

Trinity Lutheran Church

**April 24,
2022**

**Second Sunday
of Easter**

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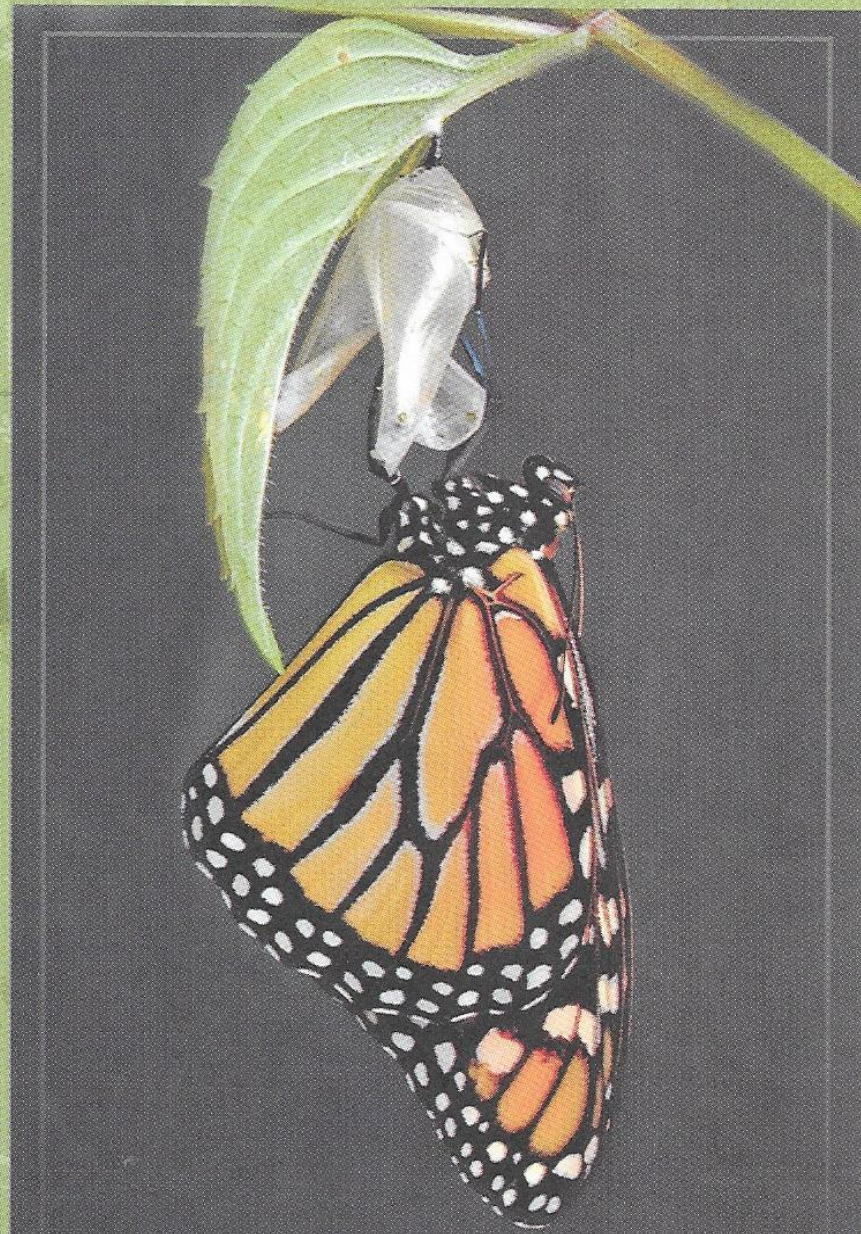
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*Do not doubt
but believe*

SERVICE OF THE WORD
9:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2022



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THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! The Risen Christ receives all who enter this house of worship to celebrate God's gifts of Word and Sacrament! Your presence is a blessing to this worship we share as we raise our hearts and alleluias to God. Everyone who has faith in Jesus' presence and his promise of forgiveness is welcome at this Table of the Lord. Fellowship and refreshments are available in the Library between services.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher.

