

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**April 14th
2024**

Confirmation

**Third Sunday of
Easter
9:00 AM**

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REPENTANCE
for the
FORGIVENESS
OF SINS
will be
PREACHED
IN HIS NAME
to all
NATIONS.

LUKE 24:47

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONFIRMATION – ELW SETTING 8

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, April 14th



Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME ALL! *On this is Sunday after Easter, the joy remains and the celebration continues. Alleluia! The Lord is risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!* All guests and visitors are warmly welcomed to join in this celebration of God's gifts of Word and Sacraments. Your presence is a blessing to this worship experience. May God's rich blessing be upon us all! Remind us again, O Lord, of your promise to be present wherever and whenever people are gathered in your name.

WE ALSO PROCLAIM "a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,' is really worthy and well prepared" to receive the Sacrament of the Table. Children not instructed in Holy Communion are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

WORSHIP AIDS

PREFERENCE to receiving grape juice instead of wine is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return after services. Thanks.

LARGE PRINT BULLETIN AVAILABLE. Please ask the usher for a copy.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship. Today, eight young members are being called to affirm the faith of their Baptism in Christ and receive Confirmation from the church. As parents, sponsors, mentors, relatives, teachers and friends, we surround them with our love and prayers as we offer them our blessing, encouragement and support now and in the days that follow.*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen. Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

GREETING


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the




u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray ...Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



MEGAN SELLNER

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

The first reading is in Acts chapter 3, verses 12 - 19. After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

The second reading is in 1 John chapter 3, verses 1 - 7. God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.



The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

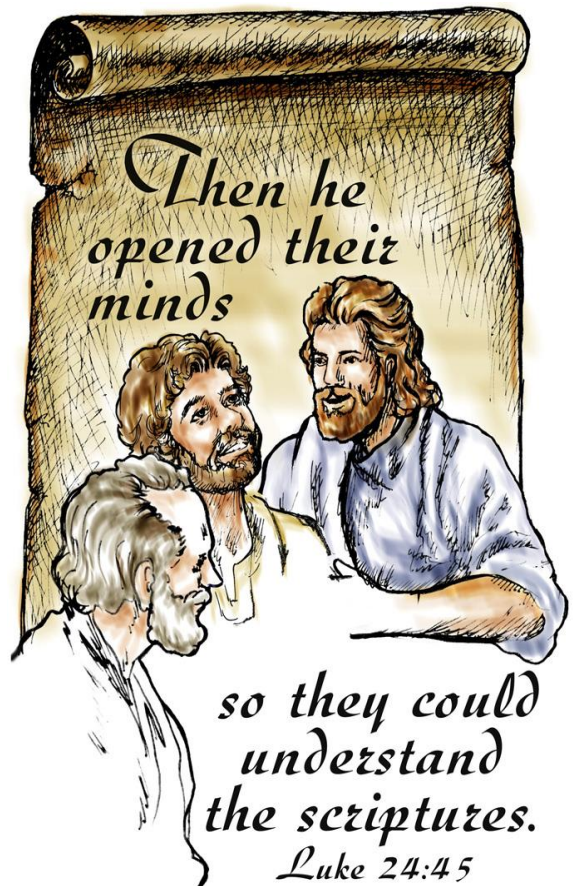
GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.



The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Grant Fischer



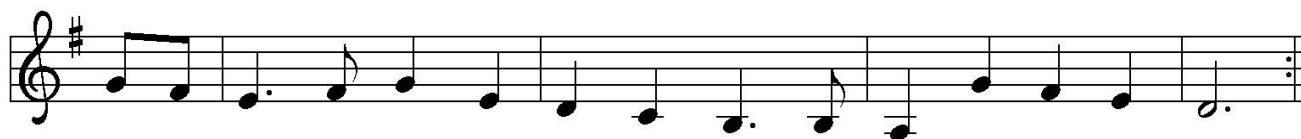
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



