

Trinity Lutheran Church

**April 2nd
2023**

Palm Sunday

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Jesus
in the
highest
heaven!

MARK 11:10

PALM SUNDAY SETTING 3

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2023 ~6:30 & 9:00 A.M.



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES one and all who enter this house of worship to celebrate the Word of God and Jesus' presence among us. Wherever you come from we invite you to join us in approaching our loving Savior in the spirit of worship and service.

We are grateful to God for all who are gathered here today. For everyone able, fellowship and refreshments await you in the library immediately after worship. Everyone, please sign the Friendship Pad during today's time of offering.

WORSHIP AIDS

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

Children's Activity Bags are available at the rear of the church—please return them after the service. Thank you.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSION OF PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

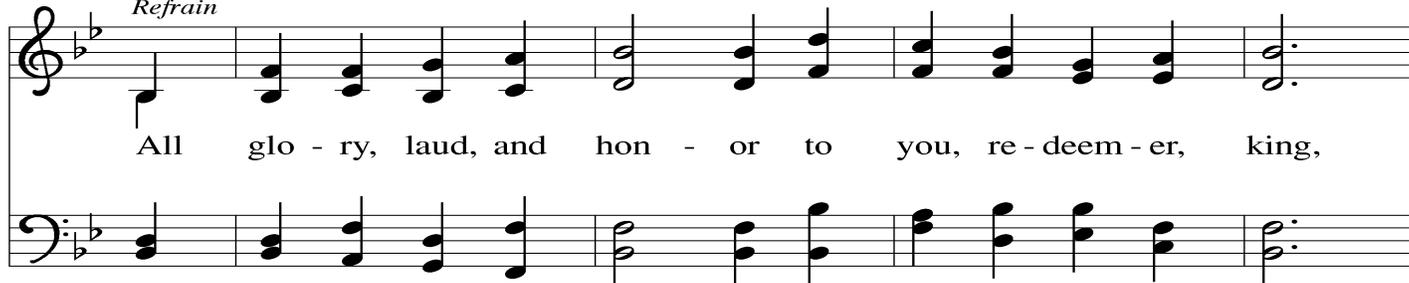
Let us pray,

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**



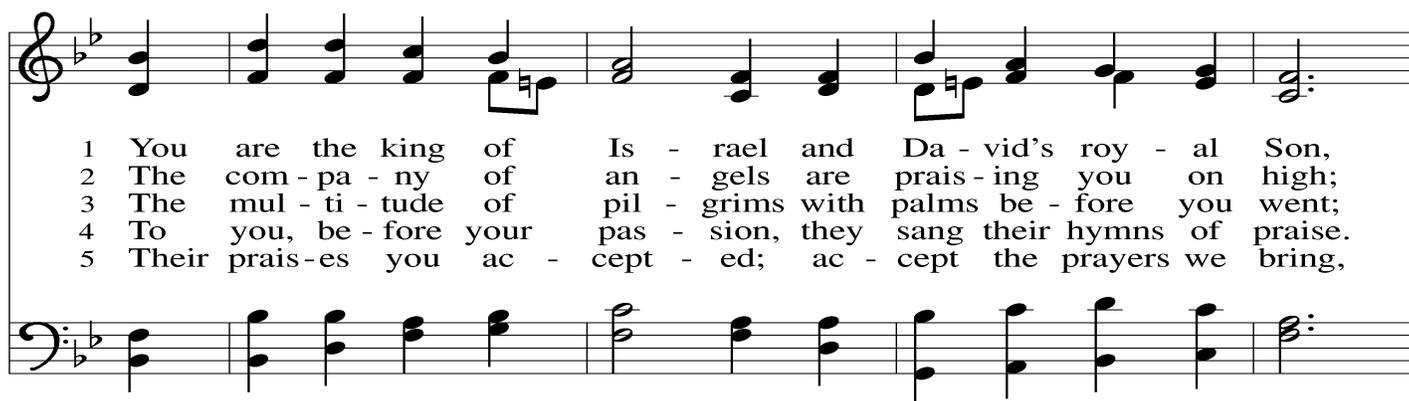
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.





