



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45AM

*All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!*

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

*As the prelude begins, please observe a period of  
silence and contemplation in preparation for worship.*

**PRELUDE:** "Blessed Is He Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord"  
François Couperin (1668-1733)

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

The \* indicates when the congregation stands, if able.  
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

## **WELCOME**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

## \*Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace

**C: in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** All Glory, Laud and Honor **ELW #344**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Go to Dark Gethsemane **ELW #347**

## **The Passion According to Luke**

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

NARRATOR: When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles. He said to them,

JESUS: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said,

JESUS: "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

NARRATOR: Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."

NARRATOR: And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

JESUS: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.

And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

NARRATOR: And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed.

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them,

JESUS: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back,

strengthen your brothers."

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

**CONGREGATION: "No, not a thing."**

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR: They said,

**CONGREGATION: "Lord, look, here are two swords."**

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "It is enough."

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

**CONGREGATION: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"**

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "No more of this!"

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? 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!"

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

**CONGREGATION: "This man also was with him."**

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

**CONGREGATION: "You also are one of them."**

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Friend, I am not!"

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

**CONGREGATION: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."**

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about!"

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

**CONGREGATION: "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"**

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

ASSEMBLY: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,



ASSEMBLY: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

ASSEMBLY: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**CONGREGATION: "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar, saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."**

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

**CONGREGATION: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."**

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

same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

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

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

**CONGREGATION: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**CONGREGATION: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely 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 this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

*(Congregation please stand)*

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

**CONGREGATION: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"**

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

**CONGREGATION: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"**

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they 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.

P: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please remain standing)*

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **\*SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the navy fellowship folders located in each pew at this time.*

## **OFFERTORY**

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

Offertory Music: 8:30 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) setting by John Barr (b.1938)

11:00 - "Gethsemane" Carol Muehlig (b.1947)

*Please stand as we begin singing the “Create in Me” and the elements are brought forward*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you....as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection....grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us....with justice, peace, and love

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones.... now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION** by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)  
*Please come from both sides up the center aisle and return to your  
 seat by the side aisles.*

*8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction please kneel, as able, at the rail.*

*11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction  
 Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail  
 after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music: 8:30 - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Lowell Mason  
 (1792-1872), setting by Tom Fettke (b.1941), Jen Gatz, Piano  
 11:00 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)  
 setting by John Barr (b.1938)

*(please stand)*

## \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*HYMN - Lift High the Cross

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\*BLESSING The Three-fold Amen

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "The Royal Banners Forward Go" Sarum Plainsong,  
Setting by Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

**All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!**

*Our Nursery is available for children 5 years and younger at each service. The nursery is located near the south side entrance.*

**OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:**

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

**ALTAR GUILD:** Joyce Magerlein, Sheree Sorensen

**WELCOME TEAM:** 8:30 Jason Grubaugh, Paula Sportel  
11:00 Nancy Diment, Karen Jachym

**LECTORS:** 8:30 Janet Gullickson, Suze Breischafft  
11:00 Julie Peterson, Marianne Fuerst

**ACOLYTES:** 8:30 Jaxon & Avner Grubaugh

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Bertha Boettcher, Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Diane Reau, Linda Ward, Kendall, Joanne Musselman, David Mason, Ruth Krueger, Jo Brinker.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Jeannie Grubaugh; and by Sharon Padgett in memory of her son, Bob Padgett Jr. on his birthday on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun	Apr 13	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11AM Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45 Sons of Norway 2-5 Open Doors 5-8
Tue	Apr 15	Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Apr 16	Men's Bible Study 7am Blood Drive 11-4:45
Thu	Apr 17	Seder Meal 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
Fri	Apr 18	Stations of the Cross 12pm Tenebrae Service 7pm
Sat	Apr 19	Basket Weaving Classes 9-12, 1-4 Violin Choir 4-6
Sun	Apr 20	Easter Sunday Services Worship with Holy Communion at 8, 9:30 & 11am <i>Lite continental breakfast served from 9-11am</i>

## Weekly Announcements

**Seder Meal Sign Up TODAY!** On Maundy Thursday, April 17, Trinity will host a Seder Meal. The Meal will be held at 5:30pm. Please sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office by April 13. All are welcome to join us! There will be a Service following the meal at 7pm.

**Good Samaritan Fund Need** Trinity's Good Samaritan fund is the fund that enables us to meet the needs of those in our community during some of their most difficult moments. This fund is generated entirely through the generosity of our congregation. These funds go toward electric bills, rent, and other essentials when our neighbors are facing utility shut-offs, eviction notices, or seeking to get into housing. Due to a sustained time of high demand this fund balance is running low. If you find yourself in a position to be able to give, any gift is greatly appreciated. Simply designate the gift to the "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line of your check or give online under the "giving" tab on our website [www.tlckzoo.com](http://www.tlckzoo.com).