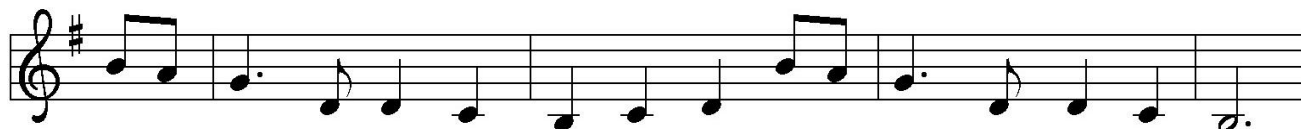
I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



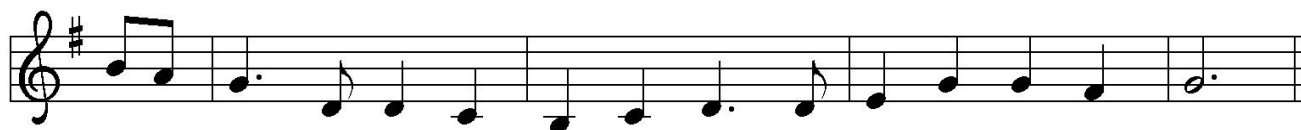
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(Confirmands come forward as names are called.)

P: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism: **Blaine Arneson, Kaden Braun, Shea Evers, Gavin Fischer, Jacob Fulmer, Brayden Heiderscheidt, Megan Sellner, & Carson Uecker.**

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *Blaine, Kaden, Shea, Gavin, Jacob, Brayden, Megan, & Carson*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in this community of faith. Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. Therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

(Congregation stands to affirm our faith with the Confirmands)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(other petitions are offered)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

(C: Sit as the minister addresses the Confirmands.)

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Confirmands kneel)

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

(Parents, Baptismal Sponsors and/or Mentors come forward, joining the pastor in the laying on of hands.)

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm (his/her) faith, guide (his/her) life, empower (him/her) in (his/her) serving, give (him/her) patience in suffering, and bring (him/her) to everlasting life. Amen.

PRESENTATION

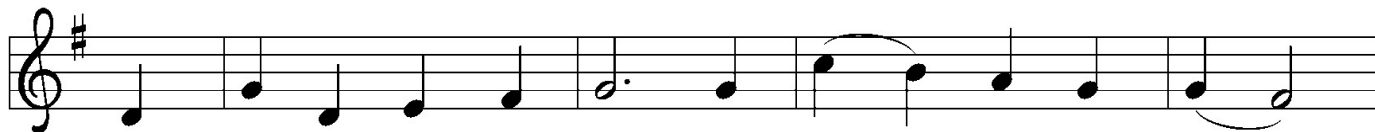
Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of our baptism in Christ. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**





1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

MEAL

COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin".
 Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

