

Rethinking Real Strength



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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the "GUEST" cards in the pews and give them to the ushers or pastor. If you want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor.

A Parents' Room is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child. Inside the Parents' Room you can still see, hear and participate in the worship service.

Wheelchair accommodations are found on the organ side of the church. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible pews for the benefit of those who need them and their families.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

Hymn • 277, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

- All glory, laud, and honor
 To Thee, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children
 Made sweet hosannas ring.
 Thou art the King of Israel,
 Thou David's royal Son,
 Who in the Lord's name comest,
 The King and Blessed One.
- 2. All glory, laud, and honor
 To Thee, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children
 Made sweet hosannas ring.
 The company of angels
 Is praising Thee on high,
 And mortal men and all things
 Created make reply.

- 3. All glory, laud, and honor
 To Thee, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children
 Made sweet hosannas ring.
 The people of the Hebrews
 With palms before Thee went;
 Our praise and prayer and anthems
 Before Thee we present.
- 4. All glory, laud, and honor
 To Thee, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children
 Made sweet hosannas ring.
 To Thee before Thy Passion
 They sang their hymns of praise;
 To Thee, now high exalted,
 Our melody we raise.
- All glory, laud, and honor
 To Thee, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children
 Made sweet hosannas ring.
 Thou didst accept their praises;
 Accept the prayers we bring,
 Who in all good delightest,
 Thou good and gracious King.

Call to Worship

- \blacksquare ASTOR In the name of our Lord \oplus Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on You, dear heavenly Father:
- **■** ONGREGATION Almighty Lord God, we stand in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word and to worship You with thanksgiving and prayer.

Confession and Forgiveness

- P Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!
- **G** For the sake of Your name, O Lord, preserve my life.
- P Do not hide Your face from me. You have been my help.
- **©** Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.
- P O Lord, open my lips;
- **a** And my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P Hear us as we pray, O Lord:
- Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.
- Lift up your hearts! For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon you, forgiven you all your sin, and brought you to everlasting life.

Peace \pm be with you.

Hymn of Praise • "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

[CW93 19, sts. 3, 4]

- 3. Rejoice, then, you sadhearted,
 Who sit in deepest gloom,
 Who mourn o'er joys departed
 And tremble at your doom.
 Despair not; he is near you,
 He's standing at the door
 Who best can help and cheer you
 And bids you weep no more.
- 4. Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
 Let not your souls distress;
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon
 And cover by his grace.
 He comes, for you procuring
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,
 His children thus securing
 A heritage in heav'n.

Prayer of the Day

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

-Be seated-

First Reading • Zechariah 9:9-12

The prophet Zechariah foretold a king who is both infinitely strong and perfectly humble.

He would enter Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey.

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
Look! Your King is coming to you.
He is righteous and brings salvation.
He is humble and is riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem.
 The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

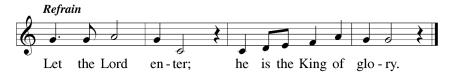
¹¹ As for you,

because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit.

- ¹²Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope. This very day I declare that I will restore double to you.
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God!

Psalm 24





The earth is the Lord's, and every- †thing in it,* the world, and all who | live in it;

for he founded it up- [|] on the seas * and established it upon the [|] waters.

Who may ascend the hill [|] of the Lord? *
Who may stand in his [|] holy place?

He who has clean hands and a | pure heart, *
He will receive blessing from God his | Savior.

[Refrain]

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you | ancient doors, * that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of [|] glory? *

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in [|] battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you | ancient doors, * that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is he, this King of | glory? *

The Lord Almighty – he is the King of | glory.

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. | A-men.

-Refrain-

Second Reading • Philippians 2:5-11

There is none greater than King Jesus. Yet there is none humbler than King Jesus.

Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **☐** Thanks be to God!

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:23

P The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Gospel • *Mark* 11:1-10

The almighty Son of God demonstrates real strength by humbly riding into Jerusalem knowing he will soon be put to death.

