

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude *Wave the Palms* Choir
Welcome and Announcements
(* Please stand as able)

*Blessing of the Palms

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Pastor continues with the Prayer of Blessing, to which the congregation responds:

P: Sovereign God, today we follow your Son's triumphal entry to Jerusalem, with his pathway strewn with palm branches. We pray your blessing on these palms today as they remind us not only of His journey toward the cross, but also of His servanthood. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise Him as Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen

*Gathering Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Hymn 108

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 56

*Prayer of the Day

P: Sovereign God, through your Son's passion you brought your reign of righteousness and peace into the human heart. Draw us to you through his cross and keep us faithful to your reign until he comes again; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 118:19-29 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

*The Gospel Acclamation *Return to the Lord* Page 63

*The Holy Gospel Mark 11:1-11

*The Gospel Response Page 63

(We Sit)

The Children's Sermon: *All of God's little Children are invited to come forward for a special message just for them!*

The Congregation is invited to sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children come forward and return to their seats.

The Sermon "The King is Coming" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *My Song Is Love Unknown (v. 1-4)* Hymn 94

*The Creed Page 65

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem *Face the Cross* Choir

*The Offertory Hymn *Let the vineyards...* Page 66

*The Offertory Prayer Page 67

*The Great Thanksgiving Page 68

*The Eucharistic Prayer Page 70

*The Lord's Prayer Page 71

Communion: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table!*

We receive Communion at the Chancel steps. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come up and receive Communion, please notify an usher and we will gladly serve you Communion in the pew.

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*Post Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord...* Page 72

*Post Communion Prayer Page 74

God Sends Us Into The World

*Blessing Page 76

*Sending Song *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Hymn 109

*Sending and Charge

*Doxology Hymn 564

Before Worship: Speak to the Lord
During Worship: Let the Lord speak to you
After Worship: Speak to each other

Welcome to worship today. We especially extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today. We are strengthened by your presence and hope that you will worship with us again soon. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

The Palms on the altar are given to the glory of God by the members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Stewardship Minute

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

We are asking for donations of finger foods, cookies & cupcakes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Volunteers Needed at GAAP in March...

Holy Trinity has agreed to provide volunteers to work at the GAAP food pantry when a month has 5 Saturdays in it. In 2024, these dates are March 30, June 29, August 31st, and November 30th.

Since the first date (**March 30th**) is coming up soon, we are looking for volunteers to help that day. **6 volunteers** are needed to staff the pantry. The volunteer hours are **9:45am to 12 noon**. Teenagers needing service hours are also welcome to join us. The GAAP pantry is located at **501 O'Neal St in Newberry**. If you are willing to volunteer March 30th, please let Danny Newton know at 843-810-5821 or 438dwnewton@gmail.com.

Prayers: Mike Morales, Michael Torrence, Judy Shealy, Terecia Wilson, Jean-Miller (Mother of Pam-Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald & Jonell Shealy, Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson). *If you would like to include someone on our weekly prayer list, please call Pastor Randy at (803) 537-2303. Unless otherwise notified of a need, members will remain on the list for one month and non-members for two weeks.*

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice 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. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²**The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

²⁷The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

²⁹Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under

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

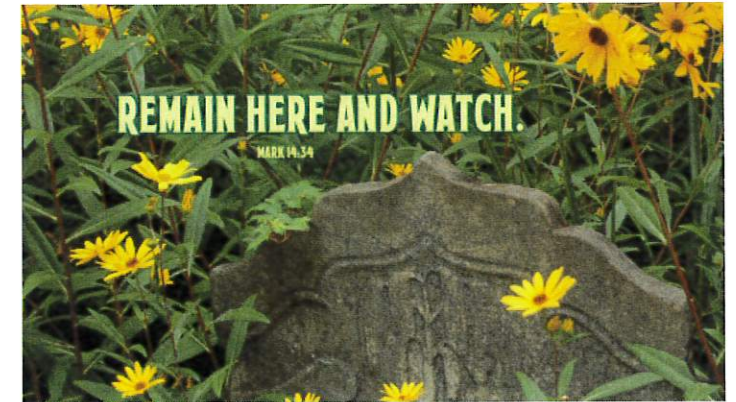
Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus^[a] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹¹And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The mood of the Scriptures today takes us from joy and exultation as Jesus rode into Jerusalem, to sadness and sorrow as he was betrayed and executed. The full weight of the events of Jesus' last days on earth causes us to reflect on our own betrayal of Christ. Hearing his cries of forsakenness, we can relate to his suffering; this shows us that our God is intimately acquainted with our human experience.