**Church Work Day:** The Spring facilities workday will be in May, and we are currently targeting **Saturday May 3rd**. Lunch will be provided, more details to follow in the weekly bulletins and emails! Any questions, please direct them to Max Wineland ([max.wineland@gmail.com](mailto:max.wineland@gmail.com))

**Calling all gardeners!** Summer is coming and the gardens are waking. The gardeners will be doubling up with the facilities team on **May 3 for Church Work Day**. We'd love to see you there! Any questions, please contact Laura Woodruff at 269-365-8944 or [woodlore@hotmail.com](mailto:woodlore@hotmail.com)

*If you have access to Thrivent Grants, please consider using one to help purchase needed items and supplies for church outreach and events! Contact the church office if you are looking to find out more.*

**The next date for our American Red Cross Blood Drive is this Wednesday April 16 from 11:00am to 4:45pm.** We will need a couple extra volunteers to come help from 12:30-3! And register to donate by going to:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> (sponsor code: TLC)

**Youth and Family Ministry Retreat - Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

This last weekend of April, our Youth and Family Ministries are having a retreat weekend at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury, MI (about ½ hour north of Muskegon.) This special weekend includes an indoor water park, bonding time together, campfires, and a break from the craziness of life. We will stay in individual family cabins. The costs are: \$200 per family of 2 people, \$250 per family of 3 or 4 people, and \$300 per family of 5 or more people. That includes housing, 1 day waterpark passes, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be on your own. This is always a fantastic weekend and we truly hope you will join us. **Sign up by Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** by emailing me ([hmfuerst@aol.com](mailto:hmfuerst@aol.com)) or on our Facebook page (TLC Family Ministry). Check can be made out to Trinity, memo: Family Ministry. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Interested in First Communion?** If you have a child who is interested in taking their first communion, or one who has been taking communion, but you feel could benefit from a class, please contact Pr. Jake. If there is interest we will meet for a class in the spring. This class is typically geared toward 3rd-5th graders, but is open to any age.

## Sunday, April 27, 2025 - the Kalamazoo Valley CROP Hunger Walk is

**back!** New this year: Trinity Lutheran will be the starting and ending point for the walk! We are also working on an alternative activity

during the walk for non-walkers. CROP Hunger Walks raise money for [Church World Service](#) hunger/ poverty reduction projects locally (~25%) and internationally (~75%). This year our local funds will go to Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

If you are interested in walking, donating to our Trinity team, or just would like more information, please

contact Karn Erlandson ([karnerlandson@yahoo.com](mailto:karnerlandson@yahoo.com); 269-579-0619). Our team web page is available for online donations at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-lutheran-kalamazoo>



**Emergency Food Box:** Trinity is partnering with people in our neighborhood to stock the emergency food box located on Oak Street between Cedar and Lovell. Easy open, ready to eat, non-perishable foods such as cans with a flip top lid, ramen, granola bars, crackers, protein shakes etc. should be put in the box designated Emergency Food Box outside the Fellowship Hall. Call Rasma McMullen (269-349-9429) with any questions.

**Quilting supplies and donations needed!** Have you recently discontinued a quilting or seamstress hobby? Have a stash of fabric looking for a home? The Trinity Quilters would happily accept a donation of your fabric to use in the construction of mission quilts. You can drop off fabric at church (just label it for the quilters) or, if you would like a pick-up, contact Teri Koretsky at 779-5632. Thanks!!

**Meeting of the Men!** Meeting of the men is an “informal, come as you are, when you can” kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know one other guys who call Trinity home! We’ll plan to gather at Bell’s Brewery on Wednesday April 23rd from 5:00-6:30pm for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation! If the weather is good, look for us out in the Beer Garden!

**Refugee Families in Need!** Trinity is working with our local refugee services to help provide for new refugee families in Kalamazoo. If you wish to contribute financially to our Kalamazoo Refugees, scan the QR code to make a donation. And if you would like to volunteer time to help our refugee families, please contact Bess Fitzgerald ([bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com)) or the church office.



**April Basket Weaving classes at Trinity are full!** If you have signed up for one of the classes on Saturday, April 19, the \$25 berry basket class will run from 9am - 12 pm and the \$30 handled basket class will be 1pm - 4pm. Payment can be made to instructor Susan Hanna on the day of the class. Please plan to bring a snack to share as you work and a donation to the food pantry or emergency food box! Classes are full for this round, but arrangements are already being made for some amazing fall woven creations!

**Please sign up for Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers!** Sign up in the Fellowship Hall and help share God's love for our community! Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to provide flowers or host fellowship time for the coming months. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events. *(And if you enjoy baking, we're always happy for help to stock our freezer for Sundays that might not have a fellowship host!)* \*Altar flowers are \$ 20 per bouquet and should be ordered one week in advance. **Call or email the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you wish to put altar flowers on for a Sunday.**

**Plant Swap!** Spring is here and it's time to start planning for the Trinity plant swap on May 18! Get your seeds, seedlings and plants ready. Tables will be available in Fellowship Hall between services.



**Palm Sunday – April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 and 11am

**Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Seder Meal at 5:30pm

Worship with Holy Communion 7pm

**Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Stations of the Cross

with Organ and Strings 12noon

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm

**Easter – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Worship with Holy Communion

at 8, 9:30, and 11am

*A special Easter Fellowship of coffee, juice,  
and continental breakfast snacks will be served  
from 9-11am*