

A close-up photograph of palm fronds, showing the intricate details of the leaves and their vibrant green and yellowish hues. The fronds are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and texture, with some leaves in sharp focus and others blurred in the background.

Palm Sunday

Prepare ye the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

ISAIAH 40:3

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion
April 13, 2025, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Communion Service

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request during communion services. Please speak to the pastor before service if you wish to receive the host in this form.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are not a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to the service before receiving the Lord's Supper.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests may also be emailed to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net or to pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com.

FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

Our Vision:

Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love

Our Mission:

*Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.*



AS WE GATHER TODAY

Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King's ransom—His own blood.

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

From Palms to Passion: Jesus for You

ORGAN

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✕ PREPARATION ✕

Please Stand

HYMN 442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain
Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father,
People: **who loved us unconditionally, even before the foundation of the world;**

Pastor: and of His ✕ Son, Jesus,
People: **the name above all names, who came to pay a King's ransom for us;**

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit,
People: **who brings us to the faith and keeps us in the faith from the cradle to grave. Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Hosanna!

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

People: **We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**

Pastor: We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.

People: **Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.**

Pastor: So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

People: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

✠ WORD ✠

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

John 12:12–19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,
People: **in the name of the Lord.**

GREETING

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the LORD.



Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.



Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.



Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us
pray to the LORD.



Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.



HYMN 543 "What Wondrous Love Is This"



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, You entered Jerusalem with pomp and circumstance, yet Your true passion was to be sacrificed for our sins. Help us, we pray, to look past the pomp and circumstance and see Your passion for us; we ask this in Your name, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 32:36–39*

(God will vindicate His people.)

The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.
Then he will say, "Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!
"See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

Pastor: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

People: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

People: He has commanded His covenant forever.

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5–11* (Paul reveals what the mind of Christ is.)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Philippians 2:8b*

Pastor: He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

People: even death on a cross.

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 22:1–23:56* (The betrayal, arrest, trials, and crucifixion of Jesus)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second and twenty-third chapters.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put [Jesus] to death, for they feared the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

"You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son

of Man with a kiss?" And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him."

But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, 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 guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that

never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ 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."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated

HYMN 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;
Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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SERMON

Please Stand

CREED

Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel or Remain Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will.

We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.

People: **We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.**

Pastor: We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.

People: **Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.**

Pastor: As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.

People: **Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.**

Pastor: You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.
People: **While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.**

Pastor: We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, [*including . . .*].
People: **Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**

Pastor: You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.
People: **For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.**

Pastor: For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,
People: **use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.**

Pastor: Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.
People: **We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY 806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks be - cause He's giv - en

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am



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Be Seated

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

The Sacrament, or Lord's Supper, is a special gift from God that brings us into personal communion with Jesus Christ. "In, with and under" the bread and wine we receive His body and blood for forgiveness and renewal. If you are a repentant sinner, come to the table expecting to receive God's wonderful gifts for you!

Communicants will take their own wine cups as they are passed. Those requiring non-alcoholic grape juice will take the cups with white grape juice from the middle of the tray.

Remain Seated

OUR EXAMINATION

Pastor: In preparation for Holy Communion, St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." So that we may properly examine ourselves prior to receiving the Lord's Supper, I ask you to reflect on these questions:

- Do you repent of all your sins of thought, word, and deed?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your only Savior from all sin, Satan, and death?
- Do you believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive His true Body and Blood?

If you answer in faith "Yes!" to these questions, and are properly instructed, you are invited to come forward and partake of the LORD'S Supper during Distribution. If you are unable to answer yes to any of these questions, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms as I approach you and receive a blessing. By your coming forward, "You proclaim the LORD'S death until He comes."

Please Stand

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into Jerusalem with palms waving, not to be a king, but to pay the King's ransom through His passion and by His blood redeem all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray,

from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb and King in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

