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The purpose of this drama is to allow each worshiper to discover (pitifully & intensely) his/her own rootedness in Christ. The Passion Story may no longer be mere story for observance, analysis, learning or history but it embraces the worshiper. This drama has no audience. All are actors. None objective. All subjective, or else the objects of the driving love of God.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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 The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

THE CRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION*

Worship for the Way of the Cross

CAST

PEOPLE.....	CONGREGATION
NARRATOR	BOB HORTON
PILATE	LONI REECE
PHARISEE	LAVELL WINSOR
JUDAS.....	CAROL MARKER
PETER	DEBBIE POMEROY
CRIMINAL 1	MARCY CARLSON
CRIMINAL 2	TED MURPHY
ORGANIST.....	LAURIE JACKSON

The Entry into Jerusalem

NARRATOR: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'the Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away found it as he had told them.

PEOPLE: **AND AS THEY WERE UNTYING THE COLT, ITS OWNERS SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU UNTYING THE COLT?"**

PETER: And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

NARRATOR: And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

PEOPLE SINGING: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs 1,2,3)*

*Refrain: All Glory, Laud, and Honor to thee, 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)
3. **The multitude of pilgrims with psalms before you went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.** (Refrain)

PHARISEE: And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They're calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!"

NARRATOR: He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent the very stones themselves would cry out."

PEOPLE SINGING:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs 4, 5)

*Refrain: All Glory, Laud, and Honor to thee, redeemer king
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring*

4. **To you before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)**
5. **Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (Refrain)**

NARRATOR: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."

The Preparation and the Eating of the Last Supper

NARRATOR: Now, the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

JUDAS: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and engaged to give him money. So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

NARRATOR: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

PEOPLE: **THEY SAID TO HIM, "BUT WHERE, LORD? WHERE WILL YOU HAVE US PREPARE IT, AND WHAT ARE WE TO DO?"**

NARRATOR: He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?" And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready." And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

PEOPLE: **AND THEY BEGAN TO QUESTION, "WHO, LORD? WHO IS TO BETRAY YOU? IS IT I? IS IT I?"**

NARRATOR: He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

JUDAS: Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

PETER: Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I!" he said. And he declared, "Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you."

NARRATOR: "Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

PETER: Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

PEOPLE: AND SO SAID ALL OF THE DISCIPLES, OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

The Agony in the Garden

PEOPLE SINGING: *Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 1)*

*Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r, your
Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from
his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.*

NARRATOR: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

**PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US,
DELIVER US.**

NARRATOR: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

PEOPLE: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE
 THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL
 BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE –

NARRATOR: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL, EVEN THE EVIL WITHIN OURSELVES.

JUDAS: While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

JUDAS: Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi."

**PEOPLE: WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW,
THEY SAID, "LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?"**

PETER: And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

**PEOPLE: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE
THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.**

NARRATOR: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, "When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness." Then they seized him.

The Judgment

PEOPLE SINGING: *Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 2)*

*Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun
not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.*

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the High Priest's house.

PETER: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

**PEOPLE: THEN A MAID, SEEING HIM SIT IN THE LIGHT, SAID,
"THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM."**

PETER: But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

**PEOPLE: AND A LITTLE LATER SOMEONE ELSE SAW HIM AND
SAID, "YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM."**

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

PEOPLE: **AN HOUR LATER ANOTHER INSISTED, SAYING,
"CERTAINLY THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM, FOR HE IS A
GALILEAN."**

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

NARRATOR: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.
And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

PETER: And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to
him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went
out and he wept bitterly.

NARRATOR: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him;
they blindfolded him and demanded:

PEOPLE: **"PROPHECY! WHO IS IT THAT STRUCK YOU?"**

NARRATOR: And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him.
When the day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together
and led him to their council;

PEOPLE: **AND THEY SAID, "IF YOU ARE THE CHRIST, TELL US."**

NARRATOR: But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask
you now, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of man shall be seated
at the right hand of the power of God"

PEOPLE: **AND THEY SAID, "ARE YOU THE SON OF GOD, THEN?"**

NARRATOR: And he said to them, "You say that I am."

PEOPLE: **AND THEY SAID, "BLASPHEMY! WHAT FURTHER
TESTIMONY DO WE NEED? WE HAVE HEARD IT OURSELVES FROM
HIS OWN LIPS. BLASPHEMY! OH, BLASPHEMY!"**

Dawn Friday: Jesus Before Pilate

NARRATOR: Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before Pontius Pilate.

PEOPLE: **AND THEY BEGAN TO CURSE HIM, SAYING, “WE FOUND THIS MAN PERVERTING OUR NATION, AND FORBIDDING US TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, AND SAYING THAT HE HIMSELF IS CHRIST THE KING!”**

PILATE: And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

NARRATOR: And he answered him, “You have said so.”

PILATE: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and the multitudes, “I find no crime in this man.”

