

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Passion Sunday ~ Palm Sunday*  
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## THE CROSS AND PASSION OF OUR LORD ARE THE HOUR OF HIS GLORY

*"Behold, your King is coming to you...humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9–12; Mt. 21:1–9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5–11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father" (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).*

### ***Communing at this Altar***

**The Lord's Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord's day!**

***\*Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.***

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✠ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
  - ✠ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
  - ✠ discern the Lord's Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
  - ✠ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
  - ✠ believe the words of Jesus, *"Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins"* (Mt 26:28);
- If this is ***not*** your confession, or you're seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, ***cross your arms over your chest***, indicating that you'd like to receive a blessing.
- As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.
- Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.
- Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.**
- To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read **"Christian Questions with Their Answers"** found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.

## HOLY WEEK RUBRICS

Today we begin in the narthex, with palm branches in hand, ready to greet Jesus just as the crowds of old. We'll follow the crucifix in procession while singing *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* and lay our palms at the foot of the chancel. Then the focus is directed towards the Passion. At the Passion reading—read by three voices: Jesus, Crowd, Narrator—you may either remain standing, or be seated. One more reminder: in Passiontide the *Gloria Patri* ("glory be to the Father...") is silenced. You'll notice this most at the *Nunc Dimittis*.

# ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

*Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184*

*All gather in the Narthex or Parking Lot around the processional cross with palm branches in hand.*

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C** Hosanna to the Son of David!

## COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 12:12-19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of the Lord.

## ✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

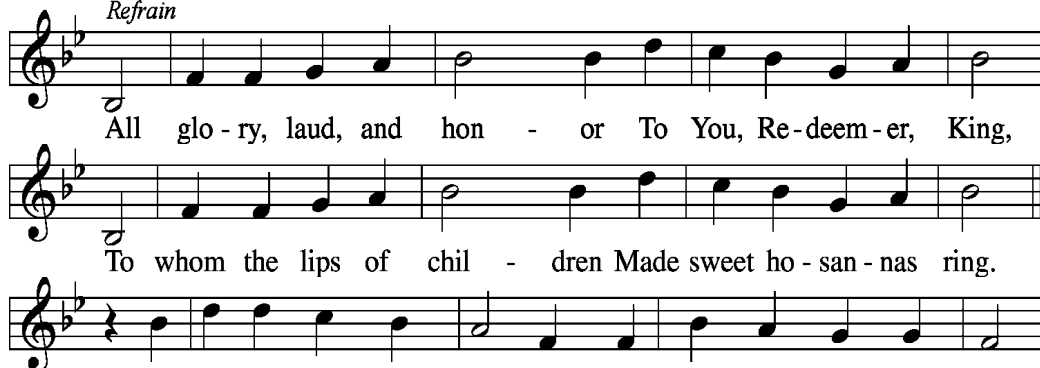
*The congregation processes into the sanctuary, following the cross.*

*Each member lays his palms on the floor at the entrance to the chancel.*

**HYMN ~ All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

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*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem-er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.  
1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;  
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

*All arrive at their places.*

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

**C** Hosanna in the highest!

*A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.*

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

*1 John 1:8-9*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### INTROIT

*Ps. 22:1, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 22:19, 21*

**P** But you, O Lord, do not be | far off!\*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

**C** Save me from the mouth of the | lion!\*

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

**P** My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

**C** All who see me | mock me;\*

they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

**P** "He trusts in the Lord; let him de- | liver him;\*

let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!"

**C** Be not far from me, for trouble | is near, \*

and there is | none to help.

**P** But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

**C** Save me from the mouth of the | lion!\*

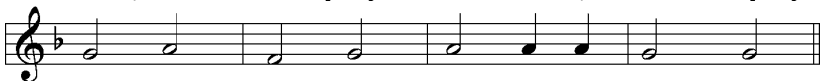
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

### KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your Spirit.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 73:23b-24,1*

**P** You hold my | right hand.\*

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to | glory.

**C** **Truly God is good to | Israel,\*  
to those who are | pure in heart.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## TRACT

*Ps. 22:1,4-5*

**P** My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

**C** **In you our fathers | trusted;\*  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**

**P** To you they cried and were | rescued;\*  
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:1-27:66*

**P** The Holy Passion according to St. Matthew, chapters 26 and 27.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*The entire passion narrative will be read.*

*The tradition of standing during the Gospel reading is intended to recognize the very voice of Jesus in our midst – it is a sign of great reverence. If you desire, you may stand for the reading; or, due to its length, you may sit.*

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
*and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