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay."

⁴They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. ⁵Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

⁷They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out,

Hosanna!

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

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!

P Here ends the Gospel.

☐ Thanks be to God!

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • 280, "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

- Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
 Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
 O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
 With palms and scattered garments
 strowed.
- 2. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!In lowly pomp ride on to die.O Christ, Thy triumphs now beginO'er captive death and conquered sin.

- 3. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

 The angel armies of the sky

 Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes

 To see th'approaching Sacrifice.
- 4. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
 The Father on His sapphire throne
 Expects His own anointed Son.
- Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O Christ, Thy pow'r and reign.

Sermon • *Philippians 2:5-11*

Make me like Jesus, humble and true Exalting God's Kingdom in all that I do.

-Stand-

Apostles Creed

△ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

-Be seated-

Offering

-Stand-

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

-Be seated-

Hymn • 88, "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

- Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only Hope for sinful mortals!
 Come, O Savior of the world!
 Open are to Thee all portals.
 Come, Thy beauty let us see;
 Anxiously we wait for Thee.
- Enter now my waiting heart,
 Glorious King and Lord most holy.
 Dwell in me and ne'er depart,
 Though I am but poor and lowly.
 Ah, what riches will be mine
 When Thou art my Guest divine!
- 3. My hosannas and my palms
 Graciously receive, I pray Thee.
 Evermore, as best I can,
 Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
 And in faith I will embrace,
 Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.
- 4. Hail, hosanna, David's Son!
 Help, Lord; hear our supplication!
 Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown
 Bring us blessing and salvation
 That forever we may sing:
 Hail! Hosanna to our King!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P We give thanks to You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We give thanks to You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

O God, grant us Your grace to remain in this saving faith until we see You face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

-Stand-

Blessing

G Amen.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • 279, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

- Hosanna, loud hosanna,
 The little children sang;
 Through pillared court and temple
 The lovely anthem rang.
 To Jesus, who had blessed them,
 Close folded to His breast,
 The children sang their praises,
 The simplest and the best.
- 2. From Olivet they followed
 Mid an exultant crowd,
 The victor palm branch waving
 And chanting clear and loud.
 The Lord of men and angels
 Rode on in lowly state
 Nor scorned that little children
 Should on His bidding wait.
- 3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
 That ancient song we sing,
 For Christ is our Redeemer,
 The Lord of heav'n, our King.
 O may we ever praise Him
 With heart and life and voice
 And in His blissful presence
 Eternally rejoice!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You

We thank Rev. Philip Henselin of Institutional Ministries for serving as our guest preacher today.

Easter Breakfast

A breakfast will be served on Easter Sunday between services (8am-9:15am) featuring egg casseroles and various side dishes. All are welcome to join us both for worship and to enjoy a meal together.

Food Donations & Helpers Needed: If you would like to donate food or beverages for the breakfast, or help with set-up or clean-up, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you.

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday	March 28	Service of Communion	3:30pm & 6:30pm
Good Friday	March 29	Good Friday Services	1:00pm & 6:30pm
Easter Sunday	March 31	Easter Dawn with Communion	7:00am
		Easter Festival	9:30am

This Week at Holy Trinity

Mon, 3/25	Tue, 3/26	Wed, 3/27	Thurs, 3/28	Fri, 3/29	Sat, 3/30	Sun, 3/31
5K-6 Easter Break This Week			Maundy Thursday 3:30pm & 6:30pm – Service of Communion	Good Friday 1:00pm & 6:30pm – Worship Services		Easter Sunday 7:00am – Easter Dawn with Communion 8-9:15am – Easter Breakfast 9:30am – Easter Festival

NOTES

- Organist: Becky Lange
- Flowers and Radio Broadcast sponsored by: Gary & Ruth Witt in honor of the birthdays of Gary Witt and Kelly Witt.
- Attendance: Wednesday, 3/13 early: 28; late: 21. Sunday 3/17: 87. Bible study: 28.
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