PEOPLE: **BUT THEY WERE URGENT, SAYING, “HE STIRS UP THE PEOPLE, TEACHING THROUGHOUT GALILEE EVEN TO THIS PLACE.”**

PILATE: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod,

NARRATOR: Where he was vehemently accused, and treated with contempt and mocked, and arrayed in gorgeous purple, and then sent back again.

PILATE: Pilate said to the rulers of the people, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him, behold, I did not find him guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him --”

PEOPLE: **BUT THEY ALL CRIED OUT TOGETHER, “AWAY WITH THIS MAN! AWAY! AWAY! RELEASE TO US BARABBAS”**

NARRATOR: Barabbas! - a man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder -

PILATE: Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus -

PEOPLE: BUT THEY SHOUTED OUT, “CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!”

PILATE: “Why? What evil has he done? I've found no crime in him deserving death. I'll chastise him. I'll release him - “

PEOPLE: BUT THEY WERE URGENT, DEMANDING WITH LOUD CRIES THAT HE SHOULD BE CRUCIFIED.

NARRATOR: And their voices prevailed.

PILATE: So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder. But Jesus he delivered up to their will.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Distress* **arr. Valerie A. Floeter**

Friday Morning: Crucifixion

PEOPLE SINGING: *Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 3)*

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. “It is finished!” hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

NARRATOR: But Jesus he delivered over to their will.

ALL MEN: AND AS THEY LED HIM AWAY, THEY SEIZED ONE SIMON OF CYRENE, WHO WAS COMING IN FROM THE COUNTRY, AND LAID ON HIM THE CROSS, TO CARRY IT BEHIND JESUS.

ALL WOMEN: AND THERE FOLLOWED HIM A GREAT MULTITUDE OF WOMEN WHO BEWAILED AND LAMENTED HIM.

NARRATOR: But Jesus turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it dries!”

PEOPLE SINGING:

Were You There? (v.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?

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

PEOPLE SINGING:

Were You There? (v.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?

NARRATOR: And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: AND THEY CAST LOTS TO DIVIDE HIS GARMENTS.

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: AND THE PEOPLE STOOD BY, WATCHING, BUT THE RULERS SCOFFED AT HIM, SAYING, "HE SAVED OTHERS: LET HIM SAVE HIMSELF, IF HE IS THE CHRIST OF GOD!"

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: THE SOLDIERS ALSO MOCKED HIM, COMING UP AND OFFERING HIM VINEGAR.

ALL WOMEN: THERE WAS AN INSCRIPTION OVER HIM: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

ALL MEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. FORGIVE US, O LORD, OUR TRESPASSES!

CRIMINAL 1: One of the criminals who were hanged with him railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

CRIMINAL 2: But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

PEOPLE: **FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, DELIVER US FROM EVIL. THINE IS THE KINGDOM -**

NARRATOR: And Jesus said to him -

PEOPLE: **AND THE POWER-**

NARRATOR: "Truly, truly, I say to you -"

PEOPLE: **AND THE GLORY-**

NARRATOR: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

PEOPLE: **FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN!**

PEOPLE SINGING: *Were You There? (v.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?

NARRATOR: It was now about the sixth hour - and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from the top to the bottom. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!" And having said this, he breathed his last. And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sight,

PEOPLE: **WHEN THEY SAW WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE, THEY RETURNED HOME BEATING THEIR BREASTS.**

ALL WOMEN: **AND ALL HIS ACQUAINTANCES AND THE WOMEN WHO HAD FOLLOWED HIM FROM GALILEE STOOD AT A DISTANCE AND SAW THESE THINGS.**

Late Friday Afternoon: Burial

PEOPLE SINGING:

Were You There? (v.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?

PILATE: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, a righteous man, one looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.

NARRATOR: It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

ALL WOMEN: THE WOMEN WHO HAD COME WITH HIM FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED, AND SAW THE TOMB AND HOW HIS BODY WAS LAID. THEN THEY RETURNED, AND PREPARED SPICES AND OINTMENTS.

NARRATOR: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

(All remain silent for MEDITATION.)

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A COMMUNAL BLESSING FOR PALM SUNDAY

C Open our hearts and minds and eyes and ears to hear what you have to teach us.

P On this Palm Sunday, time is marked as one small donkey plods toward Jerusalem, One with a face set like flint, feet almost grazing the ground, walks forward toward the eastering of all sorrow, not in the power of horses and swift victory, but in small, steady steps toward the mystery

C that through suffering, healing comes, that through shame, dignity is restored, that through the cross that powers are disarmed, and death done away with forever.

P Blessed are all those walking forward into the great, small work they do:

C in hospitals, homes, grocery stores, classrooms, churches, and cubicles.

P And blessed are we joining the crowds waving palm branches to shout ourselves hoarse:

C “Hosanna! Save us! Save our world.” God, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Holy Spirit, have mercy. Amen.

