Trinity Lutheran Church

March 17th, 2024

Fifth Sunday In Lent

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BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES many seeds."

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JOHN 12:24

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT SETTING TEN 9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, March 17th, 2024 "GOD'S RADICAL LOVE, LIVED OUT EVERY DAY"



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL who enter this house of worship! Today the risen Christ calls all to faith as we come to receive his presence and promise of forgiveness & life given in the form of Bread and Wine. During the time of offering, please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you. If you are visiting today, we pray our service of worship together will be a special blessing to you as you are to us.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return it after services—thank you. **IF YOUR OFFERING** is given by bank-pay, please use the cards in the pews as a sign of your offering in the plate. **PREFERENCE** to receiving grape juice and/or gluten free bread is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

PRELUDE / BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

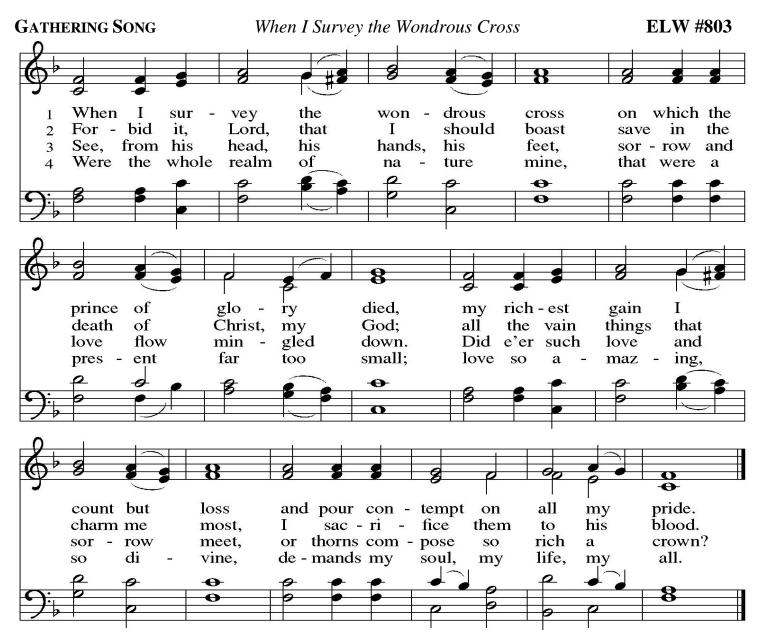
Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, our life, our mercy, our might. **Amen.** As we await the day of the Lord, let us confess our sin...

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of peace,

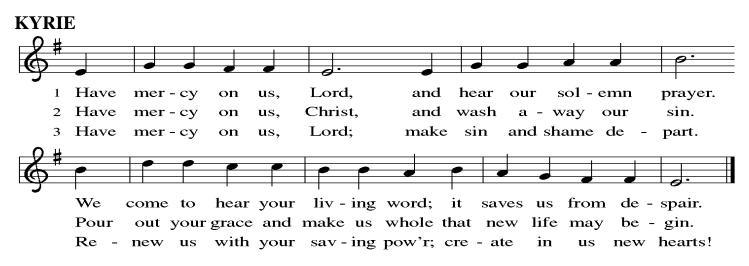
we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



GREETING

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



CANTICLE OF PRAISE
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;
Might w Cod of all are a tion Fo then of aur ross ing worth
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 31, verses 31–34. The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach

one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

The second reading is in Hebrews chapter 5, verses 5 - 10. Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

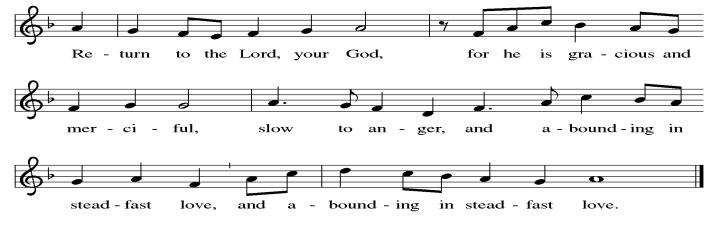
"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