Little Donkey

Sunday School Children

Children's
Message



Noisy Offering

Trinity Choir

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 50, verses 4-9a.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

The second reading is in Philippians chapter 2, verses 5-11.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-54

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 27th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**"

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason



Over his head they put
the charge against him, which read,
"This is Jesus,
the King of the Jews."
MATTHEW 27:37



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Confession of Faith

(Philippians 2:5-11)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As God's people called to love one another, let us offer our prayers of intercession and thanks to God as we begin with a moment of silence...

Holy God, mighty and merciful, we are in awe of a love so great; you came to Earth as a baby, to teach, to heal, to forgive and ultimately ride triumphantly in to Jerusalem to give your life for us.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Strengthen and sustain your children who proclaim the Good News of the gospel in the face of persecution. Soften the hardened hearts of those who are unwilling to hear your Word that they might be born to a new life in you.

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Encourage the outcast, the marginalized and the invisible people in our communities; open our eyes not only to see them, but bring them out of the shadows, and work for change to end poverty and indifference.

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Comfort the grieving, those who cope with chronic illness – physical or mental, and those who feel hopeless. Let them be assured of your abiding presence even in the darkest times.

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We offer all the prayers of our hearts, singing hosanna as we worship the one who rode into Jerusalem on a lowly donkey.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

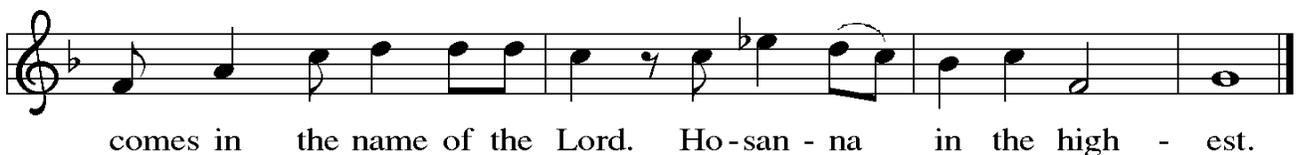
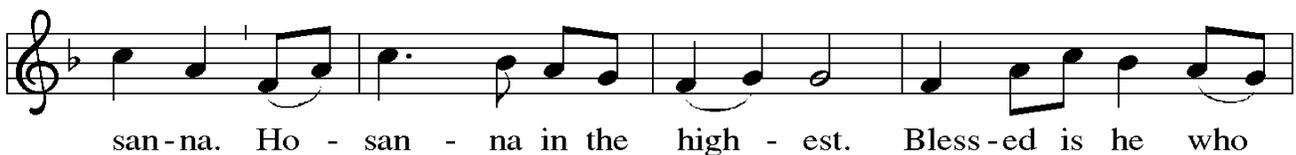
And also with you.

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, 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 INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us pray:

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

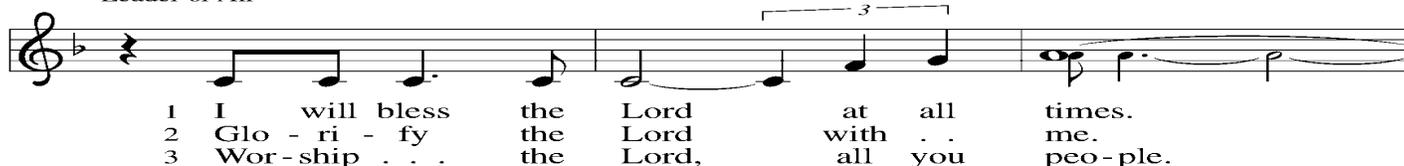
God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

TASTE & SEE

Refrain – All



Leader or All



Refrain



COMMUNION BLESSING

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers to the acolyte)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



