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!

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

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

PRELUDE: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Lowell Mason (1792-1872), setting by Paul Bunjes (1914-98)

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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.**

Mission Moment

Karn Erlandson

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW #803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved



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*SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

- ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
 - ² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations,
 - "The LORD has done great things for them."
 - ³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
 - ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.
 - ⁵ Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
 - ⁶ Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one

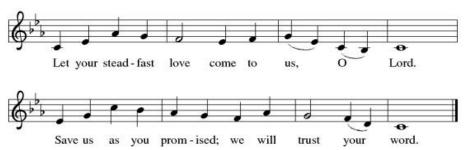
thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

(please stand)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

*GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #750

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

SERMON

Pastor Jake Lehman

*CREED

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need (*especially*). May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel (*especially Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach*). Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. 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.

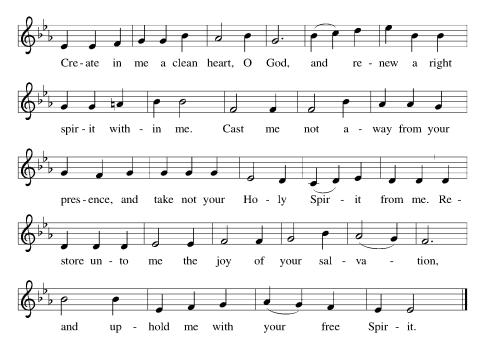


"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Offertory Music: 8:30 - "Prelude in C Major" David N. Johnson (1922-87) 11:00 - "Ah, Holy Jesus" Johann Crüger (1598-1662), setting by Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

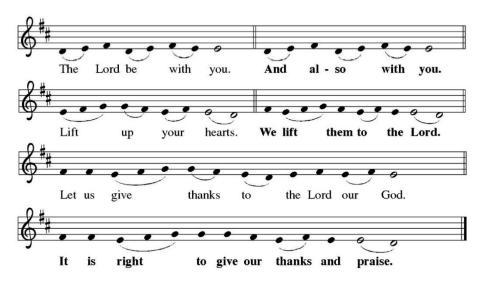
Please stand as we begin singing the "Create in Me" and the elements are brought forward

Create in Me a Clean Heart

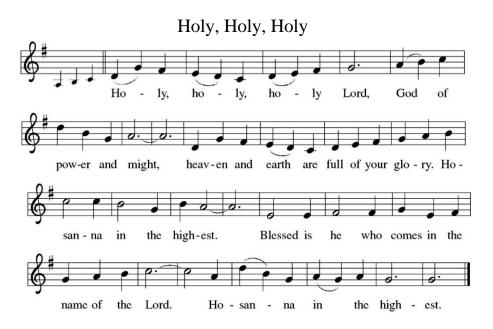


*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:



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:



*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.

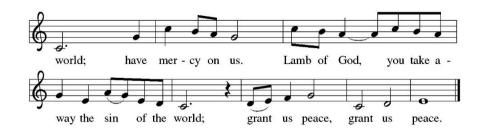
For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)





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.

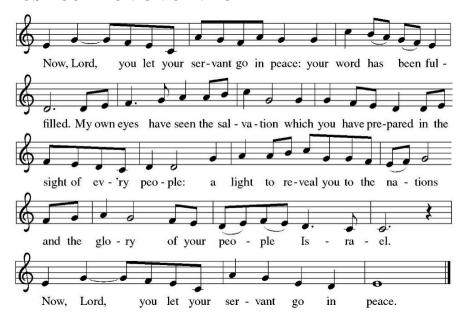
8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction please kneel, as able, at the rail.

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 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Lowell Mason (1792-1872), setting by Victor Labenske, Debbie Harding, piano 11:00 - "Prelude in C Major" David N. Johnson (1922-87)

(please stand)

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*HYMN My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less ELW #597

*BLESSING The Three-fold Amen

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Largo" (opus 7, no. 10) John Stanley (1712-86)

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: Karn Erlandson

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Teri Koretsky, Beth Belleville

11:00 Liz Morison, Carolyn Kana'an

LECTORS: 8:30 Dave Runstrom

11:00 Holly Wohlfert

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Avery & Nolan Fowler

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 Holly Wohlfert in memory of her mom, Ruth Adkin, on her birthday today; by LuAnn Woodhouse in memory of her mom, Jan Ellstrom's birthday April 5 and her parents, Rich and Jan Ellstrom's anniversary on April 10; and by Greta Decker and Chris Allen in honor of the 45th birthdays of Pastors Erik and Nathan Allen.