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

PLEASE SIGN the Friendship Pad.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

PRELUDE/BELL

PARISH NOTICES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + 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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

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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 of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.**



WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

The first reading is in Acts chapter 5, verses 27 - 32.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

SECOND READING

Revelations 1:4-8

The second reading is in Revelation chapter 1, verses 4 - 8.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

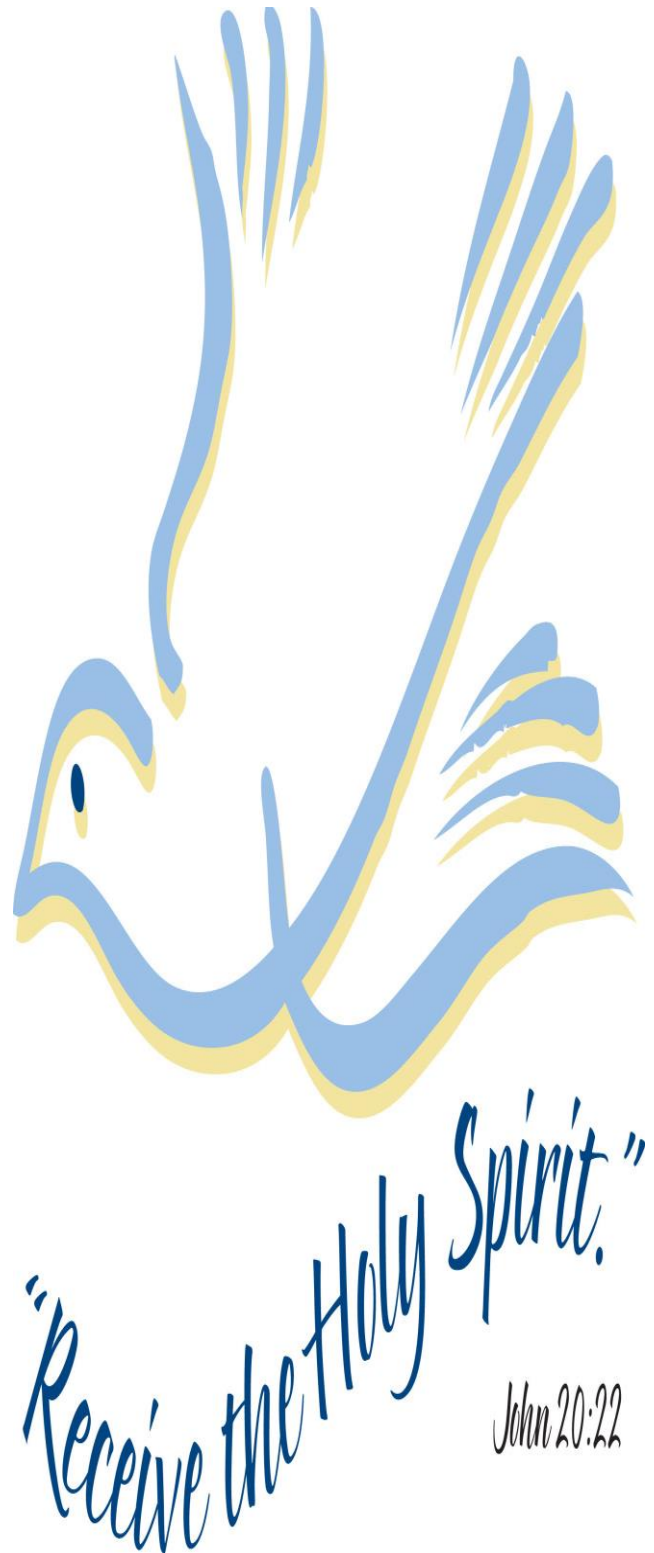
But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

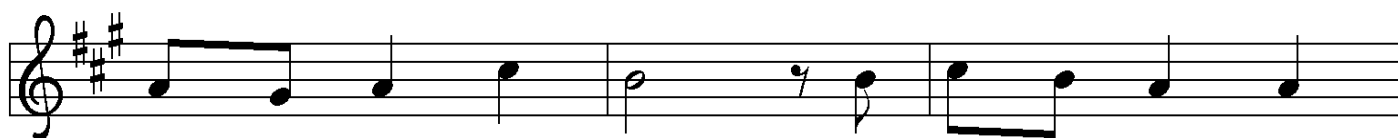
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.





1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

CREED

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

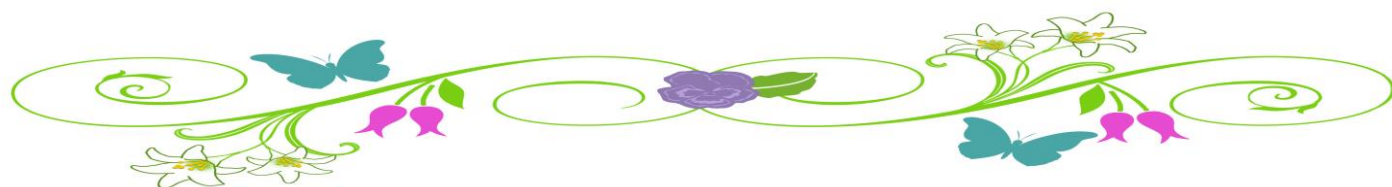
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**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**



THANKSGIVING

GATHERING OUR OFFERING

This is Our Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.
This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,
here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.
but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

(The offering is brought forward)

PRAYERS

Merciful God.....receive our prayer.

