

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of South Newstead

March 29, 2026

Sunday of the Passion



Palm

Sunday

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Gathering

The assembly gathers in the narthex with their palms

ACCLAMATION

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

ALL: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

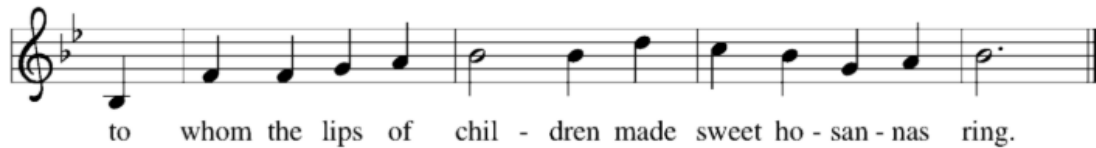
PROCESSION

L: Let us go forth in peace,

ALL: in the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are 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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

ALL: Hosanna in the highest.

L: Let us pray, 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.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAYER REQUESTS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: ⁴ The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 31:9-16

L:⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

ALL:¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

L:¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**ALL:¹² Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

L:¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**ALL:¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

L:¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**ALL:¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

L: ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14—27:66

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Please be seated

*(The gospel for today will be read in
“reader’s theater” style)*

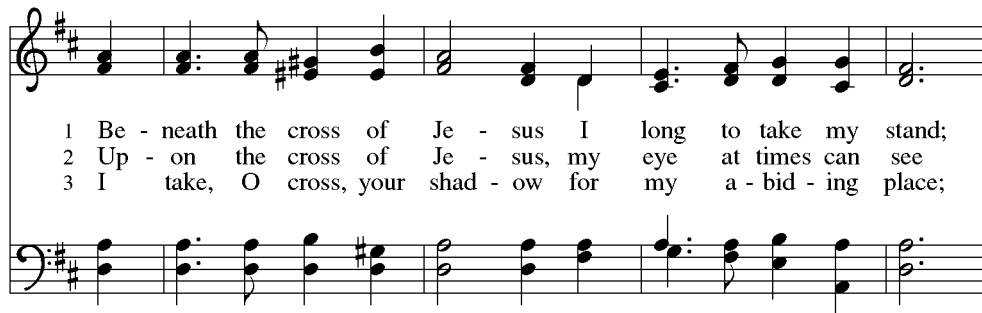
L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

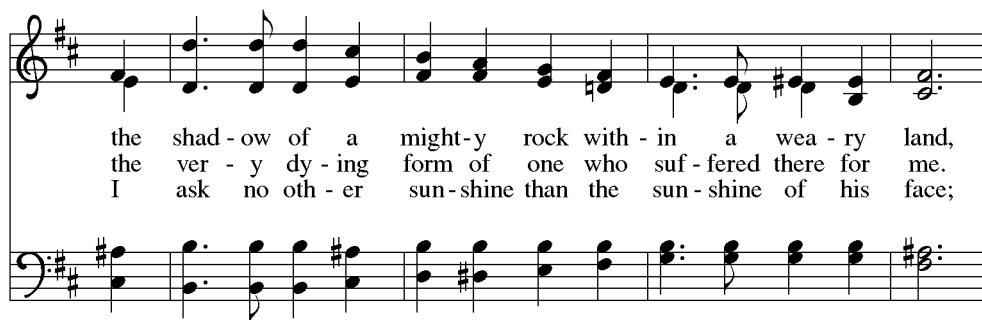
HYMN OF THE DAY: Beneath the Cross of Jesus – Green Book: 107

Please stand as you are able

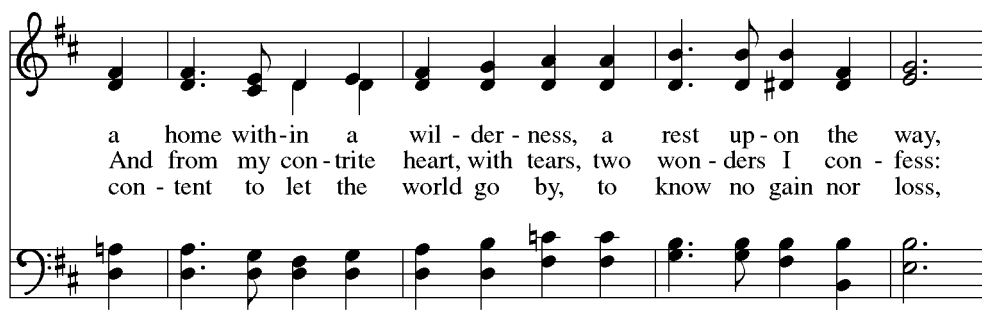
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