SENDING

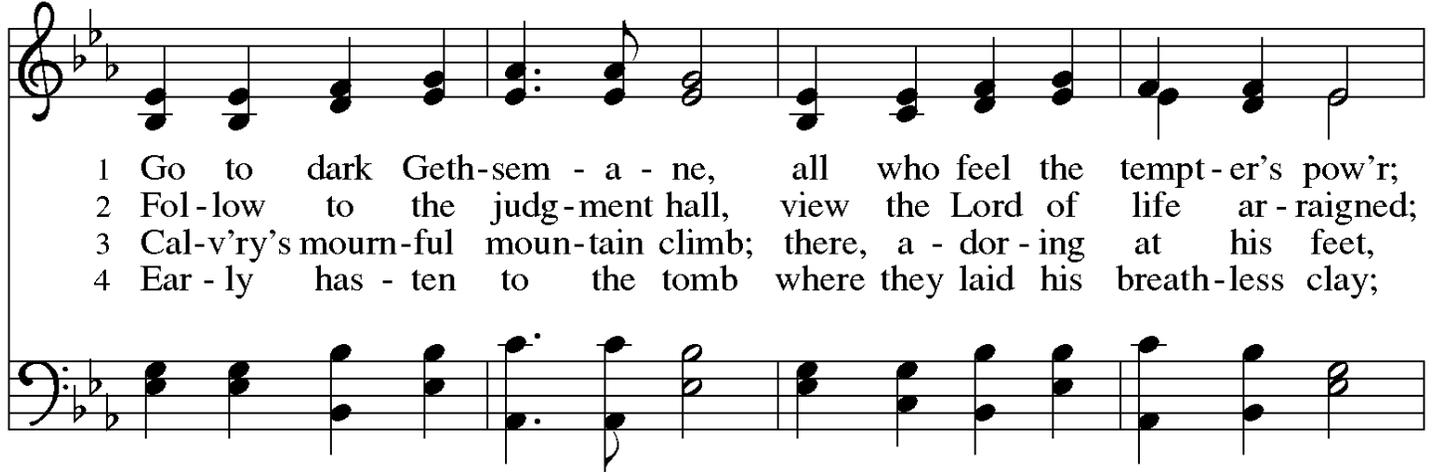
DEPARTING BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

