

sermon series:

The Road to Calvary



LOVED
TODAY

CURSED
TOMORROW

So 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!”

John 12:13



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Palm Sunday – April 13, 2025

9:30 AM Worship – 10:45 AM Sunday School

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Gideon's Presentation

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Songs **"Hosanna" & "Is He Worthy"**

Confession & Forgiveness of Sin:

P: Dear friends of Christ, in the shadow of our Savior's Holy Cross, we admit what God already knows: We have sinned against God in thought, word and deed. We have failed God by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Let us pray.

P & C: Most merciful God, I confess before you these, my brothers and sisters, that I have failed to take up my cross and follow Jesus. I have abused the gift of language by saying things I had no business saying and leaving unsaid things it was my duty to say. I have tried to possess that which does not properly belong to me. I have bent the truth to serve my own ends. I have not treated my neighbors the way I would wish my neighbors to treat me. For the sake of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for the sins of the whole world, have mercy on me. Forgive what I have been, and show me what I may yet become.

P: Jesus Christ was given to die on the cross for us, and raised to new life for us. Therefore we have also been raised to newness of life, pure and acceptable in the sight of God. **C: Amen!**

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

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Children's Sermon

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Sermon **"Loved Today, Cursed Tomorrow"**

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Give Thanks to God

Song **"Holy Forever"** with **"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Offertory

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"The Blessing"**

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We conclude the sermon series "The Road to Calvary." Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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April 6 General Offering: \$5200.00 Attendance: 96

March Mission Fund Offering – Feeding Ministry: \$1957.10

April Mission Fund Offering – Wells: \$65.00

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Greeters April 13—Donna Boysen & Bev Antonsen
April 20—Tom & Vickie Boltjes
April 27—Kenny & Cheri Antonsen

Available for Prayer (*in Classroom #3*) Kyle Meyerink & Shirley Johnson

Ushers April 13—Lee DeHaan & Spencer DeHaan
April 20 & 27—Lee Hanten & Dan Daum

Coffee Cookie Servers

April 13—Susan Holter, Tana Huizenga, Katie Hunhoff
April 20—EASTER (No Cookies)
April 27—Darla Johnson, Katie Johnson, Melissa Johnson

Today Sunday, April 13th, we will have a presentation from one of our local Gideons sharing with us highlights from their ministry and the ministry of Gideons International. The **Mission Offering** we collect today will be designated to bless our local Gideons. Please give generously as this organization does so much to make the Word of God known throughout the world. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note on check memo or offering envelope Mission offering or Gideon’s.

The flower committee **welcomes any Easter lilies or flowers** to decorate our sanctuary this Lenten season. Thank you!

Bible Study on Matthew – the Visual Bible will meet this Monday, April 14 at 1 PM in the Fireside Room.

On Monday, April 14 at 2:15 PM, we will be holding a **Lenten service** at the Avera Care Center. We hope you can join us and stay following the services for coffee and goodies.

Instructions for First Communion for our 5th graders will continue Tuesday, April 15 from 3:45-5:00 PM in the North Overflow room. We will also meet on Tuesday, April 22nd. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 4 at our 9:30 AM worship service.

Martha Bible Study Group will meet Monday, April 14 at 6:30 PM
Studying Lesson 4 – The God of Great Turnouts

Priscilla Bible Study Group will meet Thursday, April 17 at 9:00 AM
studying Lesson 4, Leader: Shirley Johnson, Hostess: Sarah Hoffman

Hannah Bible Study Group will meet Thursday, April 17 at 1:30 PM
studying Lesson 4, Leader: Peggy Martin, Hostess: Caroline Butler

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 18 at 7 pm

Easter breakfast (serving from 8-9 AM) hosted by the students going to summer camp this summer. They will be serving egg bakes, rolls, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. Free will donation. Join us before regular worship time.

Resurrection Sunday Service: Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 AM

Please let the camping committee (Tricia Meyerink, Wendy Wollman or Estelle Konechne) know if your kids will be attending camp this summer and if you would like to help with the Easter breakfast fundraiser.

Lifeline Children's Service is a Christian adoption ministry that will be in Platte on April 24 at 6:30 pm at Platte Christian Reformed Church to share about their ministries of adoption and Harbor Families. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about hosting vulnerable children through Harbor Families or growing your family through adoption (international adoption, foster care adoption, or domestic infant adoption). For more information about Lifeline, their adoption ministries, and Harbor Families, please check out the links at (provided event links above). There's also a quick form to fill out to pre-register for this info meeting.

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Our April Mission Fund Offering for April 20 & 27 will be again towards the Marion Medical Missions. It only takes \$475 to build a well for a rural African village. We can share the love of Christ with the extreme poor in Africa by providing them with a sustainable source of clean, safe drinking water. Our Mission Offerings in February went towards the Marion Medical Mission Funds and we raised \$1,820.50! That equals to almost 4 wells. We will continue in this to raise more money to supply more wells. Thank you for continuing to support our missions! We are looking forward to seeing how many more wells we can fund for this mission! Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note "Mission Fund" on offering envelope or check memo.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS: Community VBS will be held at Trinity Lutheran church on July 28th-31st from 4:30pm-7:30pm. Students who completed Half-day Kindergarten and Kindergarten through 5th grade may attend. Registration will be coming out soon!!!

We would like to thank the community for all the donations you bring to us. We continue to take all to the Abbot House, St. Francis House, Children's Home Society, the Foster Network, Union Gospel Mission, Bishop Duley House and Center of Hope.