Calendar of Upcoming Events		
Sun	Apr 6	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11AM
Juli	дрі о	Choir 9:25
		All Sunday School classes 9:45
		Greece Trip interest meeting 10:00
		Church Council 12:15
	A 7	VASA 2-5
I	•	Prayer Shawl 10-12
Tue	Apr 8	Christ Clothes Closet 10-2
		Loaves and Fishes 11-1
		C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Apr 9	Ladies Lunch 11 :30
		Soup/Salad Supper 5:45
		Lent Service 6:30
Thu	Apr 10	C.F.T. 5:30-7
		Sacred Harp 6-8
Sat	Apr 12	Violin Choir 4-6
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
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Easter Flower Orders are due TODAY April 6!

Each 6" pot is \$12.00. Please be aware that all orders will be "Florist Choice". Please fill out the pink forms (located next to the bulletins) and place in the offering plate along with your payment. Orders may be picked up after the 11:00AM service on Easter or the week following.

Weekly Announcements

Lenten Wednesday Evening worship services will be in-person each week at 6:30pm. For those unable to join in person, the service will be live-streamed and be available to view on our YouTube channel.

<u>Please sign up to help with Lenten Soup/Salad Suppers each Wednesday at</u>
<u>5:45.</u> Every Wednesday in Lent, a Soup/Salad Supper will begin at 5:45 before the Lenten Service. We ask for our congregants to sign up to help provide food for these suppers by signing up on the list posted on the Youth Board opposite the kitchen in the downstairs hallway!

Greece & Turkey Trip – "Walk in the Footstep of Paul and John" - Summer 2027 - Informational Meeting on Sunday April 6, at 10am!

Trinity is exploring the option of taking a Youth and Congregational trip to Greece and Turkey the summer of 2027. If you would be interested in joining us or would like more information, please plan to attend this meeting. You can also sign up in the Fellowship Hall or the Youth Board, or fill out the interest form online in our weekly emails. If you are in middle school, a parent/guardian would have to attend the trip. If you are in high school, Heidi Albertson would act as your guardian if a parent/guardian is not going on the trip.

Christ Clothes Closet: Needs personal hygiene products such as toilet paper, razors, shaving cream, lotion and feminine hygiene.

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.

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)

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.

We are once again hosting American Red Cross blood drives at Trinity in 2025. The next date is Wednesday April 16 from 11:00am to 4:45pm.

We are asking for volunteers to become part of the team to help with registrations/hospitality, some set-up and closing the church at end of the drive. If you are interested/able to do this, please contact Holly Wohlfert at 269-808-3889 or the church office.

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 <u>Church World Service</u> 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 (<u>karnerlandson@yahoo.com</u>; <u>269-579-0619</u>). Our team web page is available for online donations at:

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-lutherankalamazoo

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!!

The TLC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets April 7 at 10am We gather the first Monday of each month in the lounge at 10:00 to receive and pray over completed shawls, encourage one another as we work on new shawls, reflect on the gratitude of prayer shawl recipients, and, yes, socialize! Don't know how to knit or crochet? Here's your chance to learn—instruction will be provided! If you would like more information, please call Sidney Mueller at (269)806-0023.

<u>Seder Meal Sign Up!</u> 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.

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.

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) or the church office.



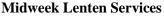
<u>Ladies Lunch will be April 9th at 11:30am at The Crew</u> (5200 Portage Road, Portage) This is a fun way to meet with old friends and make new connections with each other. All women are welcome! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Judy Sherrod with questions; hope to see you there!

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.

Youth and Family Ministry Retreat - Friday, April 26th-Sunday, April 28th
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 13th by emailing me (https://mmuses.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.



Soup/Salad Suppers each Wednesday at 5:45 Lent Evening Service each Wednesday at 6:30

Palm Sunday – April 13th

Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 and 11am

Maundy Thursday – April 17th

Seder Meal at 5:30pm Worship with Holy Communion 7pm

Good Friday - April 18th

Stations of the Cross with Organ and Strings 12noon Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm

Easter - April 20th

Worship with Holy Communion 8, 9:30, and 11am A special Easter Fellowship of coffee, juice, and continental breakfast snacks will be served from 9-11am