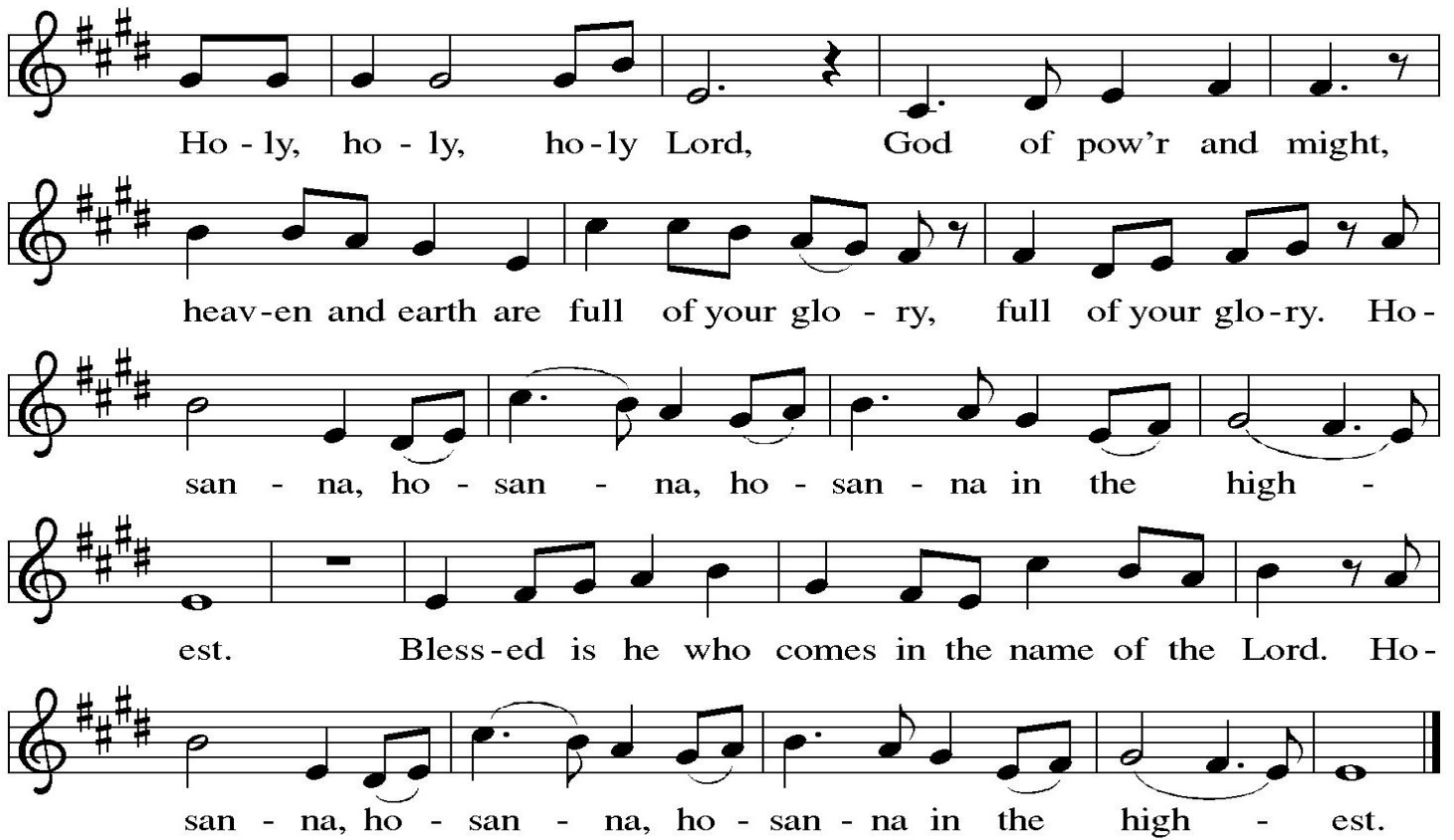
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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

WORDS OF JESUS

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.

DISTRIBUTION

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)



PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

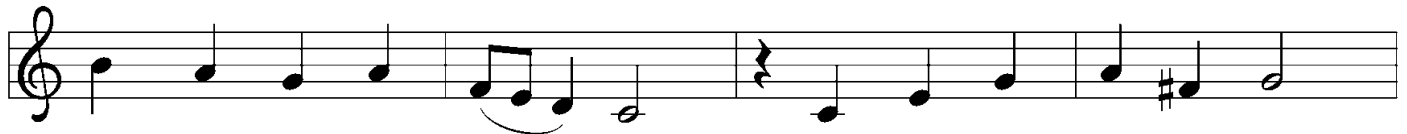
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
 Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive God's blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



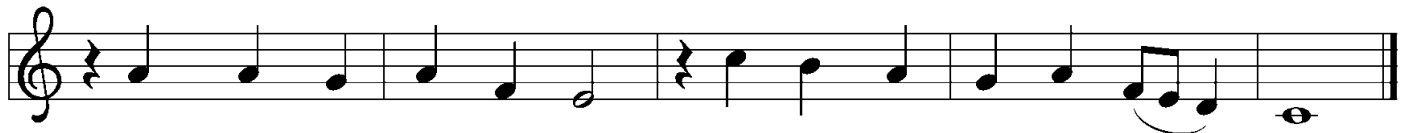
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Christ is always with you. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Special Music	Megan Sellner	
Acolytes	Davin Suess	
Readers	Kaden Braun, Jacob Fulmer, Carson Uecker	
Communion Assistants	Blaine Arneson, Shea Evers, Gavin Fischer, Brayden Heiderscheidt	
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Larry & Diane Evers	
Ushers	Larry Baumgardt, Dave Vosbeck	
Altar Guild	Nicole Stevermer, Beth Klein	

