

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 13, 2025 10:30 AM

Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault, MN

We rejoice this day as a number of young people say "Amen" publicly to their baptismal vows and confirm their faith in the Lord. Today's service focuses on the content of that faith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN PROCESSIONAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

"Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna" & "Prepare the Way for Jesus"

(Please stand)

OPENING GOSPEL John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P. Here ends the first Gospel reading. **C. Praise to You, O Christ.**

PROCESSIONAL OF PASTORS AND CONFIRMANDS

WORSHIP SONG "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LSB 443, sts. 1-3

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

- P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.
- C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.
- P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

(Please sit)

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 32:36-39

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!

- ³⁹"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."
- L. Here ends the first reading.
- C. Thanks be to God.

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 made himself nothing, 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.

- L. Here ends the second reading.
- C. Thanks be to God.

<u>(Please stand)</u>

GOSPEL READING John 12:20-43

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me: and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said. "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. 34So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of

Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.
⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel. C. Praise to You, O Christ.

TITHES & OFFERING

(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)

MESSAGE SONG "The King of Glory" sts. 1-5

Refrain

The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices; Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

Verse 1

Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him? He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. *Refrain:*

Verse 2

In all of Galilee, in city or village, He goes among His people, curing their illness. <u>Refrain:</u>

Verse 3

Sing then of David's son, our Savior and Brother; In all of Galilee was never another. *Refrain:*

Verse 4

He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation, He took upon Himself the sins of the nation. <u>Refrain:</u>

Verse 5

He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen, And He will share with us His heavenly vision. *Refrain:*

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MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"A SEED, DEATH, LIFE ABUNDANTLY"

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Address to the Confirmands; Response of Faith; Statement of Vows; Individual Blessings LSB page 272 and following...

Out of respect and reverence for the worship setting, we request that <u>no flash pictures</u> be taken during this Service.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

→ Sophia Exodus 15:2

"The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him."

→ Allison Ephesians 2:4-5

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved."

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

→ Greta Titus 3:5-7

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith."

→ Nicolai Isaiah 40:31

"but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...
- C. 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

BENEDICTION

- 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.

(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG "King of Kings"

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory hallelujah! King of kings and Lord of lords, glory hallelujah! Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory hallelujah! Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory hallelujah!

Repeat verse

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- P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God!

* * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * *

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MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 17, 10:30 a.m. Senior Service with Holy Communion (followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP at the church office for lunch.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY— April 17, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion (live streamed and KDHL 920AM)

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18, 7:00 p.m.: (live streamed and KDHL 920AM)

EASTER VIGIL Remembrance of Baptism— April 19, 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY—April 20, 8:00 a.m. - Festival Service with Holy Communion (live streamed and KDHL 920AM)

EASTER SUNDAY—April 20, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service with Holy Communion (live streamed)

Easter Breakfast: April 20, 9-11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg / Scavenger Hunt: April 20, 10:00 a.m.