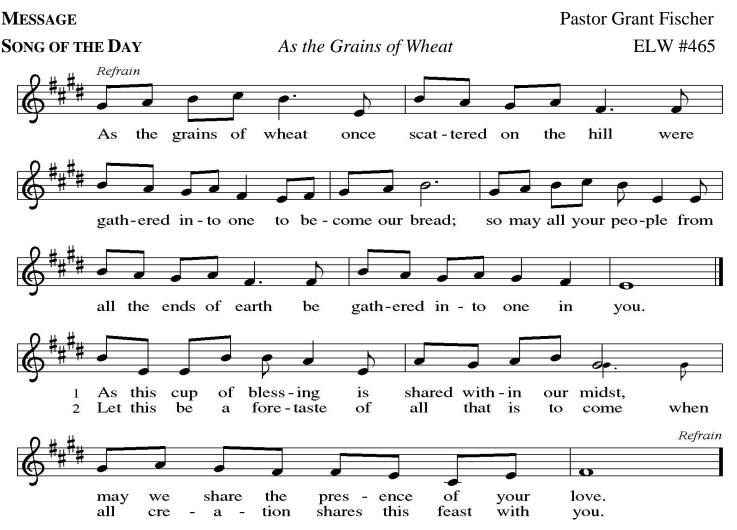
John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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



CREED

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

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.

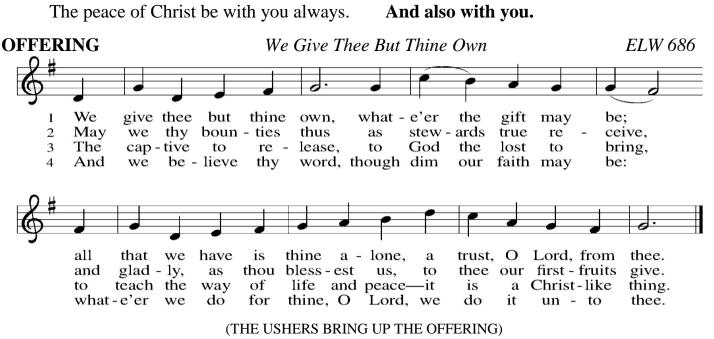
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

PEACE



OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

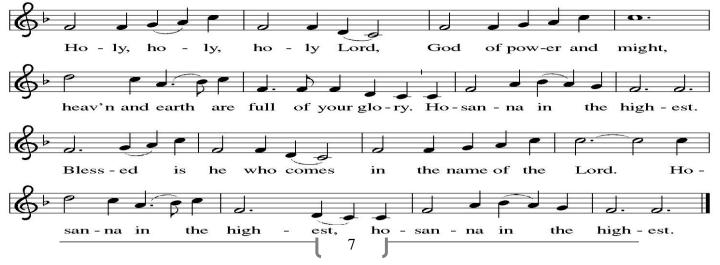
The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And also with you. We lift them to the Lord. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. That renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.)



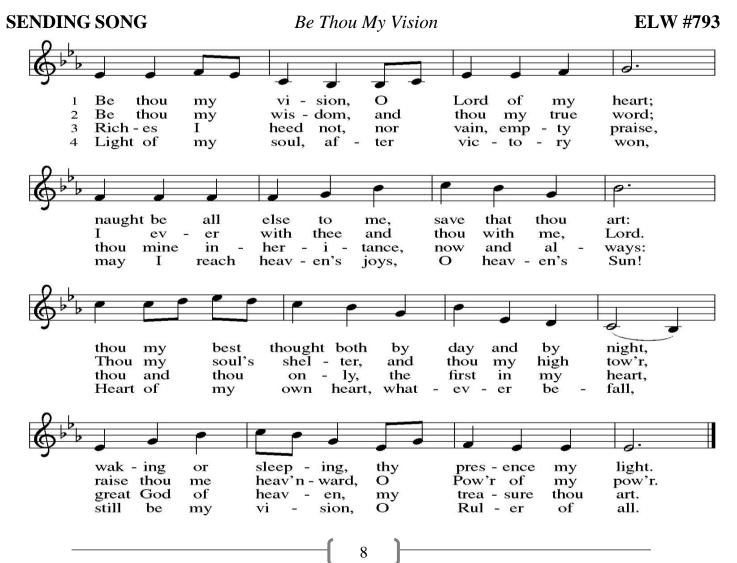
PRAYER

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

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. **Amen.**



DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.



OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY	9:00 am Sunday Worship	6:30 pm Wednesday Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Mary Mulry	
Acolytes	Carson Uecker	Kenley Jensen	
Readers	Eric Wahlborg	Kelsie Ladd	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Connie Johnson	Shea Evers, Hayden Domeier	
Ushers	Mark Miller and Doug Domeier	Jon Hansen, Davin Suess, Michael Pool	
Altar Guild	Beth Klein and Sara Sellner		



"Breaking Bread Together" will meet at the Lions Waffle Brunch today after Fellowship. Please join us as we support our Sleepy Eye Lions Club. They do so much for our community! Adults (at the door) '10.00 (In Advance) '9.00 "Adults (at the door) '10.00 (In Advance) '9.00 "Children 6-11 (at the door) '6.00 (In Advance) '5.00 "Under 6 FREE "Adults (at the door) '6.00 (In Advance) '5.00 "Under 6 FREE

Your Evangelism Board



Thank You

All Wednesday Lenten service offerings are designated for the **General Fund**. Quarter folders and/or film canisters are available to fill with coins. The **Lenten quarter folders** as well as the **Lenten supper donations** have been designated for Green Lake Bible Camp Scholarships

EASTER PLANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER TODAY: If you would like to share flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one(s) please sign-up in the church office. There are a variety of flowers to choose from that will brighten the sanctuary on Easter morning. You are welcome to take your potted flowers home with you after the 9:00 am Easter service. The deadline for getting your order in is **TODAY**.





MEALS THAT MATTER Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*



Sponsored by Sleepy Eye Lions Club Proceeds go to Lions Community Projects and Minnesota Lions Eye Bank - In honor of Lion Bridget Hillesheim, Sleepy Eye Lions The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service and Church School at 6:30.

> We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm each Wednesday Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering

March 20th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and DessertLay Ministry & FellowshipChild Friendly Option





The well enjoyed Progressive Supper is BACK! Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 28th, to join in an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and great food. **Please sign up by April 14th**. We are in need of 4 hosts to open their homes for this event. Please contact Ashley Fischer at 507-766-2647 if you are willing to be a host. Watch for more details on time and cost in future church publications. A sign-up sheet is in the church office. What is the Progressive Supper? Attendees will travel by car to enjoy each course of the meal at 4 different homes. Attendees will be asked to provide a dish for one of the four courses.



Lent is a time to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us.

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 John 12:20-33 Monday Romans 5:6-11 Tuesday Romans 5:12-19 2 Corinthians 5:14-19 Wednesday Thursday Hebrews 2:9-15 Friday Hebrews 9:24-28 Saturday Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12 Sunday Mark 11:1-11
- The grain of wheat that dies Christ died for us Many made righteous He died for all Bringing many to glory He takes away the sins of many He bore the sins of many Jesus enters Jerusalem



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat.

John 12:24

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

God, create a pure heart in me. Give me a new and faithful spirit. (Psalm 51:10) Mealtime Prayer:

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come give to us, O Saving One, the bread of life to eat. Amen. A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus draw you to himself. May his death cover your sins, and his resurrection fill you with new life. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Recall a sacrifice you have made for someone else. Is there something that another person has sacrificed for you?
- Jesus compared himself to a grain of wheat that would die so as to "produce lots of wheat" (John 12:24).
- What has the sacrificial death of Jesus produced?
- How is your life different because of the death of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read Psalm 51 as a home devotional litany. Consider dividing up the reading as follows: Reader 1: verses 1-2; Reader 2: verses 3-5; Reader 3: verses 6-9; Reader 4: verses 10-12. At the end of each section, invite all household members to respond together with these words: God, create a pure heart in me.

SERVICE

Purchase flower seeds and fill clay pots with potting soil. Plant the seeds and water the soil. Plant to give the pots away as Easter gifts to friends or neighbors as a sign of the new life that has come through the death and resurrection of Jesus. You may wish to decorate the pots with Easter symbols – glue these onto the outside of the pots and paint over them with varnish.

<u>RITUALS AND TRADITIONS</u>

This week, light five purple candles on your "crown of thorns" wreath. Read John 12:24. Then say this prayer together: Lord Jesus, thank you for giving your life like a seed that dies so that new life could come to many. This Lent, help us to grow as wheat in your field. Amen.

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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 <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message. TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> 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 <u>www.sleepyeyeonline.com</u> 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:		
9 +5+8=	22	
	43	
	36	
Not Avai	lable	

Amount needed to meet Budget\$45,840.002024 Budget\$298,000.00



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This Week's Prayer Concerns

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

<u>Pray for the Church</u>...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...

<u>**Pray for our World...**</u> 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...

<u>Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering</u>...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to 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.

<u>Pray for the beloved</u>... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones... especially Karen Beltz in the loss of her daughter, **Sally Foster**....that 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....

<u>Pray for all families</u>...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...

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

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Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Worship 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship at 6:30 AM Worship at 9:00 A "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."