- **This is our last** month of blue can offerings going toward world hunger relief. We are halfway to our goal. When donating to this cause, please put on your check and offering

envelope: World Hunger.

- **The event date for April's Let's Eat [free] community meal** has been moved to the 4th Sunday (4/27/25), due to Easter being on the 3rd Sunday. It will be located here at HTLC, and will be sponsored and organized by Let's Eat.

- **Upcoming meetings:** Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 22nd at 6pm. The Council will meet on Tuesday, April 22nd at 7pm.

- **NEW DATE slated for** the Feeding America mobile food pantry is Wednesday, April 30th. Check-in begins at 9:45am with distribution beginning at 10am. We need volunteers to help the process of distributing food. What a great opportunity to show the very heart of Christ through our acts of service to those in our community. Contact Pr. Soren.

- **Mark Your Calendars:** VBS will be held here at Holy Trinity from June 9th to June 12th. We will be joined by Grace Lutheran, Good Shepherd, and Gloria Dei. We have a team from Fortune Lake coming to led the week-long event. Registration forms will be available soon.

- **A big THANK YOU** to all who have been providing food and supplies for our food and toiletry pantry! This has been a great help to many. 😊

- **Please take time to sign** the sign-in sheet located by the Sanctuary doors in the Narthex. This helps the office in many ways! Members do not need to list your address or phone info., unless your information has recently changed. Visitors: Please provide us with contact info., so we can send you a card of thanks and/or encouragement. Thanks!

- **Also, by the Sanctuary doors** is the offering plate. You are able to drop off your tithes & offerings at any point prior to, or after service.

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Pr. Soren Schmidt

Mondays, Wednesdays

& Thursdays

9am – 2pm

*[Tuesday: out of office for text
study, and visitations.*

Fridays: Day Off]

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***In case of Pastoral
Emergencies contact
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March 30, 2025

Attendance: 0

(no service held)

General Offering

(online giving):

3/24/25 – 3/31/25

\$500.00

April 6, 2025

Attendance: 66

(no service held)

General Offering

(online giving):

4/1/25 – 4/6/25

\$2,770.75

Month of February Income: **\$11,160.09**

Month of February Expenses: **\$10,488.57**

+\$671.52

January 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025 Income: **\$21,376.05**

January 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025 Expenses: **\$29,149.96**

-\$7,773.91



Blue Can for the month of April will
go toward
World Hunger Relief.
Memo of check & envelope
should read: World Hunger

Total donations

to date:

\$672.07