

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**April 6th,
2025**

**Fifth Sunday
In Lent**

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**See, I am
doing a
new thing! ...
I am making a way in the wilderness
and
streams in
the wasteland.**

Isaiah 43:19, NIV

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY COMMUNION



9:00 AM APRIL 6TH, 2025

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. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Narthex immediately following our Sunday worship.*

GATHERING

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP
NOISY OFFERING**

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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.**

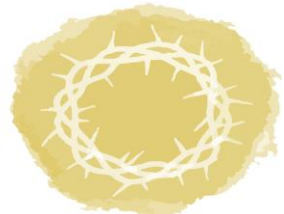
Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

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.**



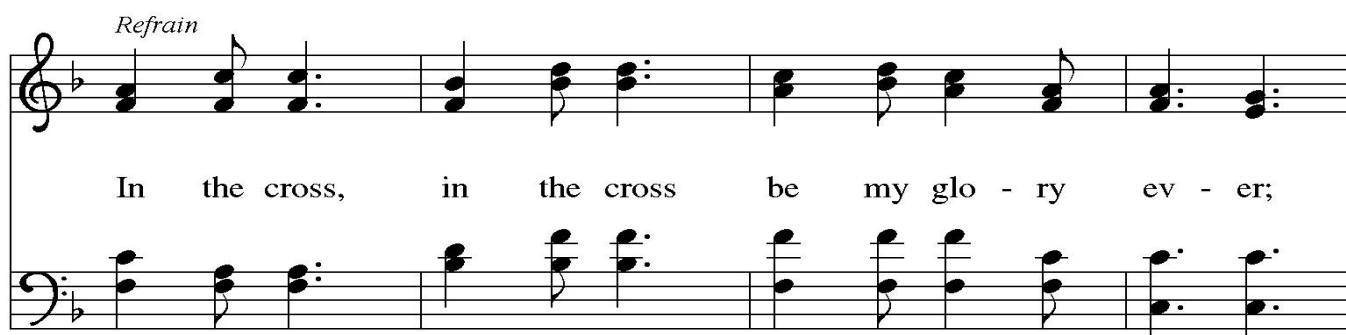


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

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.**

WORD

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



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.

GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th 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."

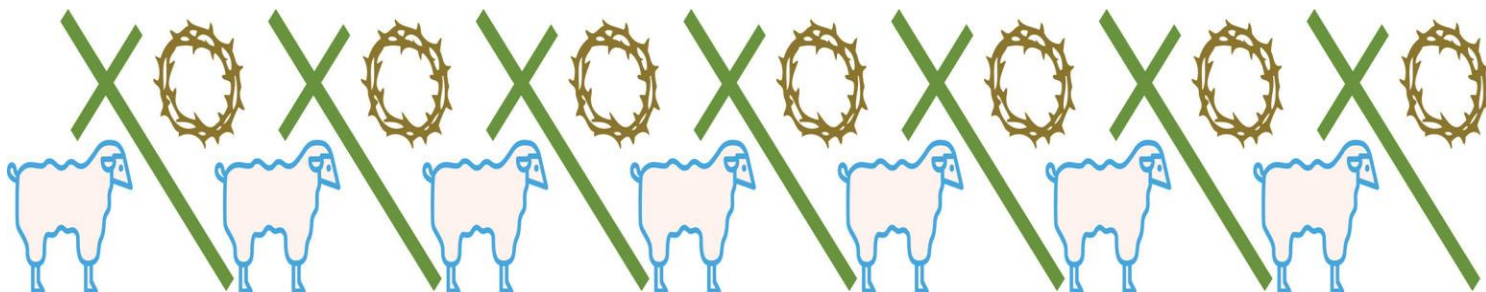


John 12:8

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Dave Nissen





1 *Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;
 2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
 3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
 4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed ya - gua nos da,
 when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
 when ex - spect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
 when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;
 when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us;
 when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
 when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: respond after Lord, God of grace,



SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715



(The Ushers bring up the offering)

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.