THE FOLLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE AFFIRMED THEIR FAITH TODAY



Confirmation

Blaine Arneson 03/03/2009
 Parents: Toby & Jodi Arneson
 Baptized: 03/29/09
 Sponsors: Leon & Ann Steffl
 Ted Arneson & Glen Schueler
 Mentor: Mike Petersen
 Bible Verse: Matthew 22:37
 "You shall love the Lord your God
 with all your heart, and with all your
 soul, and with all your mind."

Kaden Braun 06/05/2008
 Parents: Crystal & Jason Braun
 Baptized: 07/26/2008
 Sponsors: Cindy & Chris Schmitz
 Mentor: Shanna Uecker
 Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13
 "I can do all things through Christ
 who strengthens me."

Shea Evers 08/12/2008
 Parents: Jesse & Rachael Evers
 Baptized: 10/12/2008
 Sponsors: Dillon Anderson &
 Jennifer Kilma
 Mentor: Shanna Uecker
 Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9
 "Be strong & courageous, do not be
 frightened or dismayed, for the Lord
 your God is with you wherever you go."

Gavin Fischer 07/21/2008
 Parents: Chad & Angela Fischer
 Baptized: 08/24/2008
 Sponsors: Mike & Jacky Fischer
 Mentor: Cory Fischer
 Bible Verse: Isaiah 40:29
 "He gives power to the faint,
 strengthens the powerless."

Jacob Fulmer 10/17/2008
 Parents: Andrew & Jenny Fulmer
 Baptized: 12/07/2008
 Sponsors: Jill Hardin
 Jamie & LeAnn Ost
 Mentor: Mike Hardin
 Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13
 "I can do all things through Christ
 who strengthens me."

Brayden Heiderscheidt 07/07/2008
 Parents: Shane & Jenifer Heiderscheidt
 Baptized: 06/16/2007
 Sponsors: Sharisse Leier,
 Jeramiah Williams
 Mentor: Jeramiah Williams
 Bible Verse: Romans 8:18
 "I consider that the sufferings of this
 present time are not worth comparing
 with the glory about to be revealed to us."

Megan Sellner 03/16/2009
 Parents: Bryan & Sara Sellner
 Baptized: 05/03/2009
 Sponsors: Shannon Schutz
 Sue Schutz
 Mentor: Julia Coulson
 Bible Verse: Romans 8:38-39
 "For I am convinced that neither
 death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
 nor things present, nor things to come,
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
 nor anything else in all creation,
 will be able to separate us from the
 love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Carson Uecker 08/01/2008
 Parents: Shanna Uecker & Matt Uecker
 Baptized: 08/23/2008
 Sponsors: Crystal Ibberson, Amanda Case
 Scott Peterson, Steve Peterson
 Mentor: Rachael Evers
 Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9
 "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous;
 do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord
 your God is with you wherever you go."



The 2024 St John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary membership drive is underway! A box with our envelopes is in the Narthex. Please consider a \$5 donation to the Auxiliary. Place envelope in the offering plate. We help with bingo, birthday parties and fund raisers which support the residents and staff. We are proud of the facility and Trinity is church member of St John's Home. Thank you for caring and for your support!

ATTENTION THIRD GRADERS: Your last class is this Wednesday, April 17th. First Communion Sunday is April 21st.



Everyone can help fund our WELCA women by buying your flowers through us! They will be delivered in time of Mother's Day! This will help fund all the projects our quilters accomplish during the year. Thank you for your support!