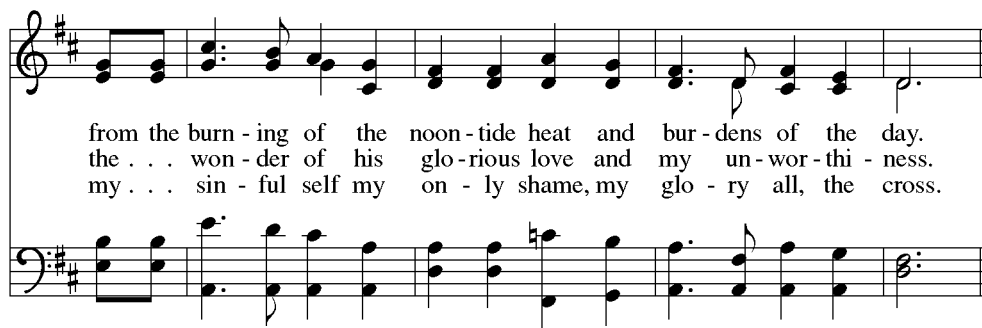
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

NICENE CREED

L: L: We are God's people. Joining together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally, both here at Trinity and at Zion Lutheran Church in Gasport. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: And God, hear us now as we lift up to you anything else on our hearts and minds in this time of silent prayer.

A moment for silent prayer.

L: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

ALL: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

*You are invited to greet your neighbors
with a sign of Christ's peace.*

Please be seated

OFFERING



SCAN ME

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together, O God, maker of heaven and earth,

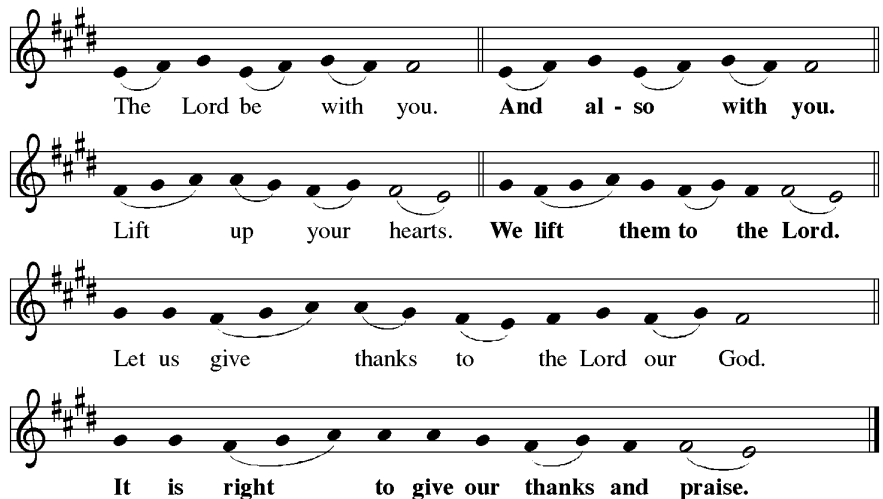
ALL: your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

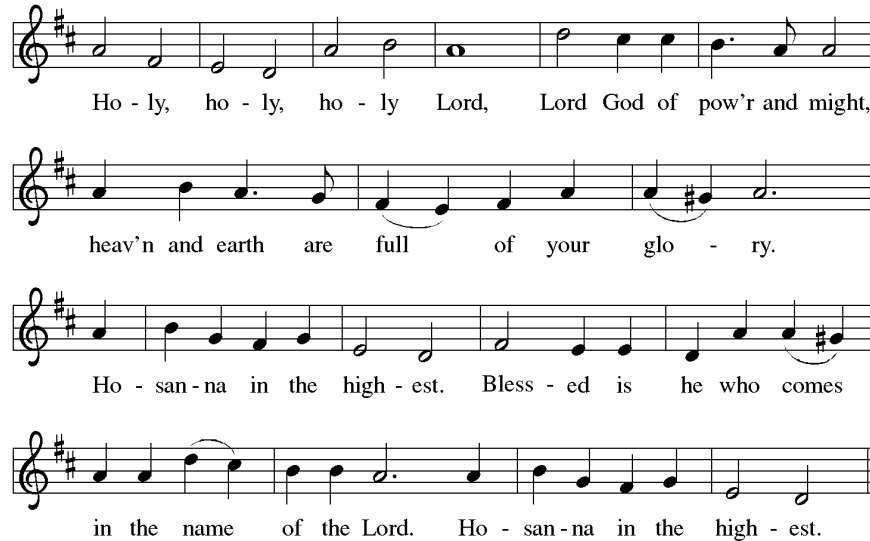
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

