

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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2022

Fifth Sunday  
In Lent

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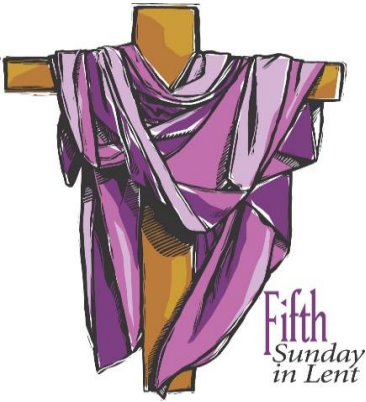
*I am about  
to do a new thing;*



*now it springs forth*



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



**9:00 AM APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022**

**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL!** *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. We thank Sue and Todd Wilmes from Sundown Lutheran Church for the special music they share with us today. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

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### GATHERING

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**WE PREPARE...***The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

#### PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE BELL

##### SPECIAL MUSIC

*OLD RUGGED CROSS*

**SUE AND TODD WILMES**

##### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

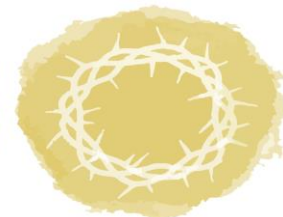
Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

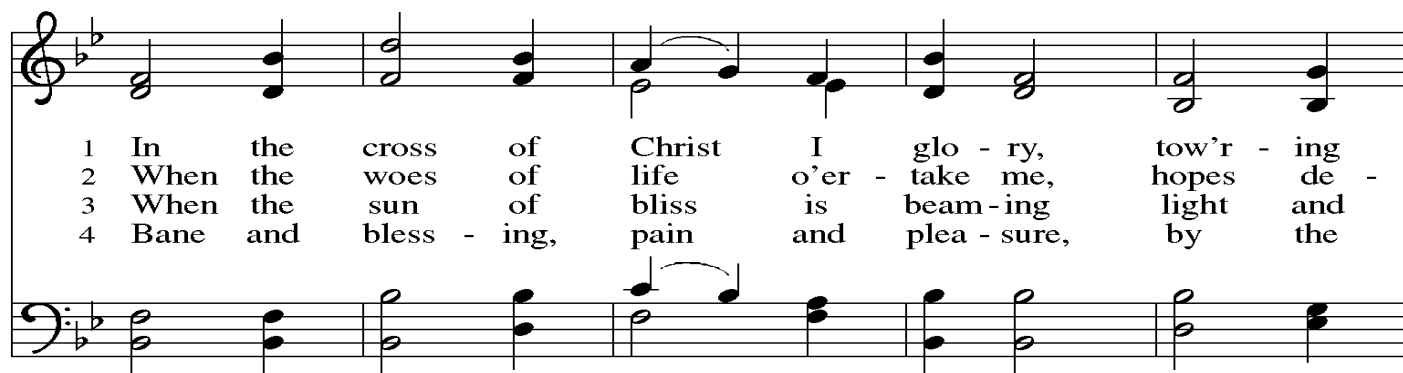
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Source of all life,

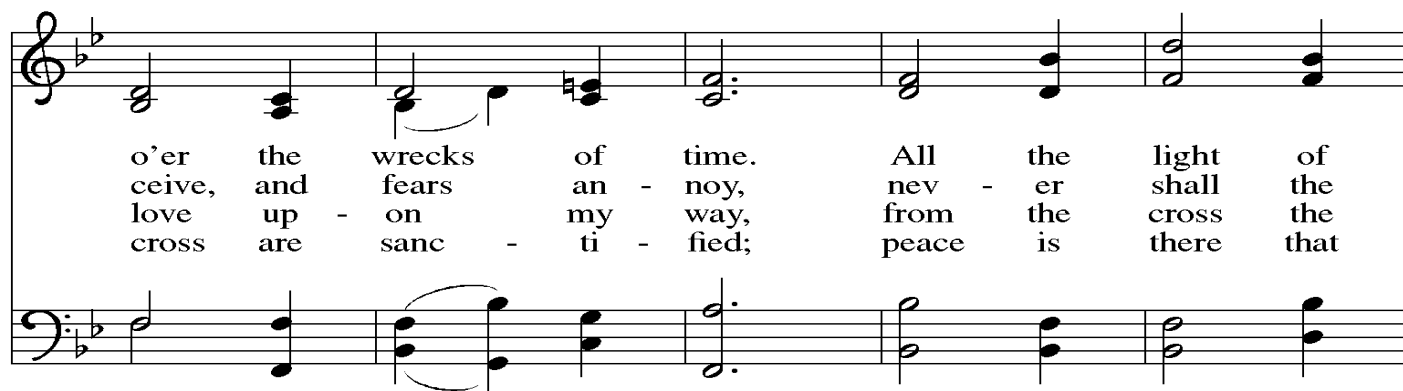
**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✠ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**





