



Lent 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church



April
13

2025

Palm Sunday

Together
in Community

Living
with Christ

Caring
for Neighbors

Today, April 13,
is Palm Sunday.
We will partici-
pate in reading
of *The Cry of
the Whole
Congregation*,
written by
Walter
Wangerin, Jr.

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We are glad you are here!

It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed.

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

Today, we participate and raise our voices to share the Word, the story of the Last Supper, the betrayal, the trial...and the crucifixion.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ Father, Son and Holy Ghost, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **C Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN*Prepare the Royal Highway***ELW 264**

- 1 Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

- 2 God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king! Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring. All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: *Refrain*
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

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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 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 DIANE BOTTORFF
JUDAS..... BRAYDEN WINSOR
PETER DUANE POMEROY
CRIMINAL 1 DEBBIE POMEROY
CRIMINAL 2 LAVELL WINSOR
ORGANIST MITCHELL BEAN

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.

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.)

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown

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Please stand for the final stanza.

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own
would not its Savior know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my
need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day
hosannas to our king. Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we
thirst and cry.
- 4 We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save, the
prince of life to slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering 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!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

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

A brief silence.

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

C receive our prayer.

A 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,

C receive our prayer.

A 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,

C receive our prayer.

A 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 jail or prison. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering especially Martha Nemeth and David McGinnis. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds, 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,

C receive our prayer.

A Pour blessings upon Pr. Barbara Jones as she celebrates her birthday, on Loretta Hoerman and Linda Longren as they remember their baptisms and Duane & Debbie Pomeroy as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P 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 your presence. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P 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.

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.

THANKSGIVING

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 Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. Deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Beautiful Savior

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- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

DISMISSAL

A Go forth into the world to serve God ...rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee, refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

***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*



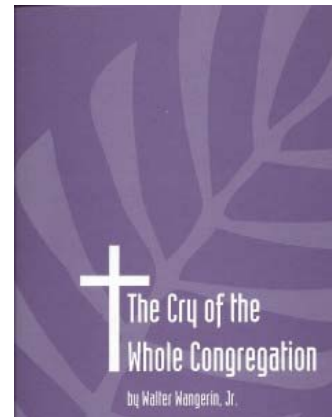
UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Apr. 13	Palm Sunday	
.....	Adult Sunday School	9:30 AM
.....	Worship	10:30 AM
.....	PFLAG meeting	2:00 PM
Tues., Apr. 15	Quilters	9:00 AM
Thurs., Apr. 17	May Trinity Tidings deadline	
.....	Maundy Thursday Worship @ Our Savior's	7:00 PM
Fri., Apr. 18	Good Friday Worship @ Our Savior's	7:00 PM
Sat., Apr. 19	Altar Guild Cleaning Day	9:00 AM
.....	Easter Vigil @ Our Savior's	5:00 PM
Sunday, Apr. 20	Easter Day	
.....	Coffee Hour	9:30 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM



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!



April 17 Maundy Thursday Worship @ Our Savior's
7:00 PM

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7:00 PM

April 19 Easter Vigil @ Our Savior's
5:00 PM

April 20 Easter Coffee Hour
9:30 AM

Worship with Holy Communion
Deacon Dave Mareske presiding
10:30 AM



Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Worship Lead- er	Coffee Hosts
April 13	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Bob Horton	Janice Greenlee
April 20	Janeen Horton/ Ben Carlson	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Bob Horton	Deacon Dave Mareske	
April 27	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Parker Jackson	Pr. Dinah Dutta	
May 4	Braxdon Penry	Diane Bottorff, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Loretta Hoerman	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Bob Dealey	
May 11	Brayden Winsor	Marcy Carlson, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Jordan Valentine	
May 18	Janeen Horton	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Mandy Todd	
May 25	Cindy McGinnis	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Parker Jackson	Rick Friedstrom	

You are Cordially Invited to

Doorstep's Appreciation Banquet

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

6:30 p.m.

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

901 SW Fillmore

Program:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka

Dinner: Taco Bake, Salad & Dessert

Music ~ Quilt Drawings ~ Volunteer Awards ~ Love Offering

Join us as we celebrate Doorstep and our volunteers!

RSVP to 785-357-5341 by Thursday, April 24th

Altar Guild
will be
cleaning the
sanctuary on
Saturday,
April 19 at
9:00am.



Everyone is welcome to join in and wield a rag, a vacuum, or some other cleaning tool. Many hands make light work!



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We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13*-

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