

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**March 31st
2024**

**Easter
Worship**
6:30 & 9:00 AM

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Easter Sunday

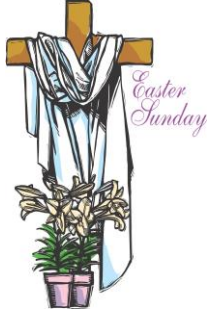


**He
has
Risen!**

EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW 4

Sunday, March 31st ~ 6:30 & 9:00 A.M.



WELCOME ALL! *This Easter Sunday is indeed the day that the Lord has made. Let us all rejoice and be glad in it as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and offer to God our highest praises for breaking the bonds of death by raising Christ from the grave! Today, the highest festival day of the Church Year, the risen Christ comes to us to share his presence in the proclamation of Word and Sacrament. The Savior welcomes all to His table of grace, both member and visitor alike. We thank all guests and visitors for joining us today as your presence is a blessing to this gathering. And we hope our gathering will likewise, be a blessing to you!*

IN THIS GATHERING: *we 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. Children who are not instructed for Holy Communion are always invited to come and receive a blessing.*

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher ask the usher.

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

PREFERENCE to receive grape juice is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

GLUTEN FREE wafers are available. Simply tell the server you wish to receive *gluten free*.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!*

PRELUDE/RINGING OF THE BELL



9 AM BELL CHOIR

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

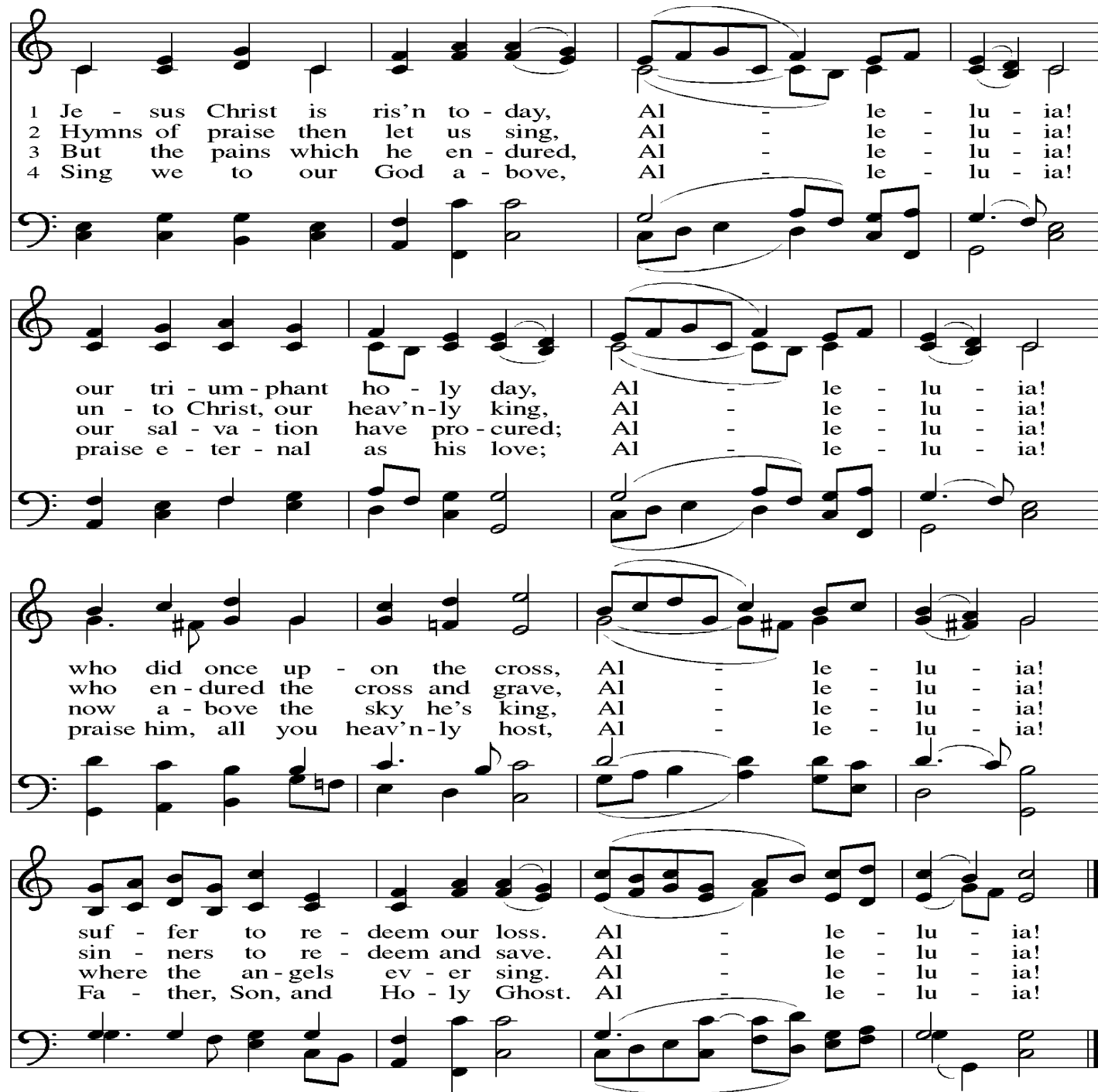
Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