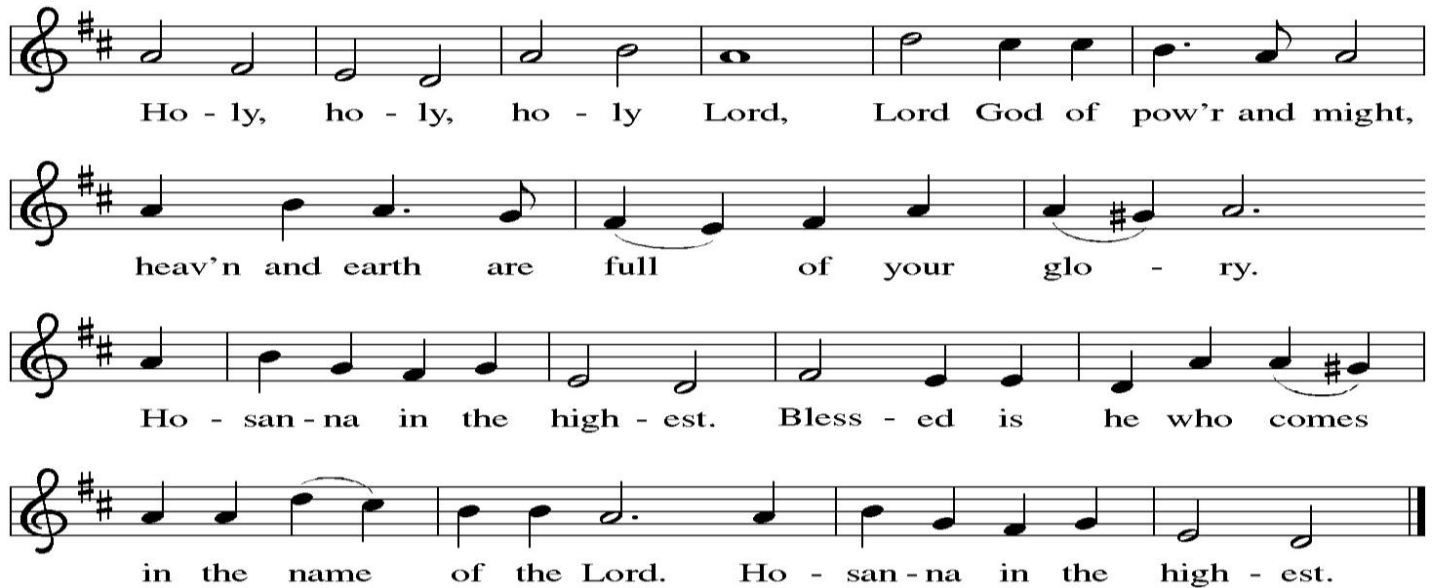
And also with you.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:



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

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)

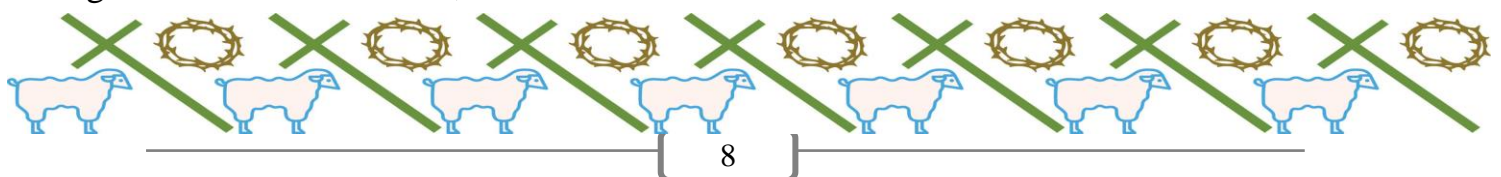


PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

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.**



SENDING

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.**

SENDING SONG

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #583

Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
2 Take my hands and let them move
3 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
4 Take my voice and let me sing
Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estrillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

