

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."*

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*Good Morning and a Special Welcome* to all who are worshipping with us today. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

*All members and guests are asked to fill out the Welcome Book found in your pew.*

**PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR** – Flo and Richard Ball, Janet Eddy, Helen Everett, Pat Gregory, Terry Ingmire, Paul Lass, Ken Leiding, Julie and Sam Locklear, Nicholas Mick, Patrick Mick, Brenda Pendry, Boyd Sylvester, Scott and Natasha Thieman.

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**HOLY COMMUNION** – In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.

*For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34*

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

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### Today's Worship Participants

Lector  
Communion Assistant  
Host/Hostess

*Sharyn Leiding  
Dave Petri  
LWML*

### Participants for Next Sunday

Lector  
Communion Assistant  
Host/Hostess

*Sam Reed  
John Knickelbein  
LWML*

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While we begin the Call Process of looking for our new pastor we are very blessed to have a team of Pastors covering this vacancy, Pastor Charles Froehlich, Coordinating Vacancy Pastor; Chaplain Matthew Prince and Pastor Timothy Utton. This morning we welcome Pastor Froehlich as he leads us in worship. May God bless these pastors and their ministry among us.

## Divine Service Three

In this Solemn Season of Lent you are encouraged to  
*talk to God before the Service, let God talk to you in the Service,*  
*then talk to one another **after** the Service.*

Organ Prelude

*A Way to Calvary Leadeth*

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *Stand and face the Processional Cross (rear of the Church)*

Processional Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation*

LSB 644



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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# Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Introit

**C** Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
your blessing be on your people!  
But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,  
my glory, and the lifter of my head.  
I cried aloud to the LORD,  
and he answered me from his holy hill.  
I lay down and slept;  
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.  
I will not be afraid of many thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

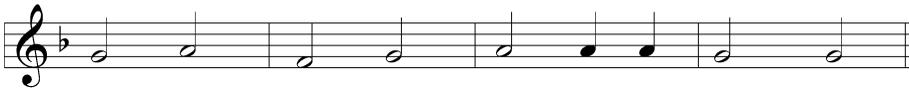


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing 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.

<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts 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,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

**C** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Epistle

*Philippians 3:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Stand

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 20:9–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said

to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.**

*Sit*



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
 My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful He  
 To suff'ring goes  
 That He His foes  
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was His home  
 But mine the tomb  
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 No story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like Thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 Could gladly spend!

## Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**Offering** - *Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew.*

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## Anthem

*God So Loved the World*

John Carter

*Stand*

## Offertory

**C** 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, in your mercy...

**C** ....hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Sit

*Please respect the time of silence at the beginning of the Eucharist before the Distribution Hymns are begun. While this is time for some to commune it is also a time for introspection and helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. This silence is an active, not a passive disposition. This form of interior silence does not impede, and indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.*

## Distribution

*The body and blood of Christ are distributed to those who come to receive.*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Distribution Hymn

### *Your Table I Approach*

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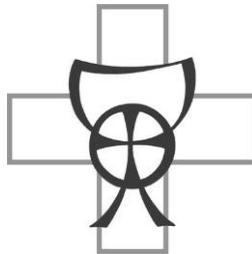
1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

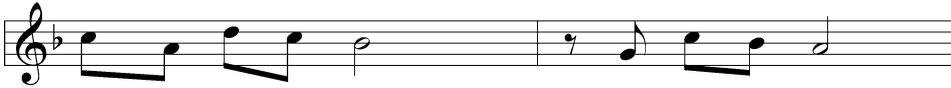
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.  
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His

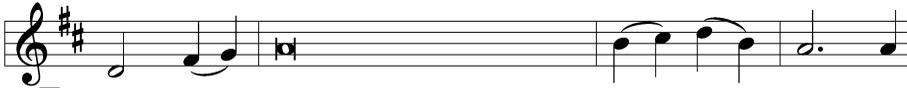


lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
 and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

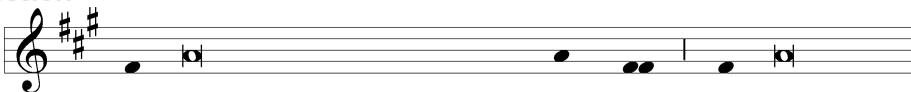


**P** Bless we the Lord.

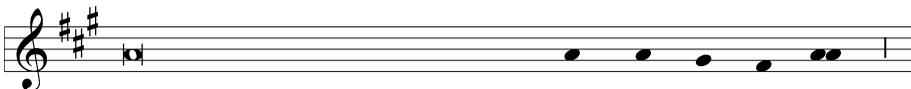


**C** Thanks be to God.

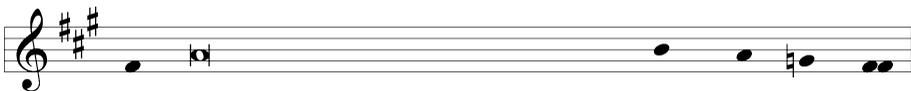
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



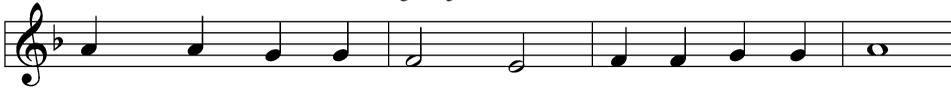
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
 Wafts its praise on high,  
 Angel hosts rejoicing  
 Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
 Swell the mighty flood;  
 Louder still and louder  
 Praise the precious blood!

