

Trinity Lutheran Church

April 13th,
2025

Palm Sunday

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*Nosanna
in the
Highest!*

Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION~SETTING 10



9:00 AM APRIL 13TH, 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...*Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
RINGING OF THE BELL

MAJESTY

TRINITY CHOIR

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

BLESSING 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.**

Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing,

untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.



GATHERING SONG

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW# 344

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.

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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

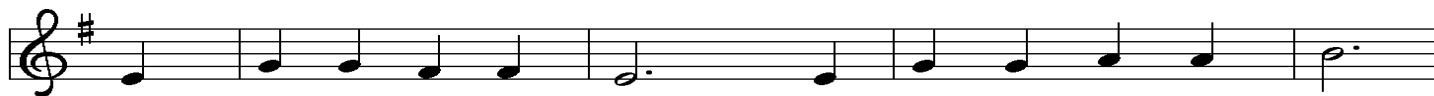
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

RESPONSIVE PSALM *Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.* Psalm 31

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 50, verses 4 – 9a. This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution.

Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

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. Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:1-25, 32-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Dave Nissen



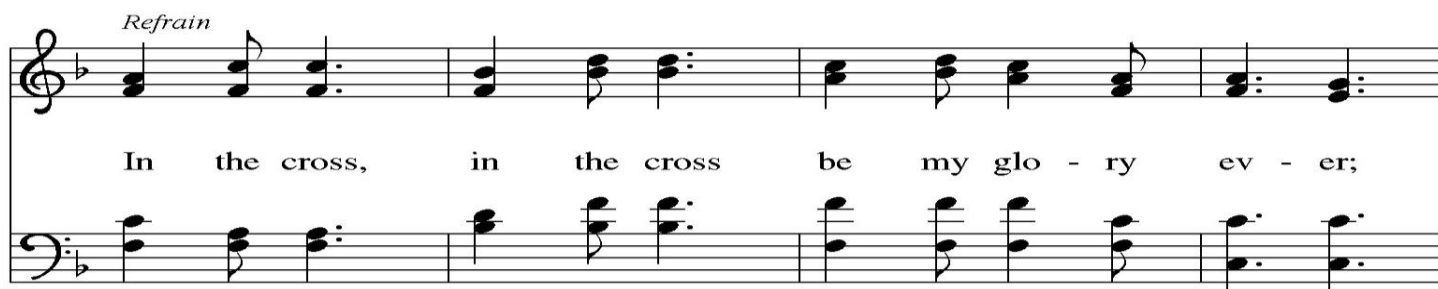


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



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.

Confession of Faith

(Philippians 2:5-11)

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.**

OFFERING

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

MEAL

COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

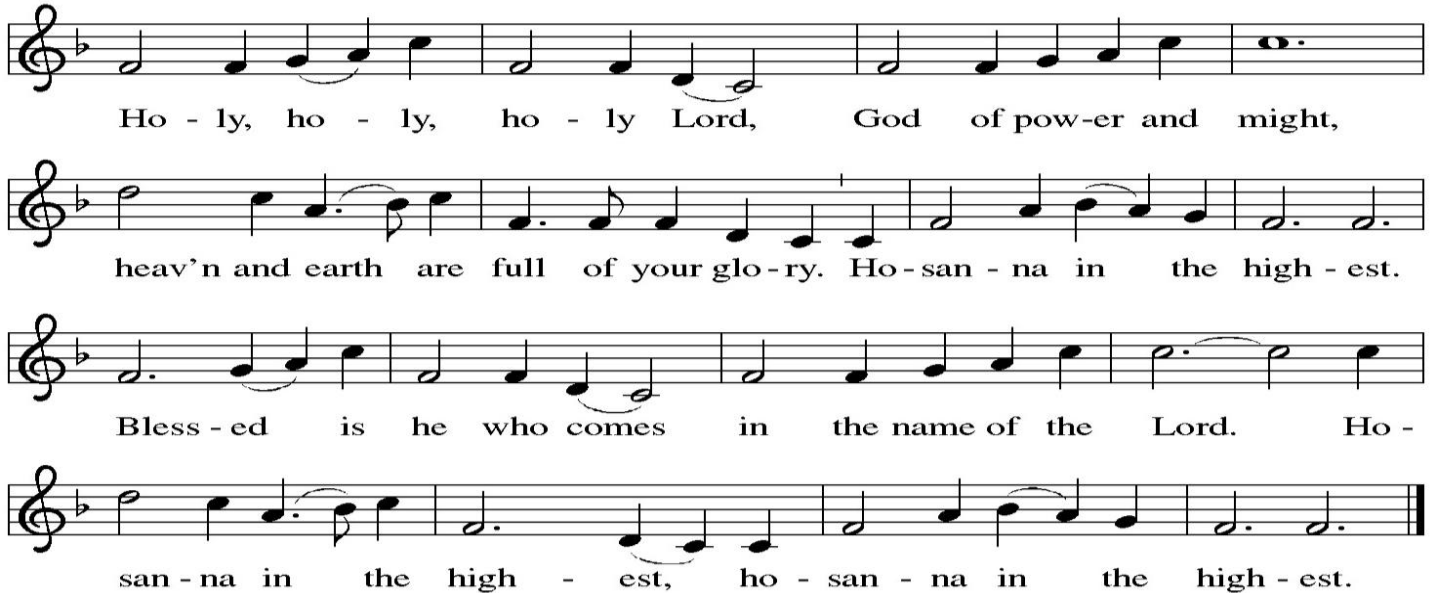
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, 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, God of pow-er 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, 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

DEPARTING BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace. **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 - raigned;
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 this week...
 Walk with Him this week...
 Walk with Him this week...
 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 Maunday Thursday Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Cindy Anderson
Acolytes	Greyson Hansen	Jaxon Heiderscheidt
Reader	Karen Voge	Darlene Brummund
Communion Assistants	Lee Johnson, Larry Baumgardt	Neil Neidt, Darlene Brummund
Greeters	Harold & Bonnie Pettis	Harold & Bonnie Pettis
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Ushers	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg
Altar Guild	Beth Klein & Nicole Stevermer	



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,

Lennon Braulick, Keaton Evers, Karmela Voigt, Natalie Riess, & Liam Uys 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.

Please return your quarter folders and canisters this week. Thank You.

The 2024 St John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary membership drive is underway! A box with our envelopes is in the Narthex. Please consider a \$5 donation to the Auxiliary. Place envelope in the offering plate. We help with bingo, birthday parties and fund raisers which support the residents and staff. We are proud of the facility and Trinity is church member of St John's Home. Thank you for caring and for your support!



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!*



**Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM
& Good Friday Worship at Noon & 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday
Sunrise Worship at 6:30 AM
Worship at 9:00 AM**

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!**



Hanging 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



"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



April 13th, 2025

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:	200
Website	63
Bible Studies Attendance:	6+8=14
Church School	50
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4930.88
April Giving:(\$29,325.00 .Needed)	\$4930.88
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$82,112.00



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

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, 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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