L: 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

ALL: 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

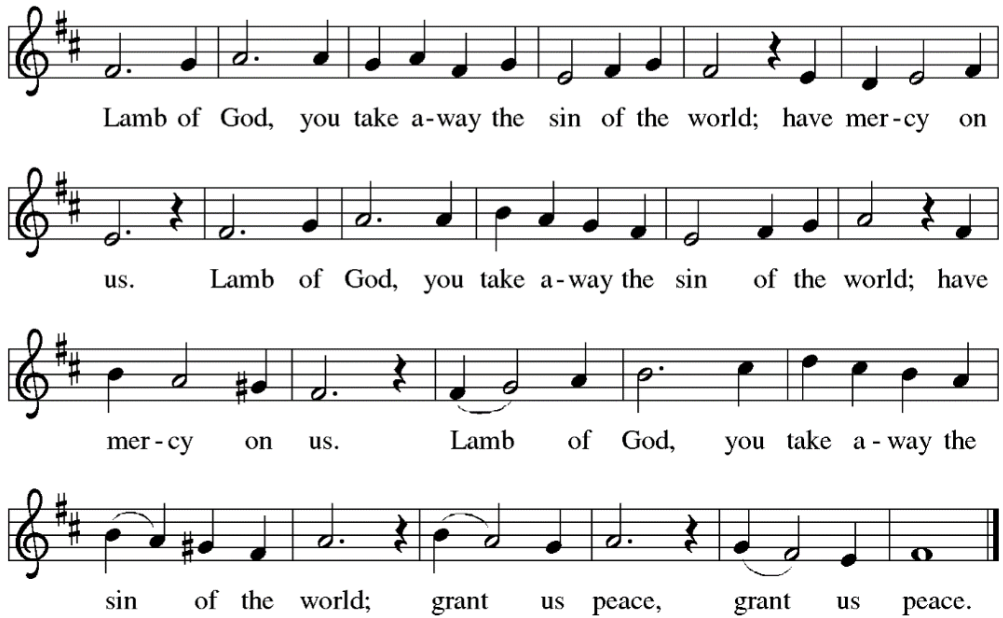
L: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: Precious Lord, Take My Hand – Blue Book: 731
To be sung during the distribution of communion

COMMUNION HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me –
Blue Book: 740 (*sing continuously*)

Jesus, Remember Me

Refrain



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me, Je - sus, re - mem - ber



me when I am lost, count - in' the cost,



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.



1 Re - mem - ber me, Je - sus, and all of your chil - dren as you're



2 Re - mem - ber me, Je - sus, and all of the peo - ple who are



3 Re - mem - ber me, Je - sus, and all who are cap - tive; come and



hang - in' up there on the tree.



hang - in' a - long - side of you.



set all the pris - on - ers free.



So beau - ti - f'ly



The in - no - cent



Come, take off our

Refrain



born, now dy - in' in scorn: Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.



die and we don't know why: Je - sus, come, car - ry us through.



chains and re - call our names: Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

Text: Ray Makeever
 Music: JESUS, REMEMBER ME, Ray Makeever

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray together, God of our salvation,
ALL: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Christ, the Life of All the Living – Green Book: 97

Christ, the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Hold in Prayer:

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Laura Pingitore
Jane Firestone
Mike Kropelin
Sharon (Linda Lawrie's sister)

We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:

Lyn Aiosa
Irv Easton
Pam Neuroth
Joan Antonicelli
Danny Cummings
John Rogers
Bill Lawrie
The loved ones of all those killed in the Iran War

Weekly:

Choir rehearsal at 8:30am
Sunday Worship at 9:30
Sunday School at 10:45
Bible Study: See list below

Food Pantry:

First Monday of the Month: setup @ 8am
First Tuesday of the month: distribution @ 8:30am
Easter Setup: March 30th at 8am
Easter Distribution: March 31st @ 8:30am

Council: April 14th at 7:00pm

Office Info: Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

*Pastor will be away for Continuing Ed from April 6-April 12th.

Tracy: Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote. Call, text or email any time.

Bible Study

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

4/2/26 – NO bible study

4/9– Zion – 4447 Central Ave, Lancaster

4/16 – St. John's – 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville

4/23 – Here at Trinity

4/30 – St. Peter & Paul

5/7 – Trinity Wolcottsville – 6369 Wolcottsville Rd. Akron

5/14- Zion - 4447 Central Ave, Lancaster

Maundy Thursday Agape Feast

On April 2nd Zion Lutheran in Gasport will be having an Agape Feast: a Pot Luck Supper & Worship, from 6:30-8pm. Please join us at 4447 Central Ave, Gasport, 14067.

Easter Setup

We are looking for volunteers on **Saturday April 4th** to arrange the flowers in the sanctuary and set up tables in the fellowship hall. Flowers will arrive at **11:00**, please arrive around that time.

Spring Cleanup

April 11th – outdoor AND indoor cleanup at 9am. Please sign up in the narthex.