God of grace and glory,

you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

The first reading is in Acts chapter 10, verses 34 – 43 Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The second reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 15, verses 1 - 11. The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

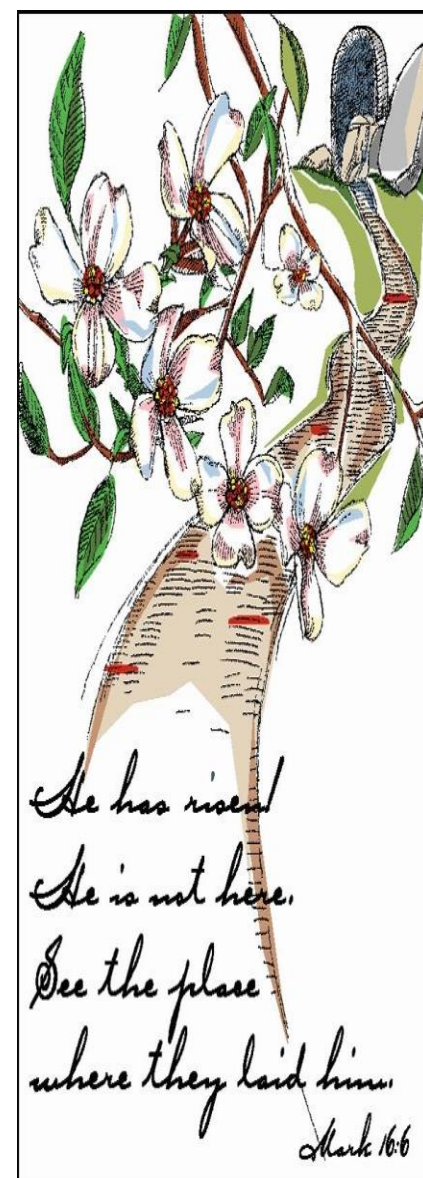
Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 16th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

[[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

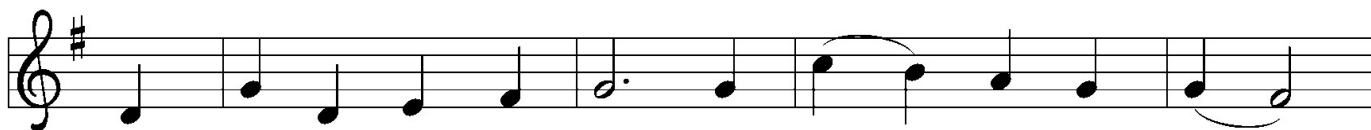
PEACE

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

OFFERING

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW 686



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)

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

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.