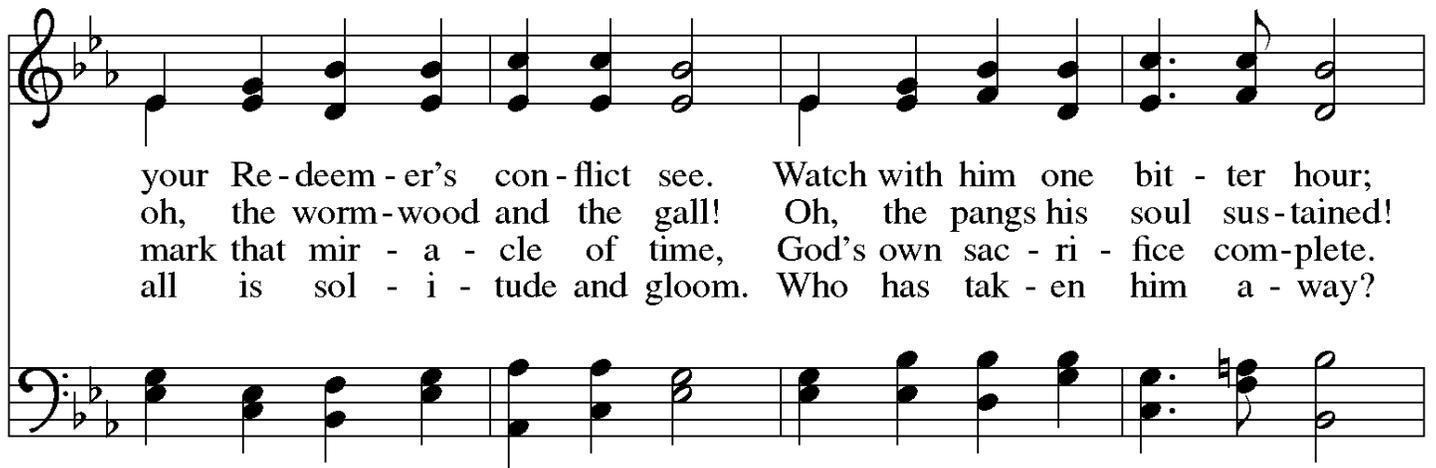
SENDING SONG

Go To Dark Gethsemane

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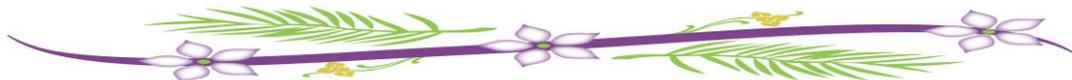
1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

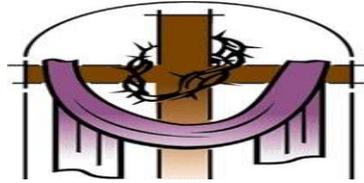


BELL

DISMISSAL

P: Walk with Him this week...
 Walk with Him...
 Walk in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: *We will listen to Him teach us.
 We will go to the temple in Jerusalem.
 We will share with Him at Passover.
 We will go with Him to Gethsemane.
 We will follow Him to the cross.
 We will carry His body to the tomb.
 Thanks be to God.*



Please leave in silence.

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY	9:00 am Sunday Worship	7:00 pm Thursday Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Mary Mulry
Acolytes	Michael Pool	Gavin Fischer
Communion Assistants	Mark Miller, Lee & Isaac Johnson	Lee Johnson & Darlene Brummund
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Ushers	Dale & Diane Eckstein	Jon Hansen
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson, Melinda Braulick	

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES AT 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY AT NOON AND 7:00 PM

EASTER SERVICES AT 6:30 AND 9:00 Am

Please return your quarter folders and canisters this week. Time & Talent are now due, so please turn them in as well. Extra copies are available on the table in the Narthex. Thank You!

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!*



The well enjoyed Progressive Supper is BACK! Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 16th, to join in an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and great food. **Please sign up by April 2nd.** 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.



Are you ready for SPRING? Come and enjoy a day filled with fresh tulips, a parade and many other events highlighting Dutch heritage. Trinity Fellowship Board and Sleepy Eye Community Ed have teamed up to attend the Tulip Festival in Orange City IA, Thursday, May 18. Motor Coach is \$30 with food on your own. Spots are limited so please sign up early. **Registration deadline is May 7th**. Sign up sheet and additional information is in the church office or you can contact the Community Ed office at 794-7873.

Lent has traditionally been a time of special offerings and it will happen again. The quarter folders have been designated for Camp Scholarships for Trinity Youth. Remember to fill a quarter folder, film canister or M & M container with quarters during Lent or use your regular envelope and mark the amount in the special giving blank. The funds are designated for Bible Camp scholarships. Three thousand five hundred dollars will cover the cost for eight youth planning to attend with \$2,217.00 already available. Thank you for your generosity.



Check your narthex mail boxes for a new Time and Talent sheet. All confirmed members are invited to fill one out and return via the offering plate or to the church office. It takes many volunteers each week/month for services and other activities to run smoothly. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Thank You

Dear Trinity Lutheran Members, The Parish Planning Council would like to thank all those who filled out the surveys. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. The council will be taking steps to move forward and address your responses to these surveys.

Brian Polesky

A flyer for a Palm Sunday event. It features a light green background with palm fronds in the corners. The text is centered and reads: "JOIN US FOR Palm Sunday Cinnamon Rolls with Coffee and Juice". Below this is a small green leaf icon. The event details are: "SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND 10:00-11:00 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY (TO GO ALSO AVAILABLE)". At the bottom, it says "Free will donations for Trinity Youth Programs".