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*“Preaching, Teaching, and Serving
in Christ’s Name”*

SERVING TODAY, March 24, 2024

Acolyte: Karter Crumpton
Crucifer: Eli Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Natalie Winn
Lector: Bill Loadholdt
Greeters: Artie & Melisa Livingston
Nursery: Julie Haltiwanger, Ashley Boland
Altar Guild: Kara Cumalander, Christie Allison
Communion: Danny Newton, Sheri Wicker
Flowers: Palms
Usher Chair: Spyros Lezimis
Elevator: James Wieters
Ushers: David Bush, Troy Hentz

SERVING MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28, 2024

Acolyte: Taylor Lake
Crucifer: Margaret Livingston
Lector: Phillip Allison
Altar Guild: Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander
Usher Chair: Spyros Lezimis
Elevator: James Wieters
Ushers: David Bush, Troy Hentz

SERVING GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 2024

Acolyte: Dustin Winn
Crucifer: Troy Hentz
Lector: Donna Fulmer
Altar Guild: Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander
Usher Chair: Spyros Lezimis
Elevator: James Wieters
Ushers: David Bush, Troy Hentz

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 31, 2024

Acolyte: Tabitha Armstrong
Crucifer: Margaret Livingston
Bulletin Folder: Braxton Rodgers
Lector: Bobby Chapman
Greeters: Robby & Angel Hentz
Nursery: Christie Allison, Amber Koon
Altar Guild: Kara Cumalander, Christie Allison
Communion: Danny Newton, Sheri Wicker
Flowers: Jerry & Annette Shealy
Usher Chair: Spyros Lezimis
Elevator: James Wieters
Ushers: David Bush, Troy Hentz

If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

March 24, 2024

*We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today!
We pray that Christ will touch you with His love so you may be empowered
to be His witnesses in the world. Please join us throughout the week for
worship, Bible study, community outreach and fellowship in Christ Jesus.*

What's Happening This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, March 24th

Confirmation 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship / Palm Sunday / Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 25th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27th

Leviticus Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Good News Club 2:40 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30th

Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunrise Worship—Sanctuary / Holy Communion 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast Following Sunrise Worship
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Easter Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Holy⁺Week

SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 24	10:30 A.M.
Maunder Thursday - March 28	7:00 P.M.
Good Friday - March 29	7:00 P.M.
Easter Egg Hunt - March 30	2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Easter Sunday - March 31	
Sunrise Service	7:00 A.M.
Easter Breakfast	FOLLOWING SUNRISE
Sunday School	9:15 A.M.
Easter Worship	10:30 A.M.



Join us for Card/Game Night on
Thursday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share and we will
have dinner together.
Looking forward to seeing everyone!

JOIN US FOR AN
Easter Egg Hunt
EGG HUNT - SNACKS - FELLOWSHIP
MARCH 30 | 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
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**SOLID ROCK
DAY CAMP**

**JUNE
9-14**

WORSHIP & MUSIC, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, CRAFTS,
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, & JESUS - CENTERED FUN
St. Peter & Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Registration Link Coming Soon!!



What is a disciple?
 Who are disciples?
 Disciple
 Discipleship
 Disciple-making
 What is discipleship?
 How can I be a disciple?

Jesus' Plan for Making Disciples

Our previous discussion focused on the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) with Jesus commanding us to "Make Disciples." Three participles were used to explain how this command was to be followed - 1) Going 2) Baptizing and 3) Teaching. Let's look at these closer.

1. Going

Go to people, Jesus expects us to "go out." We are expected to "go out" and reach others who know nothing or very little about Jesus. Christians are not doing the work of the church if we are not winning souls to Christ or witnessing to the to the message of the gospels.

If the church is to grow by making disciples, its people must be willing to reach out into the world, community or local areas as Christ's witnesses. That is why Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit whose fruit includes love and peace (Galatians 5:22) will give you boldness and opportunity to speak on His behalf.

Evangelism can be defined as sharing the good news of Christ's substitutionary death and resurrection and His free offer of forgiveness for sin and eternal life to all who come to Him by faith to receive it. The church should encourage and equip believers to effectively share their faith with unbelievers as well as believers!

2) Baptizing

Helping people identify with Christ.

Jesus said that part of making disciples was baptizing those to whom we have gone and who have accepted Christ. He was not saying to simply get people wet! The primary meaning of the Greek work baptism is "identification"!

When we put our trust in Christ, we become so completely identified with Him that His death and resurrection to new life become our death and resurrection. Many Christians struggle in their daily lives because they don't understand their new ID. They don't realize that being "in Christ" is such a radically new way of life that whatever happens to Christ happens to US.

3) Teaching

Teach people Biblical truth.

Once people have believed the gospel and have been ID with Christ, we must teach them "to observe all that I commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Jesus said the goal is that people "observe," or obey, all that He commanded us. Unfortunately, many Christians want to audit the Christian life. They want the information without incurring any course responsibility. Thus accountability must be a key component of our instruction since obedience is the goal.

The goal of biblical teaching to combine information and knowledge with skill in applying the truth to daily life. Making disciples is a process of spiritual development. God wants to take the negatives in our lives and turn them into positives so that we come out looking like His Son.

Many people will say they don't know enough scripture to teach others. In general, your actions can speak louder than words. If the "seed" or "idea" is planted, God will cultivate and do the rest.

"Go & Make Disciples!"

The Discipleship Team