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. Amen.

SENDING

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.**

CLOSING SONG

Now the Green Blade Rises

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1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

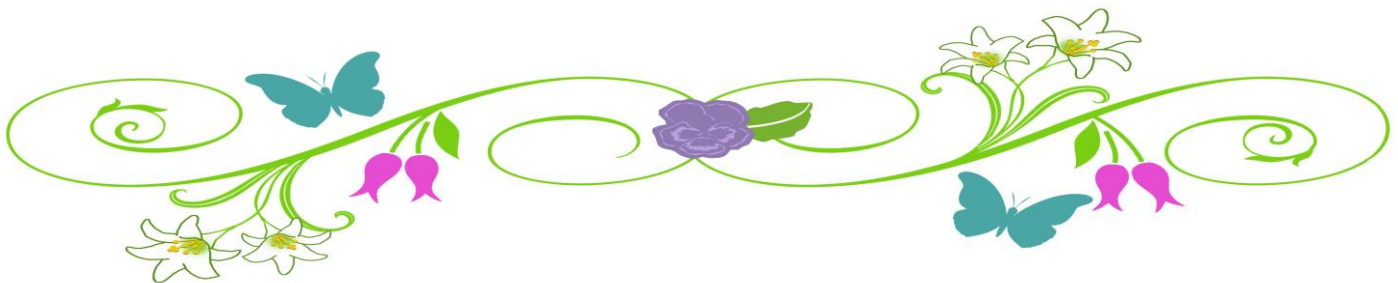


love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

DISMISSAL Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**



Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 am Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Blaine Arneson	
Readers	Cheryl Neidt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Keith & Sarah Lendt	
Ushers	Doug Domeier & Ed Ecker	
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson & Melinda Braulick	

The Christian Education is seeking people willing to organize and help during this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please email education@trinitysleepyeye.com or swing by the office and let Jackie or Darlene know you are willing. We need help to make this a successful VBS.



MEALS THAT MATTER

With the delicious meals available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty, readymade dinner. Remember, you are the hands of Jesus in our world.

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

2022 Senior profiles are needed! A letter was sent in February by Maren Sellner requesting information about our graduating seniors of 2022. To date, I have received 3 of 10 profiles.

Please email me at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org by Tuesday, April 26th to have your senior appear in the May Tidings. Thank you for your help.



May 1st will be our last day of Sunday School this spring. Our children will be singing as well. Please have your child at church at 8:40 to practice. A fun morning is planned!



APRIL 24th, 2022

Now, I am sending you.

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 20:19-31 Seeing Christ's wounds
Monday Luke 12:4-12 The courage to confess Christ
Tuesday John 14:15-27 Jesus gives his peace
Wednesday Judges 6:11-24, 33-40 Gideon asks for signs
Thursday 2 Kings 20:1-11 Hezekiah asks for a sign
Friday Isaiah 53:1-5 By his wounds we are healed
Saturday Psalm 122 Peace in Jerusalem
Sunday John 21:1-19 Jesus appears to the disciples



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Again Jesus said, "May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you." **John 20:21 (NIRV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Risen Lord Jesus, please drive away our fears and doubts. Give us your peace and joy. Amen. (John 20:19-27)

Mealtime Prayer:

For this food and life renewed, we praise your name, O God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus breathe into you the Holy Spirit. May he take away your fears and make you into a brave follower.
Amen

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Do you sometimes have doubts as a Christian? Share your experiences.
- Thomas found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead (John 20:24-25). Is there something that you struggle to believe?
- Jesus respected Thomas' doubts, and answered them in a beautiful way. What does this teach us about Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

As witnesses to Jesus' resurrection, the early Christians faced great opposition and persecution (read Acts 5:27-32). There are millions of Christians today who face different degrees of persecution, some quite severe. In your home devotional times, pray that God will give strength to Christians under persecution and deliver them. Visit the websites www.persecution.org and www.persecution.com to learn of particular people and situations that need prayer at this time.

SERVICE

Decorate some flower pots by painting them with Easter symbols, such as a cross, butterfly, lily, words like "He is risen!" or gluing on pictures. Buy some seeds to plant in the flower pots. Tend to these over the coming weeks. When flowers begin to emerge, present the pots as gifts to friends or neighbors.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Revelation 1:8, Jesus is spoken of as the "Alpha and Omega." These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, shorthand for the "beginning and the end." Find a way to display these symbols in your home, such as making a cloth banner displaying these symbols for your home altar, or drawing them and cutting them out of posterboard to display on a wall or window. Talk about what it means to say that Jesus is "the beginning and the end."