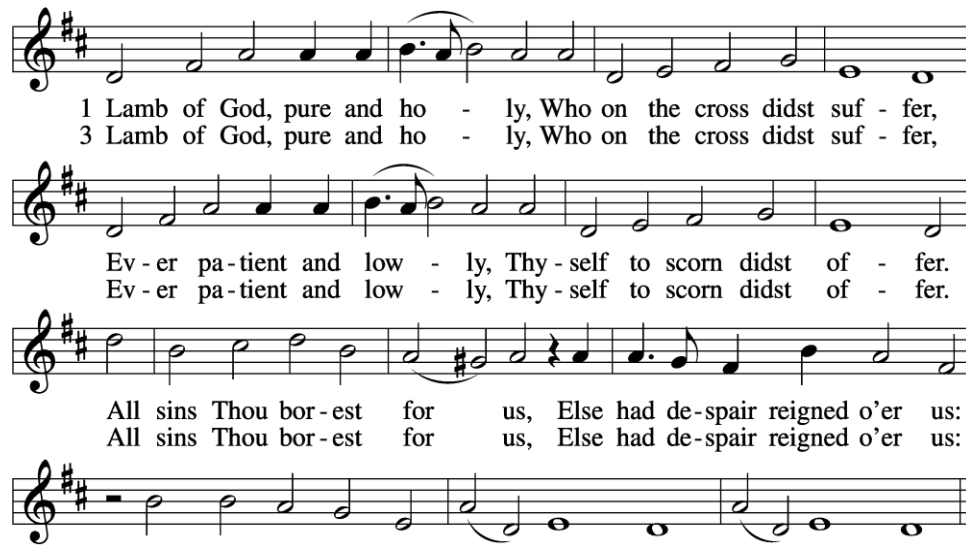
People: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN 434 vv. 1, 3 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”



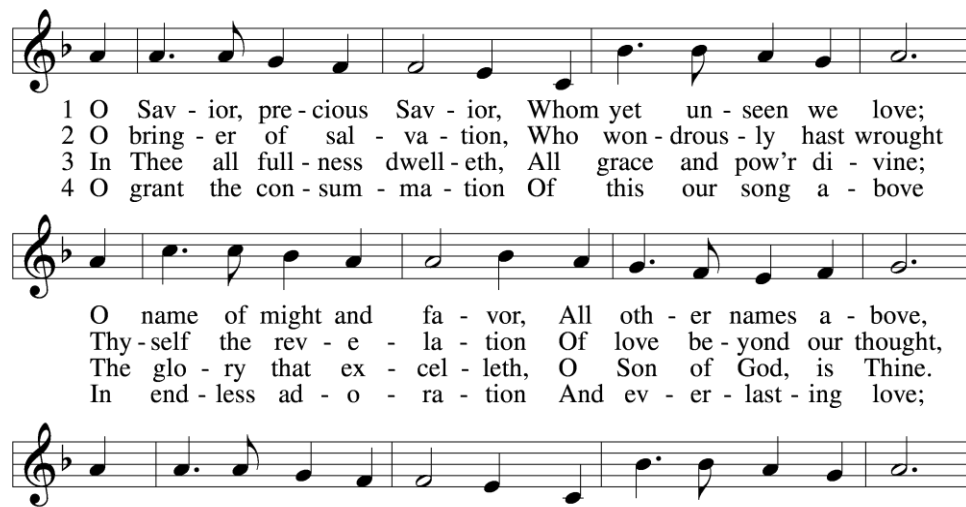
1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN 527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove
 O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



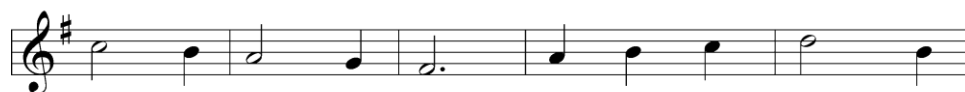
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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HYMN 560 "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,



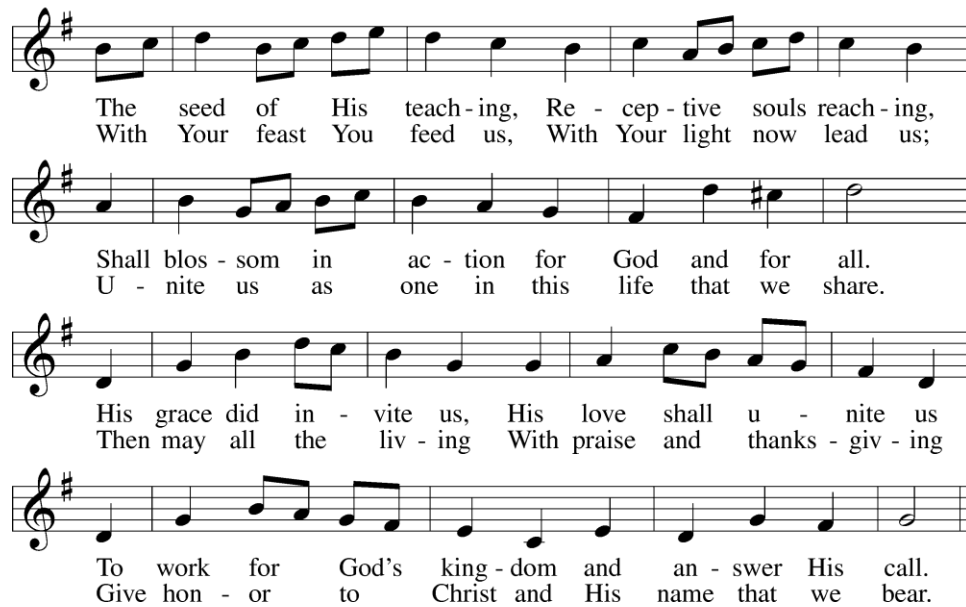
The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
 Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
 His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
 To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
 We thank You, our gracious Father, King of the universe, for You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Through Your palms and passion and blood shed on Calvary, continue to do the sanctifying work through Your Holy Spirit by keeping us in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of our King and Lamb in His kingdom that has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:23–26*