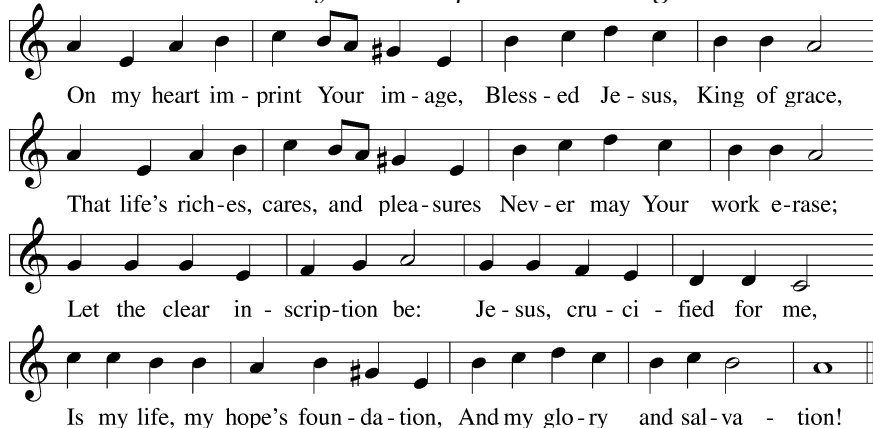
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY ~ A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**  
**SERMON**

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**OFFERTORY ~ On My Heart Imprint Your Image**


On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
 That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;  
 Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
 Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Sit

**OFFERING**

*The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God.*

*The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church.*

***Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.***

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

*Clide Leroy Marsh*

*The pastor addresses the catechumen.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

**P** **Clide Leroy Marsh**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**R** *Amen.*

*The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumen has received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are prayed.*

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**C** And with your Spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

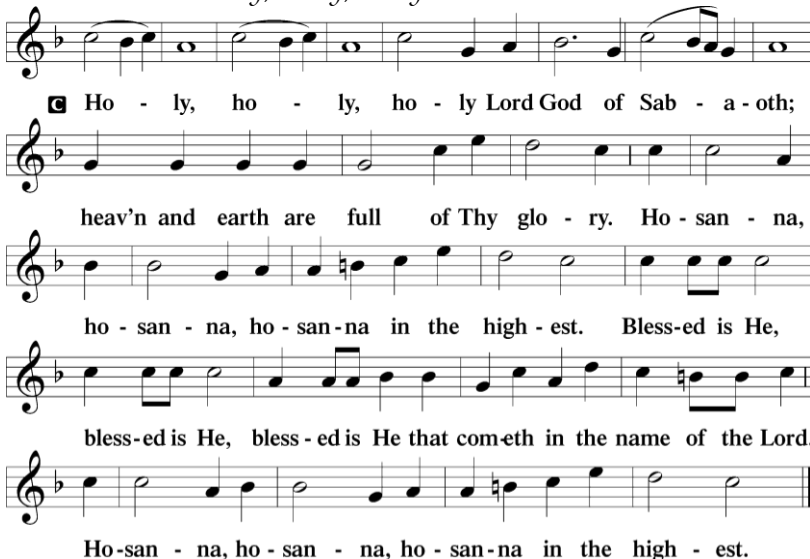
Psalms 136

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI~ The Peace of the Lord

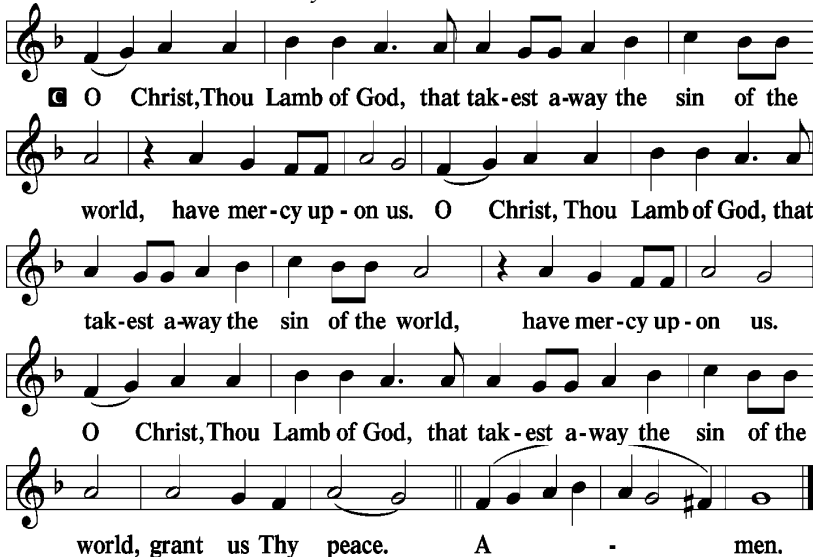
John 20:19

**P** The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin.  
Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

No Tramp Of Soldiers' Marching Feet	444
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Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el.

## THANKSGIVING

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endures forever.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your Spirit.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen. Amen. Amen.

*△ Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.*

CLOSING HYMN ~ *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

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## TRINITY HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

### **Holy Week Services:**

*(No meals during Holy Week)*

**3/25 ~ Holy Monday, 7pm**

*The Passion According to St. Matthew*

**3/26 ~ Holy Tuesday, 7pm**

*The Passion According to St. Mark*

**3/27 ~ Holy Wednesday, 7pm**

*The Passion According to St. Luke*

**3/28 ~ Maundy Thursday, 7pm**

**3/29 ~ Good Friday Chief Service, 12pm**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7pm**

**3/30 ~ Easter Vigil, 8pm**

**3/31 ~ Easter Sunday, 9am**

**Easter Sunday Feast, 11:00am**

*“On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That Life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and salvation!” (LSB 422)*