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**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

**Organ Postlude**

*Come To Calvary’s Holy Mountain*

setting Michael Burkhardt

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**Easter Breakfast**

Easter morning beginning at 8:30 am  
 in the Welcome Center  
 Hosted by the LWML  
 Come join us!



**Please join us for our last Mid-week Lenten Worship Service on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**On Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the Confirmation and First Communion of Rachel Prince.** Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate in this joyous day. A reception to honor the confirmand will be held immediately following the service.

**THERE WILL BE A PALM MARCH on Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>!** If you and/or your family would like to participate, please meet us at the back of the church before service, grab a palm and join in the celebration!

**AN EASTER LILY** sign-up sheet is on the LWML bulletin board in the office hallway. Cost per lily will be \$10.00. Order deadline is **TODAY!** The lilies beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and may be taken home following the Worship Service.

**LWML NEWS – The LWML Tidewater Zone Spring Rally will be held on April 23, 2022 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4897 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg, VA.** If you are interested in attending this Rally, please contact Cathy George by April 10<sup>th</sup> so that she can give the appropriate head count to KOG.

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the LWML, Trinity's LWML will be focusing on our MITES. Our goal is to collect \$80.00 each quarter. Drop off your MITES in the Welcome Center! Thank you for your support!

**A Voters' Assembly will be held on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service.** Please make plans to attend!



**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE** – Since our local Ronald McDonald House is no longer accepting *PopTops*, Special Ministries is asking that you recycle the whole aluminum can! Whatever type of top you were popping, please bring the whole item in for recycling. Bill Sontag has set up a large grey trash can behind the shed so that you can conveniently deposit your items when coming to Church. Monies collected from this recycling effort will be used to help with building maintenance/beautification around Trinity.

**Bulletin Deadline – If you have a blurb or an insert for the bulletin, please make sure it is into the Church Office by 9:00 am on the Wednesday morning prior to publication.**

**April 2022**

**Our giving to God is to be generous.**

*The point is this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

2 Corinthians 9:6

**Applying Bible Principles**

As we saw recently, our giving is to be done in secret. That kind of giving causes our Heavenly Father, who sees in secret, to reward us openly. If we draw attention to ourselves and to our giving, we will receive the praise of other people, but unfortunately, that praise then becomes all the reward we will receive.

But the Apostle Paul describes generous giving in 2 Corinthians 9:6-14 as something that will cause other people to praise God for our generosity. They will thank Him for our obedience that causes us to give in such a manner that the gospel is shared with them.

What a difference. On the one hand, if we attract attention to ourselves and our giving, people will praise us, and that's the end of it. On the other, if we give quietly and generously, any attention that action gains will cause people to praise God for us!

The Lord Jesus described a situation like that. Mary anointed Him with a costly perfume. Some criticized her because it seemed like a waste. After all, the perfume could have been sold and the money used for the poor. Was Mary crazy or what?

One writer summed up her actions this way:

Generous giving to the Lord may be labeled fanatical by others. But Jesus labeled it "love." In fact, He was so moved by the woman's giving that he vowed "wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

So today, centuries later, just as Jesus said, we still remember Mary's devotion and generous giving.

What will people remember you for? Will it be for your accomplishments in life? Will it be for your talents and abilities? Will it be for your work with the poor and needy? Will it be for the ministry you have had for Christ here at Trinity Lutheran Church? Will it be for your efforts to share the gospel with people along life's way? Will it be for your generous giving?

Or stated another way, what do you *want* people to remember you for? You see, your answer to that question to a significant degree becomes a "self-fulfilling prophecy." Do you *want* to be remembered for your generous giving? Then start now where you are. . . .

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
	Ordination of Terrell Davis, Sr.	4:00 pm
Monday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bowling League	6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lenten Mid-week Worship Service</b>	7:00 pm
Thursday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Bible Study	11:30 am
	Choir Rehearsal	4:30 pm
	Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	6:30 pm
Sunday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	Communion Worship Service w/Confirmation	10:00 am
	Confirmation Reception	Following Worship

### Scriptures for April 10<sup>th</sup>

Deuteronomy 32:36-39 ~ Philippians 2:5-11 ~ Luke 22:1—23:56

Sunday, March 27, 2022  
Worship Attendance - 76  
General Offerings - \$2,015.00

*Masks are no longer required inside the church. If you prefer to wear a mask you are encouraged to do so.*