Pastor: Your King cares for you! Receive His blessing through the words of the Aaronic benediction, by which He said, "Thus you shall bless the people." Receive that benediction, your King's blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN 441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and RECOGNITION OF OUR GUESTS

ORGAN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.
The palms are given by Lonna McEwen in memory of Bob McEwen.

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"
John 12:15

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Join us in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service for coffee and breakfast goodies provided by the Youth.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Webb leads a Bible study titled “Are You a Disciple or a Christian?” in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service.

CHURCH YEAR CONNECTIONS

(Ages 3 through High School)

Join us for Sunday School classes for ages three through young adult. Teachers: Megan Haverland (3 years-1st Grade), Judy Bringman (2nd-5th Grade), Bob Hanovich (Middle School), and Karl Schumacher (High School).

PARENTS & TWOS CLASS

In this class for parents and two-year-olds, Karen Hanovich helps parents encourage their little ones as they learn about Jesus together.

YOUNG ADULT SINGLES CLASS

For ages 18-26, this class led by Kevin Riedl is studying “Lessons from the Underground Church.”

21ST CENTURY PARENTING CLASS

Parents of school-aged kids gain insight into the issues facing Gen Z and learn how to engage them in meaningful conversations. Eric and Megan Thompson lead this class in the Education Building.

YOUNG AT HEART CLASS

Mature members study how we can demonstrate love and compassion to people in need. Bob Reynolds and Mark Waltz lead this class on the ground floor of the Education Building.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the Education Building to study the Word.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Women’s Bible Study meets on Mondays at 10:00am in the Education Building and on Zoom. See Linda Tomko for more details.

HAPPENING AT TRINITY

THANK YOU

Thank you to Barbara Lunick for playing the organ for us.

OFFERINGS

Please remain faithful in bringing your offerings to the Lord by mail or online if you are unable to attend worship in person.

LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (April 13):	8:30 & 11:00am
Maundy Thursday (April 17):	1:00 & 7:00pm
Good Friday (April 18):	3:00 & 7:00pm
Easter Sunday (April 20):	8:30 & 11:00am

TODAY IS "CAN DO SUNDAY"

Please place your food items in the grocery cart in the Social Hall to help provide a meal for those in need who visit our Food Pantry. As always, thank you for your participation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Thursday, April 17 at 1:00 & 7:00

Join us this week for Maundy Thursday worship at 1:00 or 7:00.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Friday, April 18 at 3:00 & 7:00

Join us this week for Good Friday worship at 3:00 or 7:00.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19 at 10:00-11:30

Please join us for the Trinity Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt, April 19th, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. We will share the story of Easter, do some crafts, hunt Easter eggs, and have some treats.

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 21

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21 after Easter.

SINGLE SERVICE & VOTERS MEETING

Sunday, May 4 – Sunday School at 9:00, Worship at 10:00, Meeting afterwards

On Sunday, May 4, we will have a Single Worship Service at 10:00, followed by our Voters Meeting. Sunday School will be at 9:00.

SPA WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for our Spa Workshop on Saturday, May 17th starting at 9 a.m. Our workshop will include learning how to make bath soap and bath salts using all natural ingredients. We will also serve a light lunch. In addition, there is a sign-up sheet for a 15-minute mini massage. The massage will be provided by a licensed massage therapist and the cost to each individual signed up is \$35. You will also need to indicate what type of mini massage you would like...neck and shoulders, back, hands and feet, etc. The spots are limited to 12, so sign up the next time you are at TLC. You do not have to have a mini massage - you can just attend the workshop. Please be sure to sign up so we know how much of each item we need to purchase. Sign-up deadline is May 11th. If you have any questions, please see Jennifer Wolfe or Karen Hanovich.

