

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Palm Sunday**

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# Hosanna!

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**BAPTISM~SETTING 10**

**9:00 AM MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**



**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.*

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**GATHERING**

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**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." Today we celebrate the baptism of Elena and Anya, daughters of Alexis and Benjamin Espinoza, as they join our Trinity family. 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**

**MAJESTY**

**TRINITY CHOIR**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

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 *Espinoza* h 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

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*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,

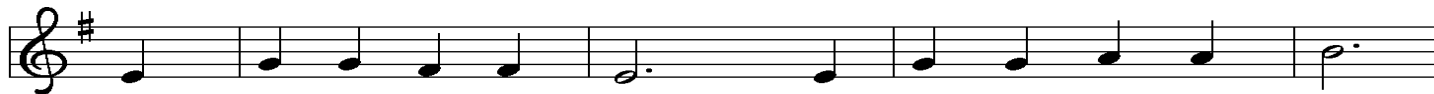
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though 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.**

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## WORD

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### 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.*

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

**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**

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests<sup>5</sup> and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.*

*On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.*

*When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, and while they were eating he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”*

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' "But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last

two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What do you think?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him, and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another female servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

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

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a


*dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”*

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

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

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

*Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from*



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"This is Jesus,  
the King of the Jews."

Matthew 27:37

the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ” The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

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

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

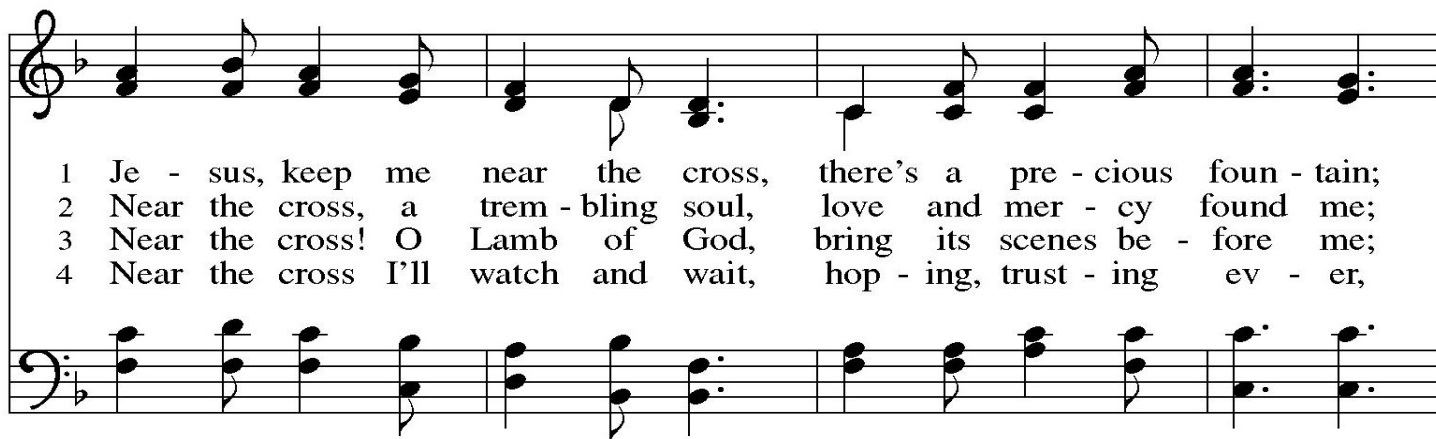
The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise, his disciples may go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone

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



**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Dave Nissen**

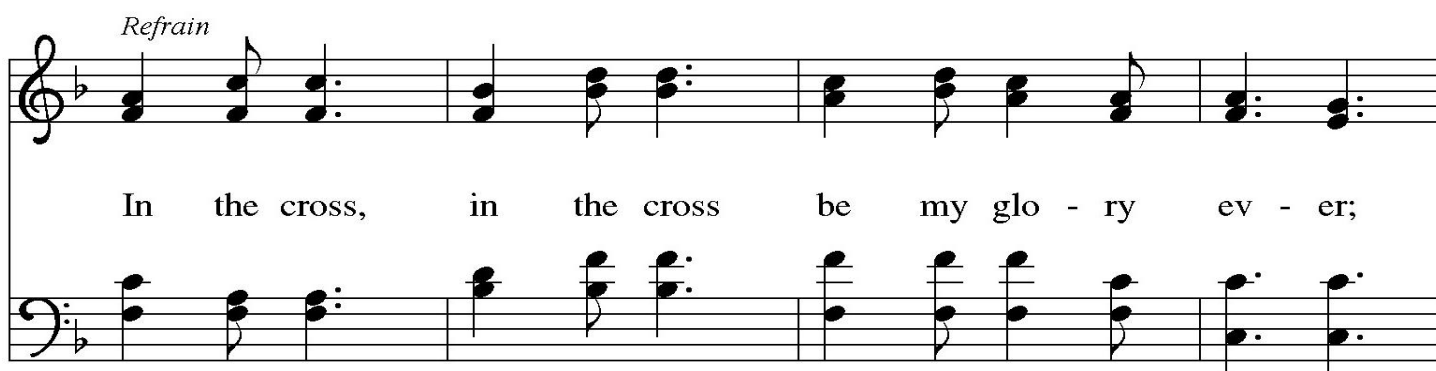


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



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;



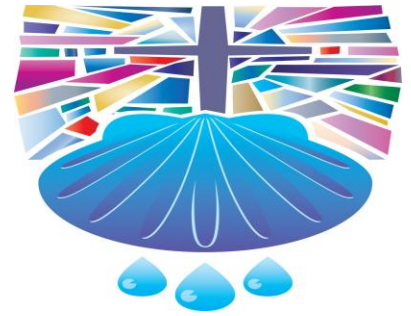
till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

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# HOLY BAPTISM

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In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.



I present **Anya Michele and Elena Maria Espinoza** for baptism.

As you bring Anya and Elena to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach Anya and Elena the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that Anya and Elena may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Anya and Elena grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Anya and Elena in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Anya and Elena and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

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

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Anya Michele and Elena Maria Espinoza**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Anya and Elena with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

**Anya Michele and Elena Maria Espinoza**, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## 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.

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

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.**

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# THANKSGIVING

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## 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 offering is brought forward by the ushers during the song)*

## 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.**

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



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## SHARING THE PEACE

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

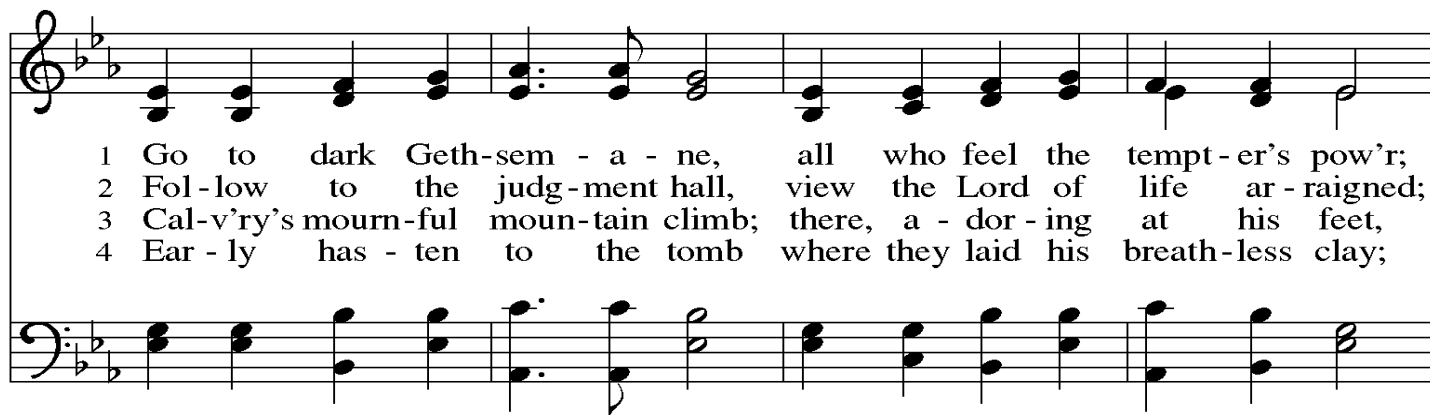
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## SENDING