1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.

**GREETING**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 43, verses 16 - 21.

*Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:*

*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.*

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

*I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

*The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.*

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

### SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

The second reading is in Philippians chapter 3, verses 4b - 14.

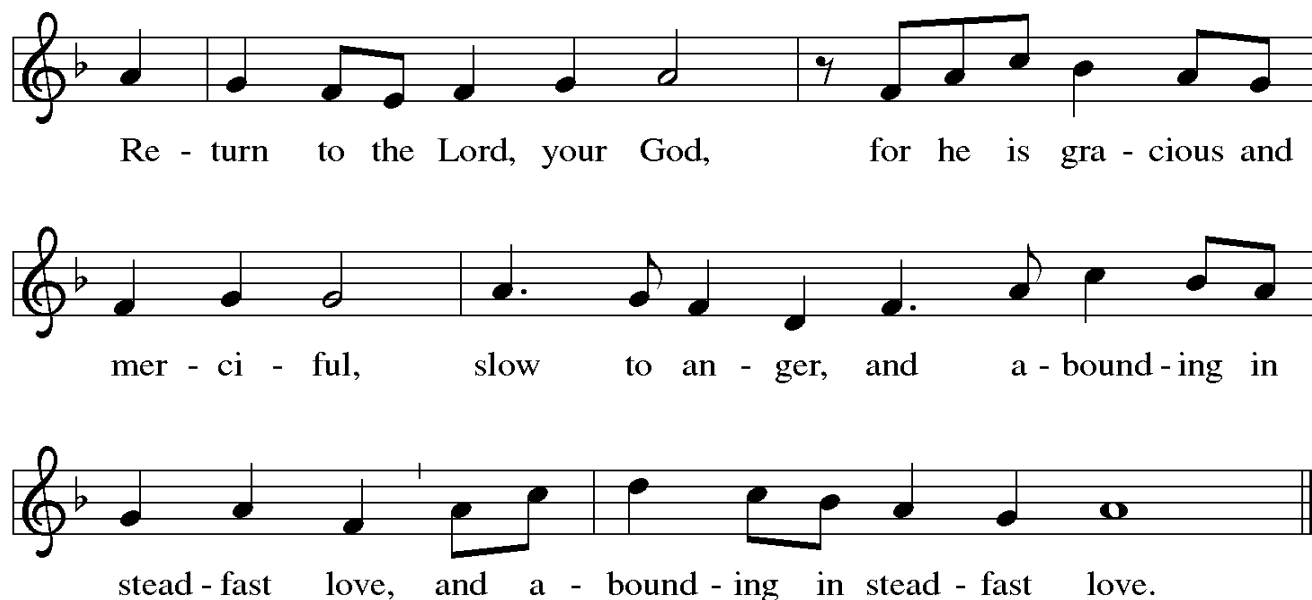
*If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.*

*Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.*

*I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."*

*"You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."*



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

## MESSAGE

**Pastor Tim Mason**

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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**MEAL**

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**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION****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.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.