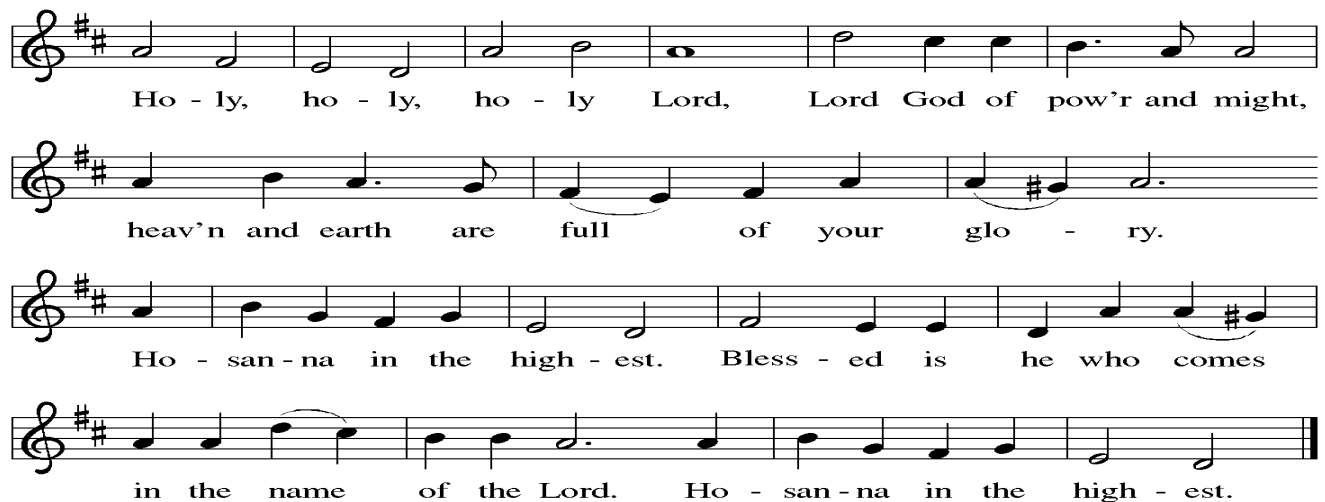
And also with you.

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

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah

Taste and See

ELW#493

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW#471

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

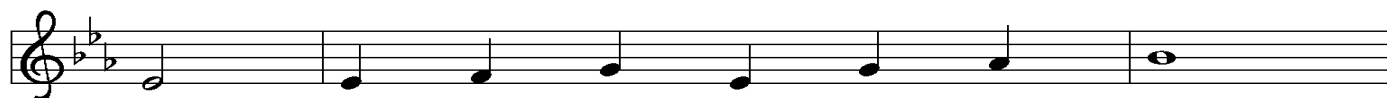
DEPARTING BLESSING

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW #367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

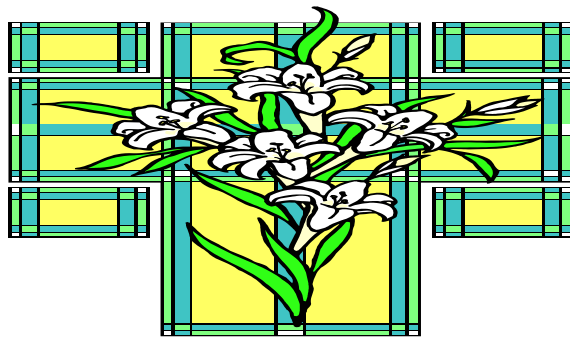
Bell



Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY	6:30 Worship	9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Mary Mulry
Brass	*****	Matt & Mason Sellner
Acolytes	Kelsey Ladd	Megan Sellner
Readers	Pat Stevermer	Cindy Anderson
Communion Assistants	Lee Johnson	Larry Baumgardt & Brian Polesky
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Pat Stevermer	Connie Johnson
Ushers	Isaac Johnson	Mark Miller & Keith Lendt
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner	





H E I S R I S E N !