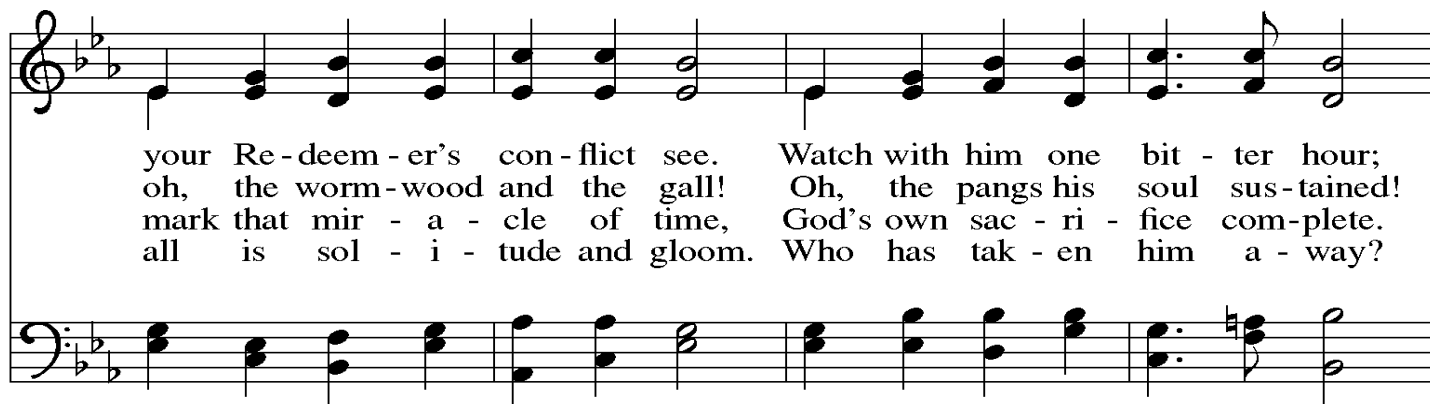
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## DEPARTING BLESSING

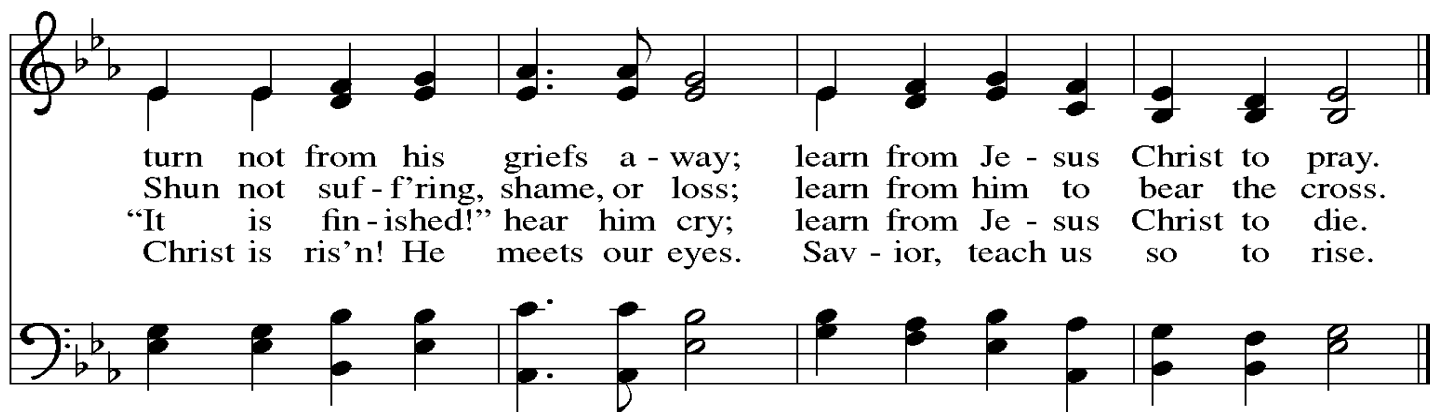
Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**