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	Cindy Anderson	Pastor Dave
Acolyte	Graysen Evers	Hayden Domeier
Readers	Cindy Steffl	Karter Haala
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Harold & Bonnie Pettis	***
Ushers	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg	Caleb Oscarson
Altar Guild	Beth Klein & Nicole Stevermer	



Envelopes for 2025 St John's Auxiliary are now in the narthex. \$5 suggested. Please put your name on the envelope. Place in offering or leave in office. If you are interested in helping residents with Bingo please let me know. We host bingo when there is a fifth Friday in the month. Thank you! Trinity representative, Judy Weedman, 507-227-1659. Thank you!

The Board of Lay Ministry is putting together a new pictorial directory. We are doing the pictures ourselves. The pictures will be taken on Sundays until May 15th in the Library. If you have a family photo you would like to use that is fine also. The deadline is May 15. You may submit photos to wahlborg@sleepyeyetel.net



The Living Lutheran Magazine is again being published quarterly. Please sign up in the office if you would like your family to receive a quarterly copy. It will be sent free of charge to members who wish to subscribe through the Church. 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!*



Quarter Folders are designated for the Backpack program. Please help our children have food for the weekends.



Above all,
love each other
deeply.

1 Peter 4:8



The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service at 7:00 and Church School at 6:00.

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

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

**April 9th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Lay Ministry & Fellowship**



DAY CAMP

A MINISTRY OF GLLM

Who: Prek-6th Grade

When: June 9th-12th PreK-K 9am-12:30pm

1st-6th grade 9am-2:30pm

Cost: \$40 per child this includes registration, lunch, snack and T-shirt. Please submit payment and Registration form by April 9th to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Calling all Trinity Church School students to join us this summer right here at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sleepy Eye for summer day camp. Green Lake Ministries will offer an engaging curriculum of bible stories, music, crafts, games and outdoor activities. This is a great opportunity close to home while building friendships and faith. Please reach out with questions or for more information- Jamie Heiderscheidt 507-215-2866

TRINITY TRIVIA & BREWS

at the Sleepy Eye Brewing Company



FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH
STARTING AT 5PM

Come join us for a fun night of **Lutheran Trivia with Pastor Dave!** Even if trivia isn't your thing, we'd love for you to stop by for drinks and some great fellowship. **Hope to see you there!**



"Living in God's Garden"

Saturday, May 10th

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Come spend the morning

celebrating

the joys of spring!

*Learn about gardening with

Master Gardener Lynn Hacker

*Plant a lovely container garden

* Enjoy a special luncheon

Adults - \$15.00

Children 10 and under - \$10.00

Hangings Baskets ~ 10 inch

Mixed Petunia Basket	\$30.00
Trailing Wave Petunia	\$30.00
Impatiens Basket	\$30.00
Ivy Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Zonal Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$30.00
12 inch Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$35.00

Colorful Containers

Combo Patio Planter 10"	\$30.00
Combo Patio Planter 12"	\$35.00
Geranium Tub 12"	\$35.00
Sun coleus Planter 12"	\$35.00
Succulent Planter 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 14"	\$35.00

SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS

BROADWAY & BREWS

LOCAL CRAFT BEER AND LOCAL TALENT COME TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT OF MUSICAL MAGIC

FEATURING SONGS FROM



APRIL 10 & 11 AT SEBC

PORK CHOP DINNER @ 6:30 | SHOW @ 7:00

ONLY 50 DINNER THEATER TICKETS PER NIGHT!
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MN Food Share
MARCH CAMPAIGN

Sleepy Eye Food Shelf

March 1 - April 6, 2025

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March 1 - April 6, 2025 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
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Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus.

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

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



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 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:	171
Website	70
Bible Studies Attendance:	6+10+8=24
Church School	41
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4458.92



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year!

March Giving:(\$29,325.00 .Needed) \$31,068.52
Yearly Contributions to Date \$66,414.83

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 **Jane, Nicole, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Darlene, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, 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 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 ...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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