



For all who  
**exalt themselves**  
will be humbled,

Luke 14:11, NRSV

and those who  
**humble themselves**  
will be exalted.



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.  
We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Lent opposites: humiliation and exaltation**

**March 29, 2026**

**Sunday of the Passion**

The season of Lent presents us with opposites that affect our entire existence.

Humiliation and exaltation are opposites. Humiliation is what Christ did to himself. Exaltation is what God did to him. Christ's humiliation and exaltation are our salvation. They also inspire us to have the same attitude that Christ had.

We begin our commemoration of Holy Week. This service features the reading of the entire Passion account from the Gospel of Matthew.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

[www.holytrinity.church](http://www.holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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*During the hymn, children come forward with palm branches and lay them before the altar.*

Hymn 411 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and  
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs  
ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and  
fiec - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his  
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - d'ring eyes to see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.  
mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We begin our commemoration of Holy Week with the Palm Sunday Gospel.

**Gospel—Matthew 21:1-11**

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, telling them, “Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.”

This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

**Tell Daughter Zion,**

**“See, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”**

The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying,

**“Who is this?”**

The crowds were saying,

**“This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

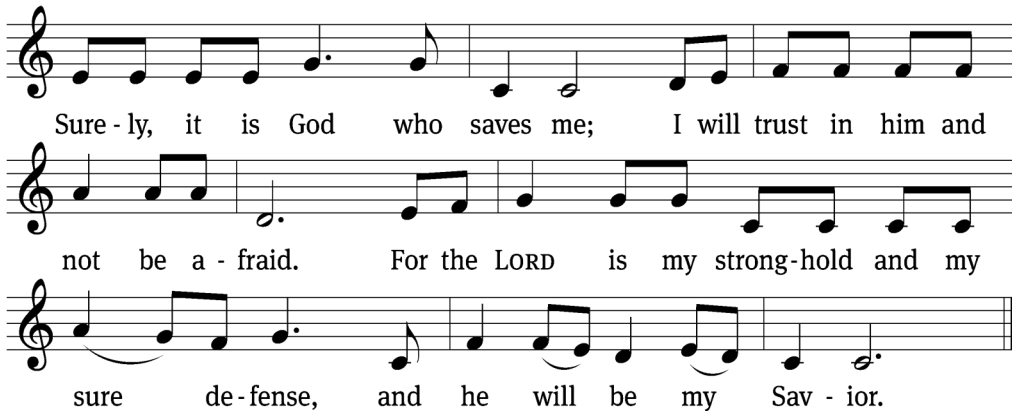
P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**


## Psalm 31

### Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the LORD is my strong-hold and my  
sure de - fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

### Tone



**In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;**

**let me never be / put to shame.**

**Be my rock of / refuge,**

**a strong fortress to / save me.**

**Into your hands I commit my / spirit;**

**deliver me, LORD, my / faithful God. Refrain**

**My times are / in your hands;**

**save me in your un- / failing love.**

**How abundant are the / good things**

**that you have stored up for those who / fear you.**

**Be strong and / take heart,**

**all you who hope / in the LORD.**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**





Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.  
 God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.  
 Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's pleased.  
 Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.



Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.  
 Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,  
 Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"  
 He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.  
 saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.  
 Sin's wage is paid, pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.  
 I, as though he, em - braced and wel - comed home!



I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:



Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.



Bought by such love, my life is not my own.



My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

## OFFERING

*We give in deep appreciation for Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. We give our offerings regularly and generously in proportion to what we have to support the work of telling the gospel through our church and school.*

You may place your offering in the plates or use [Online Giving](#).  
The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.  
Thank you for your offerings.



## MUSICAL OFFERING

### THE HISTORY OF OUR LORD'S SUFFERING AND DEATH

#### Matthew 26:1-30

*Hymn 402, stanzas 1,2,6      Glory Be to Jesus*



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, swell the might - y flood;



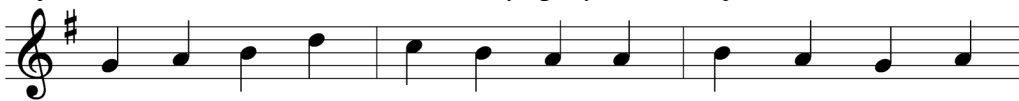
poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood!