**COMMUNION BLESSING** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

**PRAYER OF THANKS**

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

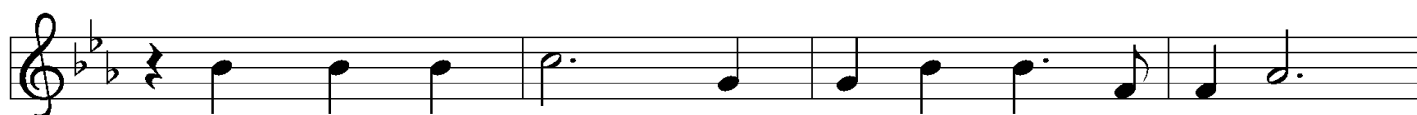




1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



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.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



## Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship	Wednesday 7:00 pm Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Kade Nachreiner	Anna Johnson
Readers	Larry Baumgardt	***
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Keith & Sarah Lendt	***
Ushers	Doug Domeier, Ed Ecker	Erik Wahlberg
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson, Melinda Braulick	

### WE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

When these children were baptized, God made them part of God's household, the family we call the Church. Growing in their faith, they have learned about their heavenly Father and what it means to be a member of God's family. They have learned from Jesus to love others, who loves everyone so much that he gave his life for everyone on the cross. They have also learned how, in sharing the bread and sharing the cup of Holy Communion, we remember Jesus' death and his rising to life again. They have learned how eating the bread and drinking the cup makes us one with Jesus, bringing us closer to one another. And now these little ones, *Mila Boomgarden, Hudson Braulick, Madelyn Jensen, Miles Krzmarzick, Madelynn Mangel, Breckin Peterson, Jaxon Peterson, and Meteo Rodriquez* have expressed their desire to receive Jesus' presence at the Lord's Table. Therefore, we invite them to participate for the first time this morning. We welcome each one in our prayers to the Lord's Table. We thank God for them and rejoice in their being among us. We pray each one to remain faithful in Christ and to his body and blood, the precious signs of Christ's love for the world.



**Lenten Devotionals are available on the tables for all.**

**Please use them this Holy Season.**



Easter Plants

**EASTER PLANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER:** If you would like a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one(s) you may now place your order by signing-up in the church office. There is a nice variety of plants to choose from to brighten our sanctuary on Easter morning, which you are welcomed to take home with you after the 9:00 am Easter service. The deadline for your order is **Today!**

The Christian Education is seeking people willing to organize and help during this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please email [education@trinitysleepyeye.com](mailto:education@trinitysleepyeye.com) or swing by the office and let Jackie or Darlene know you are willing by April 15th. We need help to make this a successful VBS.



**SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK FOR LENT!** Four choices of Soup along with bread will be served from 5:30-6:30. Lenten Worship will begin at 7:00pm. The Boards will serve the meal. Please join us for fellowship and Worship!

*Many thanks to those supplying the soup!*



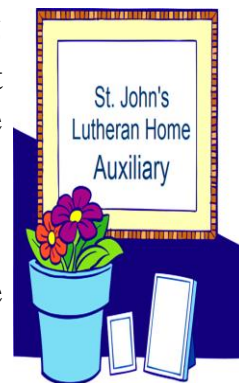


**MEALS THAT MATTER** Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*

**OUR 2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS UNDERWAY.** Membership is \$5 and greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please put your name on an envelope with donation inside, and place the envelope in the offering plate or leave it in the office.

This year Trinity is hosting Bingo on the fifth Friday of the months of April, July, September and December. The Home asks for two volunteers to assist. We will also be hosting the May 12th Birthday Party. We are asked to provide entertainment, two volunteers, and \$25 for cake and ice cream.

Thank you from St John's Home!



**Quarter Folders are designated for camp scholarships to help 15 young people attend Green Lake Bible Camp this summer. Please help our children experience this wonderful opportunity of faith.**

Springfield Community Theatre & Springfield Public School Community Education PRESENT

# Joseph AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR Dreamcoat

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber | Lyrics by Tim Rice

**Saturday, April 2 – 2 PM & 7 PM**  
**Sunday, April 3 – 2 PM & 6 PM**

Springfield Public School Performing Arts Auditorium

The performances are General Admission Seating.  
On sale at Springfield Advance-Press 507-723-4225

Adults: \$12 in Advance | \$15 at the door | Students: \$8  
You MUST have a new April performance ticket for admittance.