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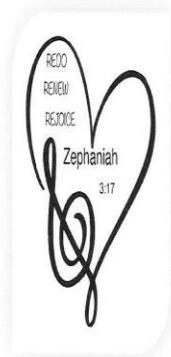
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2023 SW MN SWO Convention



Friday, May 5, 2023

Shetek Lutheran Ministries
14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN 56172



Theme Verse: Zephaniah 3:17b

**Theme Hymn: "Change My Heart,
O God"**

Opening Worship with Holy Communion
Rev. Heather Culuris officiating

Guest Speaker: Katie Chapman, Director
Shetek Environmental Learning Center

Registration Fee: \$35.00

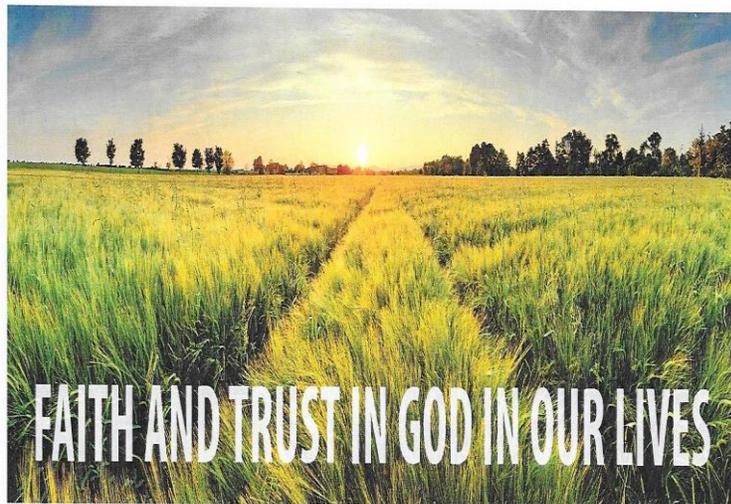
Note: There will not be a truck for In-Kind Offerings this year.

Convention Offerings: 50% to Churchwide Women, 25% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries,
25% to Shetek Environmental Learning Center

Katie's Cans available – Bring your loose change for Katie's Fund.

Convention Schedule

9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee/Displays
10:00 Opening/Voting Member Orientation
10:15 Worship with Holy Communion
3:30 Convention Closes



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

SW MN Synod Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Gloria Dei Church in Redwood Falls

8:30 a.m. **Registration** / Rolls, Coffee, and Juice

9:00 **Opening Remarks and Hymn Sing** led by Bishop Dee Pederson, and
Reynold Dittbenner, and John Woodford. Music by Lowell Krogstad and Emily Berg

9:45 **Bible Study**

10:15 **Business Meeting**
Fill vacancies on board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Conference Reps.
Scholarship for Seminary and Endowment Fund Contribution
LMM Golf Tournament date July 21, 2023, at Redwood Falls Golf Course and Purpose

11:00 Mr. Ted Mathews (Topic of Stress Management) or National LMM Video

11:45 **Lunch / Meet and Greet**

12:15 p.m. **Breakout Session #1**

- A. Shalom Hill Farm Director, Keith Newman – Programs, Purpose, Rebuild
- B. Faith Chest Building with Al Hillmer and Reynold Dittbenner – Why, Cost, Tools, Instructions
- C. LMM Ambassador, Pr. Tim Schroeder – LMM Tools for Ministering with Men

1:00 **"Faith, Trust in God" – Pr. Troy Pflibsen, SW MN Synod Director for Evangelical Mission**
Each man is asked to bring two Bible verses with the word "Faith" to the session.
Come and join the discussion on Faith.

2:00 **Breakout Sessions #2**

- A. Shalom Hill Farm Director, Keith Newman – Programs, Purpose, Rebuild
- B. Faith Chest Building with Al Hillmer and Reynold Dittbenner – Why, Cost, Tools, Instructions
- C. LMM Ambassador, Pr. Tim Schroeder – LMM Tools for Ministering with Men

2:45 **Closing Worship and Communion** with Offering led by Pr. Bryant Kaden,
Bishop Dee Pederson, and Pr. Lowell Krogstad
Installation of Officers

Depart for Home Drive Safely!