#### Matthew 26:31-56

*Following the lesson, we will have a minute of silent time for personal prayer.*

#### Matthew 26:57-75

*Hymn 409, stanzas 1,3      Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest Re - deem - er,  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent



whom we love, foun - tain in life's des - ert drear - y, Sav - ior  
love for you! May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be -



from the world a - bove, of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
hold your cross a - new, till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; yet, up - on the  
from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, you en - dured the pain of all.  
hearts for - ev - er dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

### Matthew 27:1-26

*Hymn 400, stanzas 1-3*

*Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing*



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, which be -  
2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing all our  
3 Here we find the dawn of heav - en while up -



fore the cross we spend, life and health and  
sins on Je - sus laid; here we see re -  
on the cross we gaze, see our tres - pass -



peace pos - sess - ing from the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.  
demp - tion flow - ing from the sac - ri - fice he made.  
es for - giv - en, and our songs of tri - umph raise.

## Matthew 27:27-61

*The congregation will be asked to rise when the account of Jesus' death is read.  
A brief silence will be observed at the mention of Jesus' death.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### Hymn 405    *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 have no pow'r to hide your face.



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.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Minister: Pastor Bart Brauer

Accompanist: Eva Brauer

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## **Sunday Education**

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m.

### **Easter lilies**

We would like to have lilies for the Easter service on April 5. If you would like to donate a lily or two, please bring them to the church fellowship hall by April 3.

### **Easter breakfast**

Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring food for Easter breakfast. All donations should be in the church kitchen by Good Friday, April 3.

### **Upcoming elections**

The nominations season is upon us. This year, there are up to 5 positions coming open: Financial Secretary, School Board Chairman, School Board position, one or two Elder positions. Gentlemen who are not currently holding an elected position are urged to consider how God has blessed them and how they can use their skills to serve their church. Likewise, all members are encouraged to speak with those gentlemen whom you know would be positive candidates. Feel free to contact Keith Rodmyre (253-347-9847) with any questions.

### **Teacher call updates**

On March 22, the voters of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church called Mrs. Baylei Lueck to be our fourth grade teacher. Mrs. Lueck has accepted this call, and we are pleased to have her joining our faculty this summer! Mrs. Lueck student-

taught at our school first semester of this school year when she was still Miss Crenshaw.

Mr. Gibson received a call to serve as principal at St. Paul in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Over the coming weeks, Mr. Gibson will consider where he can best use his gifts to serve in God's kingdom. Please keep Mr. Gibson in your prayers.

### **Youth rally**

Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

This upcoming summer our youth have an amazing opportunity to connect with other WELS youth from around the country. The WELS International Youth Rally is being held at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, from July 14-17.

Teens who are entering 9th-grade to those who have just graduated from high school are able to attend. There is a signup sheet by the church mailboxes. I am unable to attend the rally this year due to a prior commitment, so Tad Doviak has agreed to serve as our Youth Leader for this year.

We don't have final costs yet, but they will include a round trip flight from Seattle to Detroit, a car rental, and the conference fees. There is a way to give towards the Youth Rally Fund on our online giving portal. If you are so inclined, please consider giving to help our youth attend!

If you are interested in finding out more information about the WELS International Youth Rally, you can go to:

<https://welsyouthrally.net/>

Serving Jesus,

Joel Plocher, Tad Doviak

### **This week at Holy Trinity**

Today .....	11:45 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday.....	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible study
Thursday .....	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service with communion
Friday .....	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday service
Sunday .....	6:30 a.m.	Easter dawn service
Sunday .....	7:45 a.m.	Easter breakfast
Sunday .....	9:30 a.m.	Easter day service