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.

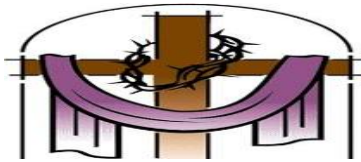


## BELL

## 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    | Jaxon Heiderscheidt           |                                  |
| Reader      | Mike Petersen                 | Darlene Brummund                 |
| Greeters    | Rose Wall                     | Eric & Juliann Wahlborg          |
| Sound Techs | Russ Sorensen                 | Russ Sorensen                    |
| Ushers      | Doug Domeier, Larry Baumgardt | Lee & Isaac Johnson              |
| Altar Guild | Judy Johnson, Beth Klein      |                                  |



**WE WELCOME** into the Trinity family **Anya Michele and Elena Maria**, daughters of Alexis and Benjamin Espinoza. Anya and Elena were born March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Elena is sponsored by Tucker Schuster and Rebecca & Russell Gewerth. Anya is sponsored by Sarah & Daniel O'Brien. May God give them the servant faith to fulfill the promises made before God and this congregation today, bringing Elena and Anya to share eternally in the Kingdom of God. God bless Elena and Anya in their life of faith!

**WELCA** is putting together a new Trinity Cookbook and would love to include your favorite recipes. Please consider submitting a "treasured" or go to recipe - anything from family classics to quick weeknight dinners, holiday favorites, or desserts. Recipes will be collected into a shared cookbook so we can enjoy each other's best dishes in one place.



Please submit your recipes to the church office by May 20th. Typed or printed recipes are preferred, but all are accepted. You can also bring your recipe cards to the church office and we can copy them for you and give you back your original recipe cards.

Thank you in advance for helping us create a cookbook that reflects everyone's tastes and traditions. We're excited to see (and taste) what you send in.

**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!*



**Holy Week**  
**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**



HE IS RISEN!

# EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 5TH

AFTER THE 9:00 SERVICE

TREK STUDENTS ARE SINGING DURING THE EASTER SERVICE. MEET AT 8:45 IN THE LIBRARY. AFTERWARDS, STICK AROUND FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT!

FOR ALL CHILDREN!  
GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

# NURSERY DONATIONS



We are looking for baby gear, toys, and items to set up a nursery at Trinity. Bring items in good condition to the church office.

- Wishlist items include:**
- baby swing
  - baby and toddler toys
  - activity cube
  - baskets and organizers
  - baby bouncer
  - area rug
  - changing table or pad
  - push walkers
  - diapers and wipes
  - exersaucer



March 29th, 2026

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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***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](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.

**Last week at Trinity**

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Worship Attendance:         | 133         |
| Website                            | 40          |
| Bible Studies Attendance:          | 6+8=14      |
| Church School                      | 45          |
| 2 Weeks Giving: (5730.00 Needed)   | \$11,395.94 |
| April Giving:(\$29,325.00 .Needed) | \$23,644.89 |



*Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 war, 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 **Dave, Susie, Gary, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Beth, Harold, Rita, Paul, Ray, Lorinda, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Duane, 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...especially Diane Eckstein and her family in the loss of her sister, **Linda Strand**...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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