We Thank the Following People for Providing the Easter Flowers

You may pick up your flowers anytime following the 9:00 am service

Lilies

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| ☼ Leann, Jeanette, and Lois Zamzow | In memory of their parents |
| ☼ Grant & Karen Fischer | In memory of Family |
| ☼ Jean Bloemke and family | In memory of Craig Bloemke |
| ☼ Jay Sellner | In memory of Brandy Roberts |
| ☼ Lee & Judy Johnson | In memory of our parents |

Tulips

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| ☼ Karen Voge | In memory of Russ Voge |
| ☼ Craig & Joleen Dittbenner | In memory of Sidney Dittbenner |
| ☼ Craig & Joleen Dittbenner | In memory of Marian & Lester Johnson |
| ☼ Craig & Joleen Dittbenner | In memory of many loved ones |
| ☼ Craig & Joleen Dittbenner | In Honor of their daughters |
| ☼ Shirley Cannon | In memory of her loved ones |
| ☼ Brian & Carol Polesky | In memory of all our loved ones |

Mums

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| ☼ Sandy Brinkman and family | In memory of Dean Brinkman |
| ☼ Shirley Cannon | In memory of her loved ones |
| ☼ Sandy & Mark Beito | In memory of their parents |
| ☼ Doug Domeier | In memory of his parents |
| ☼ Larry & Sherry Baumgardt | In memory of family |
| ☼ Brian & Mary Mulry | In honor of Our Family |

Begonias

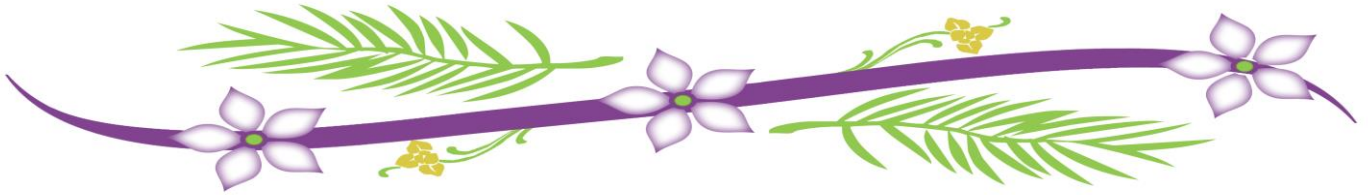
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| ☼ Michal & Pat Lowther | In honor of their children |
| ☼ Connie Johnson | In honor of her family |
| ☼ Casey & Julia Coulson | In memory of their grandparents |
| ☼ Rod & Darlene Brummund | In memory of Don & Donna Marcott
and Herb & Esther Brummund |
| ☼ Rod & Darlene Brummund | In honor of our children, Katrina, Andrea, & John
and grandchildren, Ariella, Andy & Mistra
and their children, Marcus & Mary |

Cyclamen

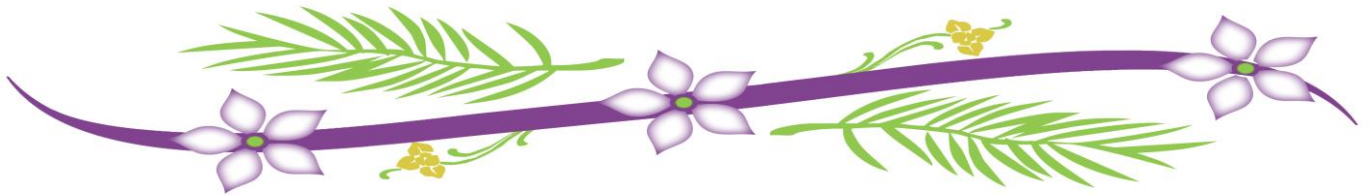
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| ☼ Alice Mae Johnson Hinderman | In memory of Albert & Randy Johnson |
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Hyacinth

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| ☼ Brian & Mary Mulry | In honor of Our Family |
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The season of Lent has ended. All Wednesday service offerings in Lent and otherwise are given to the **General Fund**. Please turn in your Quarter folders and/or film canisters which will support the **Green Lake Scholarships**. **THANK YOU** for your faithful generosity!



"EASTER
 IS THE
 SOUL'S
 FIRST
 TASTE
 OF
 SPRING."
 -RICHELLE GOODRICH

+Holy Week – Easter Message from Bishop Dee Pederson

Bodies. They need a lot of care and attention each day. Nourishing, cleansing, moving, exercising, strengthening, healing, clothing them.

At the center of the most important story of the Christian faith is a body: the body of Jesus. Fully human, fully divine Jesus: God in the flesh. *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”* (John 1:14.)