Darlene Brummund, WELCA President



The WELCA Daughters of the Church Get-together

"Tending God's Garden"

Saturday, May 11th
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

*Come spend the morning
celebrating
the joys of spring!*

*Learn about gardening with Master Gardener

Lynn Hacker

*Plant a lovely container garden

* Enjoy a special luncheon

Adults - \$15.00 Children 10 and under - \$8.00



Hanging Baskets ~ 10 inch

Mixed Petunia Basket	\$30.00
Trailing Wave Petunia	\$30.00
Impatiens Basket	\$30.00
Ivy Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Zonal Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$30.00
12 inch Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$35.00

Colorful Containers

Combo Patio Planter 10"	\$30.00
Combo Patio Planter 12"	\$35.00
Geranium Tub 12"	\$35.00
Sun coleus Planter 12"	\$35.00
Succulent Planter 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 14"	\$35.00

April 14, 2024

The risen Jesus sends us out to witness for him.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Witnesses of these things
Monday	Acts 1:1-8	You will be my witnesses
Tuesday	Acts 5:17-32	The apostles share the message of new life
Wednesday	Acts 10:34-43	The witness of the apostles
Thursday	Acts 13:13-31, 38-39	Paul's proclamation in Antioch
Friday	Acts 18:1-11	Paul gives witness in Corinth
Saturday	Psalms 150	Praise the Lord
Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd



Third Sunday of Easter

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

You killed the one who gives life. But God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. Acts 3:15

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please open our minds to understand the Scriptures, and our mouths to speak of you. Amen. (Luke 24:45,48)

Mealtimes Prayer:

God bless our food, God guide our ways, God give us strength to declare your praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus give you peace, faith, and power to tell others about him. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please open our minds to understand the Scriptures, and our mouths to speak of you. Amen. (Luke 24:45,48)

Mealtimes Prayer:

God bless our food, God guide our ways, God give us strength to declare your praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus give you peace, faith, and power to tell others about him. Amen.

DEVOTIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Who first told you about Jesus? Who and what have helped you learn about him over time?
- Jesus said that his disciples would be "witnesses" for him (Luke 24:48). What is a witness?
- In what ways are you a witness for Jesus to others?

Share about your joys and your challenges in speaking to others about Jesus.

SERVICE

April 22 (Tuesday) is observed across the world as EARTH DAY. For Christians, Earth Day is an occasion to thank God for creation and reflect on how we might better care for what we have been given. Discuss ways in which your household can act to better protect the environment, such as using less power at home, recycling waste, planting trees and collecting litter. Commit to one act of environmental care this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 4:8 says, "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe." The end of the day is a good time to slow down, reflect on the day, and focus on God's place at the center of our lives. Rituals that help us do this can have a powerful "witnessing" influence in our home lives.

Consider incorporating these ideas into the bedtime routine:

- Share the "highs" and "lows" from the day.
- Read a Bible story or a brief Bible passage.

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

Please take your bulletin home for weekly family devotional time



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

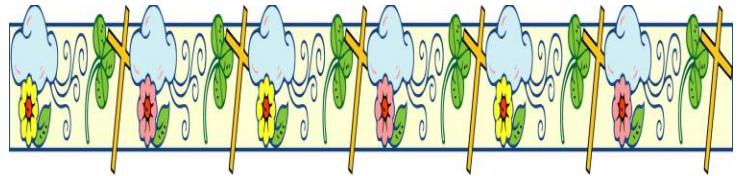
The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	116
Bible Studies Attendance:	10 + 6 + 5 = 21
Weekly Giving:	\$5918.28
April Giving	\$5918.28
Amount given this year	\$71,395.99
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$80,220.00
2024 Budget	\$298,000.00



This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Larry, Wade, Krista, Nicole, Trisha, Jan, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved onesthat God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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"THUS IT IS WRITTEN,
THAT THE MESSIAH
IS TO SUFFER AND TO
RISE FROM THE DEAD
ON THE THIRD DAY."

LUKE 24:46