SERMON

PR. ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown

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Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might
stow; the world that was his own would not its
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of

love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to

for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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.

THE PRAYERS

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

A brief silence.

A 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, including Immanuel Lutheran in Salina, Kansas, Peace Lutheran in Salisbury and Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Florissant, Missouri, and Seminary students and candidates of the Central States Synod, to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A Save those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance to those in need. Guide children and families as they lose their homes and loved ones. Particularly, let us pray for the German Evangelical-Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East as they face these times of conflict. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A 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,

C receive our prayer

A 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,

C receive our prayer

A 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 in need of comfort and healing, especially Mike Jackson, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, readers, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A Save the lives we have been given that we may know joy. We pray for Naomi Walker and Mike Andrews as they celebrate their birthdays and Howard Reece and Rhonda Webb as they remember their baptisms. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

P 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,

C receive our prayer

P 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.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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 well-spring of eternal life.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say

C Amen.

P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say

C Amen.

P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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

P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A 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.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the flow'rs of spring;
bright in the spar - kling and stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

SENDING

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Welcome to worship at Trinity!
Thank you for joining us today.*

*We hope that you, members and visitors,
found the Spirit of God in our midst.*

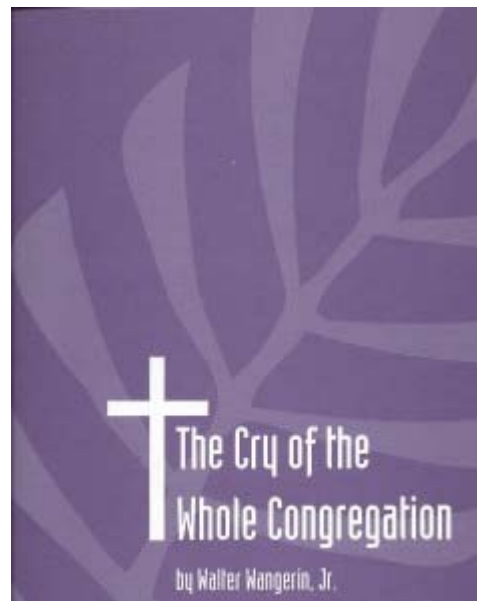
*If you are interested in becoming a member of
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or
have other questions, please contact the
church office at 785.233.0767*



The palms we are waving today come from Eco-Palms.org. By purchasing these palms, we are improving the income of gatherers and protecting the forests where they grow.

Once again, we are using Walt Wangerin's *The Cry of the Whole Congregation* for worship today.

Thanks to all who volunteered or said yes when asked to fill one of the speaking parts!



A wooden cross and white lilies. The cross is made of light-colored wood and is positioned diagonally. To its right are several white lilies with yellow centers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

Holy Week Services

April 6, 5:30 pm — Maundy Thursday

April 7, 5:30 pm — Good Friday

Easter worship

10:30 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Apr. 2..... **Palm Sunday**

..... Gideon's Presentation..... 10:20 AM

..... Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM

..... *The Cry of the Whole Congregation*

..... Special Congregational Meetingafter worship

..... Coffee Hour.....after worship

Tues., Apr. 4..... Quilters..... 9:00 AM

Thurs., Apr. 6..... Maundy Thursday Worship..... 5:30 PM

Fri. Apr. 7..... Good Friday Worship 5:30 PM

Sat., Apr. 8..... Altar Guild Church Cleaning..... 10:00 AM

..... Duane & Debbie Pomeroy 50th Wedding Anniversary ... 12:30 PM

Sunday, Apr. 9..... **Easter**

..... Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM

..... Coffee Hour.....after worship

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly	Average Week-	Weekly Income	Attendance/
Mar. 5	\$2,538.00	\$44.00	\$2,582.00	-\$1,653.85	\$928.15	24/23
Mar. 12	\$2,009.00	\$77.00	\$2,086.00	-\$1,653.85	\$432.15	27/24
Mar. 19	\$1,020.00	\$33.00	\$1,053.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$600.85	29/24
Mar. 26	\$645.00	\$0.00	\$645.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$1,008.85	33/--
			Income	Expense		
		Feb. 2023	\$8,593.36	-\$11,647.43	-\$3,054.07	
		Jan. - Feb.	\$23,135.16	-\$22,160.70	\$974.46	

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
April 2	LaVell Winsor, Brayden Winsor	Ted Murphy, Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	_____	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Andrew Patty	Marcy Carlson & Janelle Meredith
April 6	Cindy McGinnis	Howard Reece, Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	_____
April 7	_____	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Janelle Meredith, LaVell Winsor	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	_____
April 9	Ella Bosch, Parker Jackson	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Bob Horton	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	
April 16	Cindy McGinnis	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Ted Murphy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Andrew Patty	Donna Allen
April 23	Ella Bosch, Parker Jackson	Marcy Carlson, Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	
April 30	Duane Pomeroy	Dean McGinnis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty	



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Living with Christ's Love

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

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