TSHIRTS

The Youth are selling t-shirts to raise funds for the LCMS Youth Gathering. The t-shirts have a small cross encircled by the phrase, "I am a beloved child of the heavenly King" on the front left and a Bible verse on the back of the t-shirt. The t-shirts will be sold for \$20 each and \$6.10 will be added to the Youth Ministry Designated Funds for each t-shirt sold. T-shirts are available for viewing and purchase in the Social Hall after Divine Service. Please contact Bob Hanovich, 912-655-0048, for additional information. LET'S GO!

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

The *Every One His Witness* video series and self-study guide are available on the Friends of Trinity Facebook page. The video series is posted under Media, then Albums, then *Every One His Witness*. The self-study guide is posted under Files, then E1HW – Self Study Guide – 2021-05-26.

What is *Every One His Witness*? *Every One His Witness* is a Lutheran evangelism program that teaches you to witness to your friends, coworkers, and any other non-churched people you may know. Using the LASSIE approach to witnessing (listen, ask, seek, share, invite, and encourage), you will learn how to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ through relational, contextual witnessing.

What does this mean? It means listening to those who are unsure about Christianity. It means asking questions that aren't accusatory. It means sharing the Good News about Jesus. **Notice how there's no bashing, no judgment, and no forced imposition of beliefs.** Instead, there's understanding, communication, and honesty between friends. And *Every One His Witness* teaches you how. Bob Hanovich, 912-655-0048, is the POC for additional information on *Every One His Witness*. LET'S GO!

CHECK THE CALENDAR

Curious what's going on? Planning an event? Check the Trinity calendar on our website anytime (www.trinitylutheransavannah.com/connect/calendar.cfm). If you need to schedule an event, please contact Traci in the office (trinityoffice@bellsouth.net, 912-925-4839). Thanks!

CONNECT WITH US

Connect with TLC and keep up with what's going on.

***Website** - www.trinitylutheransavannah.com

***Facebook** - Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church; Trinity Lutheran Church of Savannah Media; Lizzie Comfort Dog

***Instagram** - #lcck9lizzie (Lizzie Comfort Dog)

***YouTube** – Trinity Lutheran Savannah

DEADLINE for BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every Wednesday by 9:00am

Email bulletin announcements to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net prior to 9:00am on Wednesdays.

MINISTRY NEEDS

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19th 10a.m.-11:30a.m. We would love donations of individually wrapped candy or small toys that will fit into Easter eggs. There is a box in the Narthex to place your donations. Thank you for your continued support of our Christian Education and neighborhood outreach.

USHERS FOR 8:30 SERVICE

We need one or two Ushers who can serve on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please see JB Strange if you are interested or need more details.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – 69 11:00 a.m. – 58 Facebook – 100 YouTube – 8

Wednesday 4/9 1:00 p.m. – 15 7:00 p.m. – 10 Facebook – 29 YouTube – 1

Giving	\$5,021.52
Air Conditioner	50.00
Building Repair Fund	390.00
Comfort Dog	25.00
Concordia Seminary	75.00
Food Pantry	35.00
Good Friday	20.00
Lent	670.00
Maundy Thursday	20.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
Youth	81.00

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

8:30 a.m.

Sharon Johnson & Linda Tomko, Greeters
JB Strange, Usher

11:00 a.m.

Rosemary Gerdes, Greeter
Rosemary Gerdes & Gretchen Holmes, Ushers

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

Betty Morrell, Greeter
Cathy Crotwell & JB Strange, Ushers

11:00 a.m.

Kip & Delane Wiltse, Greeters
John Anander & Bob Sautter, Ushers

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY		Traditional Worship Services	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
		Youth Breakfast	
		Youth Group (Education Building)	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
		Confirmation Class	12:30 p.m.
		Can Do Sunday	
MONDAY	4/14	Cub Scouts (Social Hall)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	4/15	Crafters (Education Building)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
		Clothes Closet	4:00-6:00 p.m.
		Cub Scouts (Social Hall)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	4/16	Bible Study (Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
THURSDAY	4/17	Clothes Closet	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
		NAMI (Social Hall)	6:00-7:00 p.m.
		Maundy Thursday Worship	1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	4/18	Good Friday Worship	3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
		Meals for Homeless (Education Building Kitchen)	4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	4/19	Altar Guild	9:00 a.m.
		Easter Egg Hunt	10:00-11:30 a.m.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

(Names remain on the prayer list up to a month unless requests are renewed.)

CANCER

Wendy Holland; Harold LaMarr; Samuel Martin (19)

STRENGTH, GUIDANCE, & PROVISION

Everyone impacted by the hurricanes & natural disasters

PEACE

Israel, Ukraine, & all who suffer from war and violence

OUR WITNESS

Let us proclaim Jesus Christ is risen to all!

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