Tickets purchased for November performances can be exchanged for a new ticket. Early exchanges are encouraged and can be done at the Springfield Advance-Press office.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Really Useful Group. www.concordtheatricals.com

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## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

**MARCH 2022**

[ELCA.org/disaster](https://elca.org/disaster)

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

**Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.**

Yes, I want to help!

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:










Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



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God's work. Our hands.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>9 am- Holy Communion</b> 10:15 am Education Hour~  <b>First Communion</b>	<b>4</b> 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 12 pm WELCA 5:30 pm Al anon	<b>5</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study 7am-3pm ACT Testing in the Fellowship Hall 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Maples Bible Study 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm AA	<b>6</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Soup Supper~Board of Ed 6 pm Trinity Choir <b>7 pm Worship</b> 7:30 pm Nominations Committee 7:45 pm Youth Board	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>9 am-Holy Communion~</b> <b>Sunday School singing</b> 10:15 am Education Hour 11:30 am Worship at Sundown Lutheran Church 	<b>11</b> 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm Social Ministries Board 5:30 pm Al anon	<b>12</b> 7 am-Men's Bible Study 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Ross Park Center 6:30 pm AA 7:45 pm Stewardship	<b>13</b> 9 am Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b> 10 am Countryside Bible Study 6 pm Choir <b>7 pm Worship</b> 	<b>15</b> <b>Noon and 7 pm Services</b> 	<b>16</b> 
<b>17</b> <b>1 Easter Sunday</b> 6:30 am-Holy Communion 7:30 am Easter Breakfast 9 am-Holy Communion 	<b>18</b> 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 4:15 pm Bd. of Education 5:30 pm Al anon	<b>19</b> 7 am-Men's Bible Study 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Maples Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	<b>20</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Trinity Choir <b>Tidings Articles Due</b>	<b>21</b> 9 am Watonwan Pastor's Meeting	<b>22</b> At St. Mary's  <b>World Day of Prayer</b>	<b>23</b>
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April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

## ***Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus.***

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 12:1-8</b>	<b>Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Luke 23:50-56</b>	<b>Women prepare perfumes</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Philippians 3:4b-14</b>	<b>The value of knowing Christ</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 2:14-17</b>	<b>The fragrance of life</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ephesians 1:15-18</b>	<b>Knowing Christ better</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Peter 1:3-11</b>	<b>Knowledge of Christ</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 20</b>	<b>The Lord saves his anointed</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 19:28-40</b>	<b>Blessed is the King who comes</b>



### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

***But Christ has shown me that what I once thought was valuable is worthless. Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*** Philippians 3:7-8

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord, help us to let go of all that stands in the way of knowing and following you. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Loving God, bless our bodies with this food, our home with your love, and the world by our hands. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord Jesus take hold of you with his love. May you know Christ and the power that raised him to new life. Amen.

### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

What is the best gift you have ever given? Ever received?

Mary anointed Jesus' feet with very expensive perfume (read John 12:1-8). Why do you think she did this?

If you could see and touch Jesus today, what gift would you give him? Why?

### **DEVOTIONS**

In Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear that Mary (sister of Martha and Lazarus) anointed Jesus' feet with nard, a very expensive perfume imported from the Himalayas. Nard was used to prepare bodies for burial. By anointing Jesus, Mary was pointing forward to his sufferings and death soon thereafter. As part of your home devotions this week, use perfume or scented oil and "anoint" one another's hands with it. Say this prayer together:

**"Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for us. Make our lives like a sweet per-fume, attracting others to you. Amen."**

### **SERVICE**

Mary surprised Jesus with a special gift of love. Prepare a special gift of love for a friend, neighbor, or relative (money need not be spent).

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

When the Apostle Paul wrote, "Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:8), he is stating that faith in Christ is at the center of our lives. Take time during the week to say or send a message using social media to family and friends, **"Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."** Let this be a time of reflection as you prepare for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. As part of your devotions, light a candle and meditate on this passage in silence.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

## 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, Story, Tina, Tammy, Ethan, Robyn, David, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, 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.... 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 (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...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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