Everything is so appreciated. Please don't send any more winter coats or winter clothing as they don't have room to store them. Keep them until September. Continue to put seasonal items in garbage bags and mark them and we will take them to the various missions. Please don't overload the bags. Please call Gloria Kok (605-207-0096) or Shirley Johnson (605-207-0388) before you come to drop off. Thanks again.

Prayer Praises and Concerns

Those in nursing and assisted living homes or home-bound:

Bud Bakken, Floyd Dimick, Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please keep Mike Erickson in your prayers. Pray: he could stop losing weight, that the numbness in his hands would go away, that he could sleep well, that the pain in his stomach would go away, & that his strength & energy levels would increase. Please pray Mike & all his loved ones will know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength in this difficult time. Please send him a card or pay him a visit. His address is: Room 105, White Lake Nursing Home, 408 S. Johnston Street, White Lake, SD, 57383
- Praise God George & Nancy Miller have come through their bouts of Covid well. Please pray God would bless them with an extended season of good health & vitality, that He would surround them with His love and that every day they have left would be a great day. Praise God as well that their daughter, Debbie Martin, continues to do well in her battle with ovarian & uterine cancer & can be more active. Pray she, her husband, Tom, & the whole family would know God's peace throughout this trial.
- Please keep Dave & Jeanne Kott in your prayers, praying Dave's appointment with the cardiologist would go well on April 17th and he would quickly schedule a time for the surgery to repair a leaky heart valve. Pray the Lord would bless him with healing, strength, good sleep, a good appetite, & increased energy. Please pray Dave & all his loved ones would know the Lord's peace, love, comfort, & joy throughout this trial.
- Please keep Beau Koopal & his loved ones in your prayers as he awaits a series of 3 drug infusions designed to improve his battle with MOGAD. Each infusion costs \$25,000.00 & his insurance doesn't want to cover them. Pray God would provide a way for the infusions to be paid & that they would greatly speed his recovery. He is still doing well & feeling well overall but did experience a random stumble the other day. Pray for his continued health & well-being & to live in the Lord's grace & peace.
- Please keep Karla & Conrad Kuipers in your prayers. Her pancreatic cancer is gone but it has now moved to her lungs. As a result of her most recent scans, doctors have discontinued her current chemo. Please join her family in praying that she might be admitted to some new clinical trials. Please pray that the Lord's hand of healing, comfort, strength, & provision would be upon her, & that she & all her loved ones would know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding. Karla is Mica Foxley's mother, & Blake's mother-in-law.

- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers. Floyd's health is improving, though he is very weak & on oxygen for a while. He is about to start restorative therapy to rebuild his strength. He is back in his room at the Avera Care Center. Pray he & Karen would continue to grow stronger & healthier and that the two of them would have a great remainder of the year. Send a card or stop for a visit at Avera Care Center, Room 17B.
- Please continue to pray for Mick Warejcka. Please continue to pray for his heart to come into proper rhythm & for his blood pressure to stabilize in a healthy range as they await his doctor shocking his heart into rhythm in May. Pray for Mick, Sharon, & all their loved ones to know God's peace that surpasses all understanding & for them to feel His presence.
- Please keep Randy Foxley in your prayers as he recovers from pneumonia, Covid 45, & a recent hernia surgery. Recent tests also indicate his cancer has returned. Pray for Randy to know the Lord's healing, protection, provision, and comfort & for him to recover quickly & completely.
- Please keep Joel & Pam Olson in your prayers. Pray Joel's upcoming scans at Mayo Clinic would reveal good news, that God would greatly diminish Joel's pain in his left shoulder, back, & legs, & that God would bless Pam with a double portion of His grace so she can provide care for Joel without growing weary.
- Praise God for Kory Meyerink's daily improvement from back surgery. Pray his pain would diminish daily. Pray the Lord would enable him to do everything asked of him in physical therapy and that he would feel himself improving daily. Pray he is soon able to live the active life he loves & pray he & his loved ones would know the Lord's love, peace, & presence.
- Please keep Mary & Tom Espland in your prayers. Mary slipped on the ice and broke her upper left arm. Due to her cerebral palsy, she has no use of her right arm, so things are difficult for them right now. Thank God their youngest daughter is living with them to help out. Please pray for the Lord's healing touch to be with both Mary & Tom, & for God to give their daughter a double portion of His grace.
- Please pray for the people of Thailand & Myanmar as they seek to recover from the 7.7 magnitude earthquake. Pray God would help these people who have lost so much: to remain strong in their faith, to know comfort in their loss & grief, to see amazing miracles in recovering trapped bodies & watching them get healthy. Pray for great help from relief agencies worldwide & for many hands to make quick work of a difficult situation.
- Please pray for the people recovering from the recent flooding in the Ohio Valley & various tornadoes, floods, & storms throughout the south & Midwest. Pray the Lord's hand would be upon them to infuse them with comfort, hope, strength, & peace.

Hosanna

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You,
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,
We long for You

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna.

You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises.

Hosanna, hosanna.

Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Chorus

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away;

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus x2

Hosanna, hosanna

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Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is) Is a new creation coming? (It is)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Chorus: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break
the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)

And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Chorus

From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is, He is

Holy Forever with **Holy, Holy, Holy**

A thousand generations falling down
in worship to sing the song of ages
to the Lamb and all who've gone before us
And all who will believe will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all

Chorus: And the angels cry Holy. All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy. Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, Sing the song forever to
the Lamb. If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb. We'll the song forever and amen.

Chorus

Hear Your people sing Holy to the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy. Holy forever

Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all (x2)

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Hear Your people sing Holy to the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy. Holy forever.
You will always be Holy. Holy forever.

The Blessing

Verse: The Lord bless you and keep you

Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (x2)

Chorus: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

Verse

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