The earliest theologians spent a lot of time debating the nature of Jesus: was he only human and not divine, did he just appear to have a body that suffered, and was he really a spirit taking on human appearance? These questions were worked out finally in the third - fifth centuries in the creeds of the church that we continue to confess today - the Nicene and Apostles Creeds, and the Athanasian Creed.

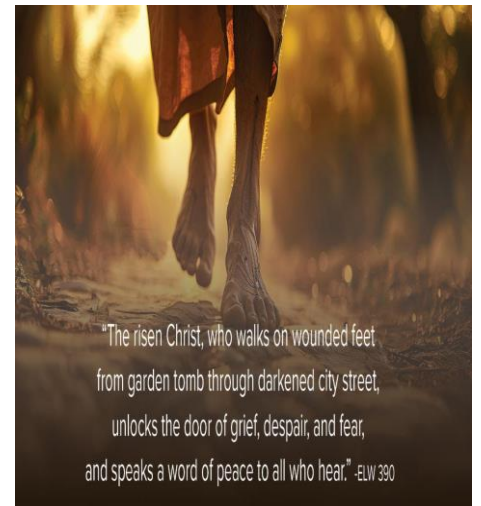
Just before Jesus enters Jerusalem, Mary anoints his feet. In the story of Maundy Thursday, Jesus gathers with his friends to share one last Passover meal together. He washes the disciples' feet. And then in this meal, Jesus says that the bread he takes, gives thanks for, and breaks, is his body. He says that the cup of wine he takes is the new covenant in his blood, poured out for all. His friends are confused and disturbed by what that could mean.

The next day, they discover what Jesus' words in that meal truly meant. Their teacher and friend – his very body - is betrayed, handed over, beaten, denied, suffers. His feet walk the way of the cross. He cries out, *“I thirst!”* As he is dying, even then there are words of Scripture on his lips: Psalm 22, *“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”* Although John's Gospel reflects the scripture that not one of his bones would be broken, I wonder if he also prayed Psalm 51, *“Let me hear of joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.”*

The stories of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday draw our attention to the body of Jesus, God in flesh: body given, body betrayed, body suffering and thirsting and dying. In all this, he knew what it is for us to be betrayed or denied, to bear pain and trauma in our bodies, to suffer, and finally to die.

Early on the first day of the week, the women go to anoint the body of Jesus. His body is not there, but they are promised he is risen and is going ahead of them to Galilee and would meet them there. They have a physical reaction to that announcement: they are alarmed and go out with trembling and amazement. In fact, the good news is true: the death we fear so much is defeated, and resurrection life has the final word. But even then, the body of Jesus bears the marks of his suffering and death. The text of one of the Easter hymns puts it like this:

*“The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.”* (ELW 390)



The stories of this holy week will draw you in to accompany Jesus as he walks to the cross. They will draw you in to walk with others in their suffering today. They will send you to run with the story of the resurrection life and see Jesus present right where he promises to be.

This week, we also remember all those here and around the world, who long for food and drink and shelter and justice for their bodies, who long for peace for their hearts and minds. This year especially, I remember the people I met last year in the Holy land, who, every day, walk the stones that Jesus walked. They are ordinary people of all faiths. They are our Lutheran brothers and sisters- pastors and lay people. They are the living stones of Jesus today, proclaiming peace when there is no peace, and life in a place where it is hard to see it present.

This week you will walk your own paths with many people, in many places. You, too, walk with wounded feet and sometimes broken hearts. Your body bears the fear, the stress, the pain of all those moments and of all to whom you are connected. But the heart of our gracious God is so full of mercy, compassion, and love, that the Creator of the universe sent Jesus to walk with you. Jesus came so that every precious child of God might know God's presence, for Jesus is going before you now just as he promises yet today.

So, if there are days when we wonder where the love of God has gone, or long to know where there could be new life, the stories of Jesus, the Word made flesh, declare that God is present with us and all people as we experience life's sufferings. And not only that, in the story of the resurrection we will hear again promises that wounded feet can and will walk again. Joined to Jesus' death and resurrection, life has the final word for our bodies. We will live again. Alleluia!