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.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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	185
Weekly Giving: (5480.00 Needed)	\$8436.57
April Giving: (\$23,600.00 Needed)	\$17,355.78
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$83,870.03
Budget Contributions needed	\$89,870.40
2022 Approved Budget	\$308,000.00

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 **Beth, Harold, Sue, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Dylan, Emma, Ed, Janine, Story, Tina, Tammy, Ethan, Robyn, David, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Ed, 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, especially Sandy Lund, who mourns the loss of her brother, **Dennis Lund**.... 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....

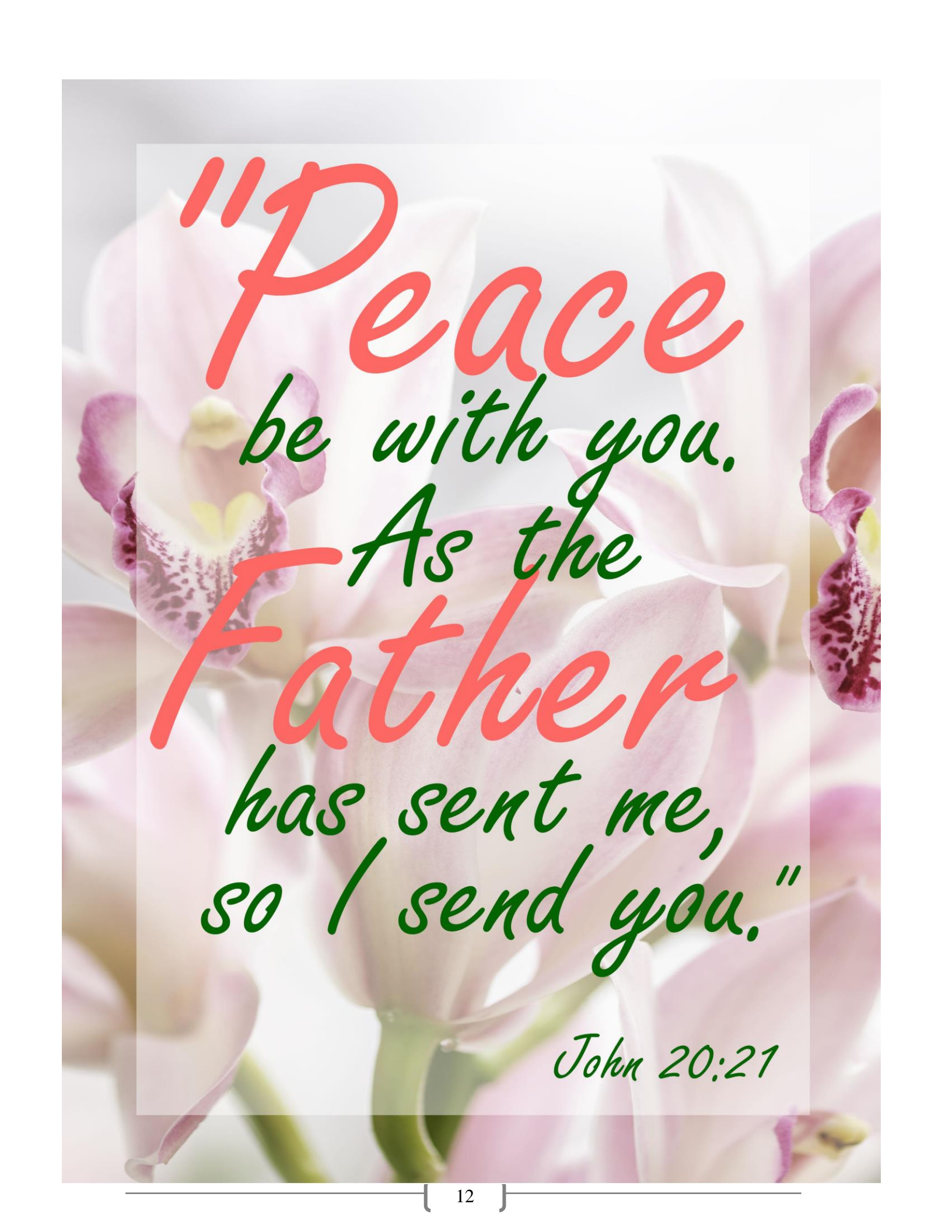
Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

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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A background image of several pink orchids with yellow centers and purple markings on their petals, set against a soft, out-of-focus background.

*"Peace
be with you.
As the
Father
has sent me,
so I send you."*

John 20:21