To register please fill out the registration form and mail to LMM Treasurer, Reynold Dittbenner at 24533 State Hwy 4, Sleepy Eye, MN 5608.

Cost: \$25 per person -OR- \$75 per congregation whether 3 people participates or four+.

Donations to the LMM Scholarship Endowment Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the Spring Gathering.





NOURISH

your local food shelf

Feb 27 – April 9, 2023 Sleepy Eye Area Food Shelf

Non-Perishable Food Drop Off Boxes: Schutz Family Foods, St. Mary’s Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, and at Food Shelf-Only on Mondays 4-6 pm

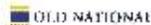
Cash Donations - Send check to: Sleepy Eye Food Shelf PO Box 492 Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Questions: Call Ann McCabe 507-794-4478 or Josie Rose 507-794-7130

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April 2nd, 2023

Lent is a time for humble service of others.

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	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Monday	Mark 12:1-12	Parable of the tenants
Tuesday	Mark 14:1-11	Jesus anointed at Bethany
Wednesday	Mark 14:12-20	Jesus to be betrayed
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes his disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1-19:42	The sufferings and death of Jesus
Saturday	Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24	In God I hope
Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	Christ is risen!



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He appeared as a man. He came down to the lowest level. He obeyed God completely, even though it led to his death. In fact, he died on a cross.

Philippians 2:8 (NIRV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! (Mark 11:9-10)

Mealtime Prayer:

Hosanna! Praise to God our provider. Hosanna!

A Blessing to Give:

May you have a humble attitude like that of God's Son, and may you be blessed as God's servant. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Who is the most "important" person you have met? How did you feel when you met that person?
- Jesus, who is King of kings and Lord of lords, "came down to the lowest level" for us. In what ways has Jesus been our humble servant?
- In what ways can you follow Jesus' example this Holy Week?

DEVOTIONS

Good Friday is a special day for contemplation upon Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. Introduce these practices into your home life to make your Holy Week a more meaningful experience.

- Simplify your day. Attend church together as a household. Spend quiet time at home, without use of the TV, radio, video games, CDs or computer. Make the hours of noon to 3 p.m. (the hours when Jesus was crucified) a particular "low time" (you may wish to darken your home during these hours by drawing your curtains).
- Look together at a Bible storybook of Jesus' passion, or watch a video of Jesus' life.
- Simplify your meals. Minimize snack foods.
- Perform an act of service together as a household, such as clean up a community area, visit a lonely person, or prepare something to give away.

SERVICE

Do you know someone who will spend Easter alone? Share your resurrection joy by inviting that person to lunch or dinner next Sunday.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

On Palm Sunday light all six purple candles on your "crown of thorns" wreath. Read Philippians 2:8 and then extinguish one candle. Say this prayer together: Lord Jesus, thank you for coming down to our level so that we could be lifted up to yours. Thank you for being our humble servant by dying on the cross. Amen. In the following five days of Holy Week, follow the same pattern – light all six candles, read a Bible verse, extinguish candles (one more each day) and say the prayer together:

Monday Read Isaiah 53:4 Extinguish 2 candles

Tuesday Read Isaiah 53:5 Extinguish 3 candles

Wednesday Read Isaiah 53:6 Extinguish 4 candles

Thursday Read Isaiah 53:7 Extinguish 5 candles

Friday Read Isaiah 53:8 Extinguish 6 candles

On Saturday, don't light any candles. Read Isaiah 53:9 and say the prayer together.

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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 CHECK IT OUT!!

"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:	193
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$1693.60
March Giving:	\$21,057.31
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$53,751.84

Needed to meet budget to Date \$74,490.00

This Week's Prayer Concerns

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 **Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, OraDell, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, 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 ones ... 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....

Pray for all families... that the Holy Spirit would bring joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

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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