March 31st, 2024

Jesus is not here! He has risen!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 24:1-12	He is risen!
Monday	John 20:1-18	Seeing the risen Christ
Tuesday	Isaiah 65:17-25	New heavens and a new earth
Wednesday	Luke 24:13-49	The risen Christ is revealed
Thursday	Acts 13:26-39	Paul tells of Jesus' resurrection
Friday	1 Peter 3:18-22	Saved through the resurrection
Saturday	Psalm 98	Marvelous things!
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, "Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death."

Luke 24:5-6a

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, replace our fears with boldness, our doubts with certainty, and our unbelief with faith. Amen. (Luke 24:4-12)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord of the empty tomb, as you fill our bodies with food, fill our lives with hope, and our hearts with love. Alleluia!

A Blessing to Give:

May the resurrection of Jesus give you joy and hope. May he live within you, this day and always. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

Share about a time when you received some amazing news. How did you react?

Jesus' followers reacted in different ways to the news that he had risen from the dead (read Luke 24:4-12).

How do you think you would have reacted?

How is the resurrection of Jesus important to you?

DEVOTIONS

During the seven weeks of Easter, many churches light paschal candles to remind us that the risen Jesus is in our midst. Choose a candle to serve as your resurrection candle for the Easter season (you may wish to use a brightly colored one). Light the candle when you have your devotion times. As it is lit, say these words:

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ's resurrection means that God is alive and at work in our world. Invite others to share where and how they have seen God at work in the past day. For example, "I saw God at work in the beautiful sunrise" or "I saw God at work in my mother's cooking" or "I saw God at work in the fun we had together."

SERVICE

Flowers are signs of life and joy, and are often used to symbolize Easter. Make up or purchase a bouquet of "resurrection flowers" to give to someone who is sick, in the hospital, or going through a difficult time.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Easter Sunday is the most important day of the church year, but the celebration of Easter does not end there. It continues for a full fifty days until Pentecost. The "Great Fifty Days of Easter" are a wonderful opportunity to explore and celebrate Easter more fully than we can possibly squeeze into a single day.

Make up a large cross out of posterboard, cardboard, or wood. Cut out "flowers" from sheets of colored paper. During the Easter season, ask one person to share something they saw or experienced during the day, which gives cause to say "Alleluia." Then, have that person place a "flower" on the cross. On Pentecost Sunday, you will have a colorful reminder of God's good work in your lives.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



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"

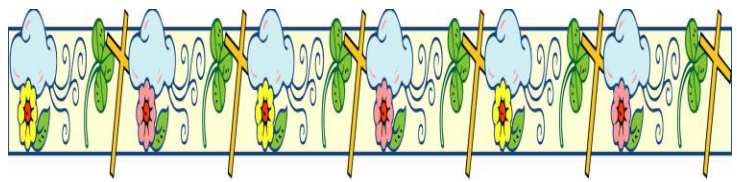
The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



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:	130
Bible Studies Attendance:	-- +3+4= 7
Weekly Giving:	\$4438.63
March Giving	\$24,084.21
Amount given this year	\$59,420.08
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$68,760.00
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 **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.**

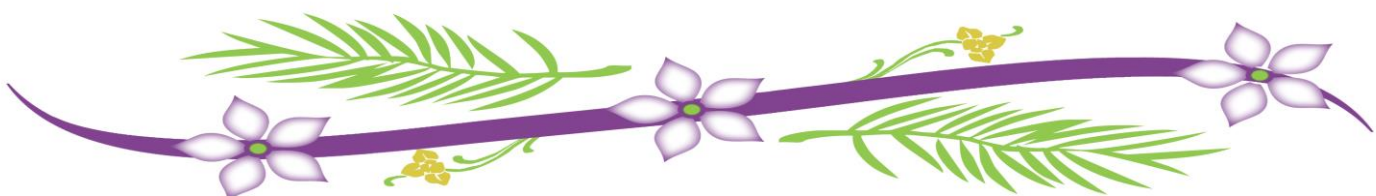
Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved onesthat God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

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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Easter Blessings

