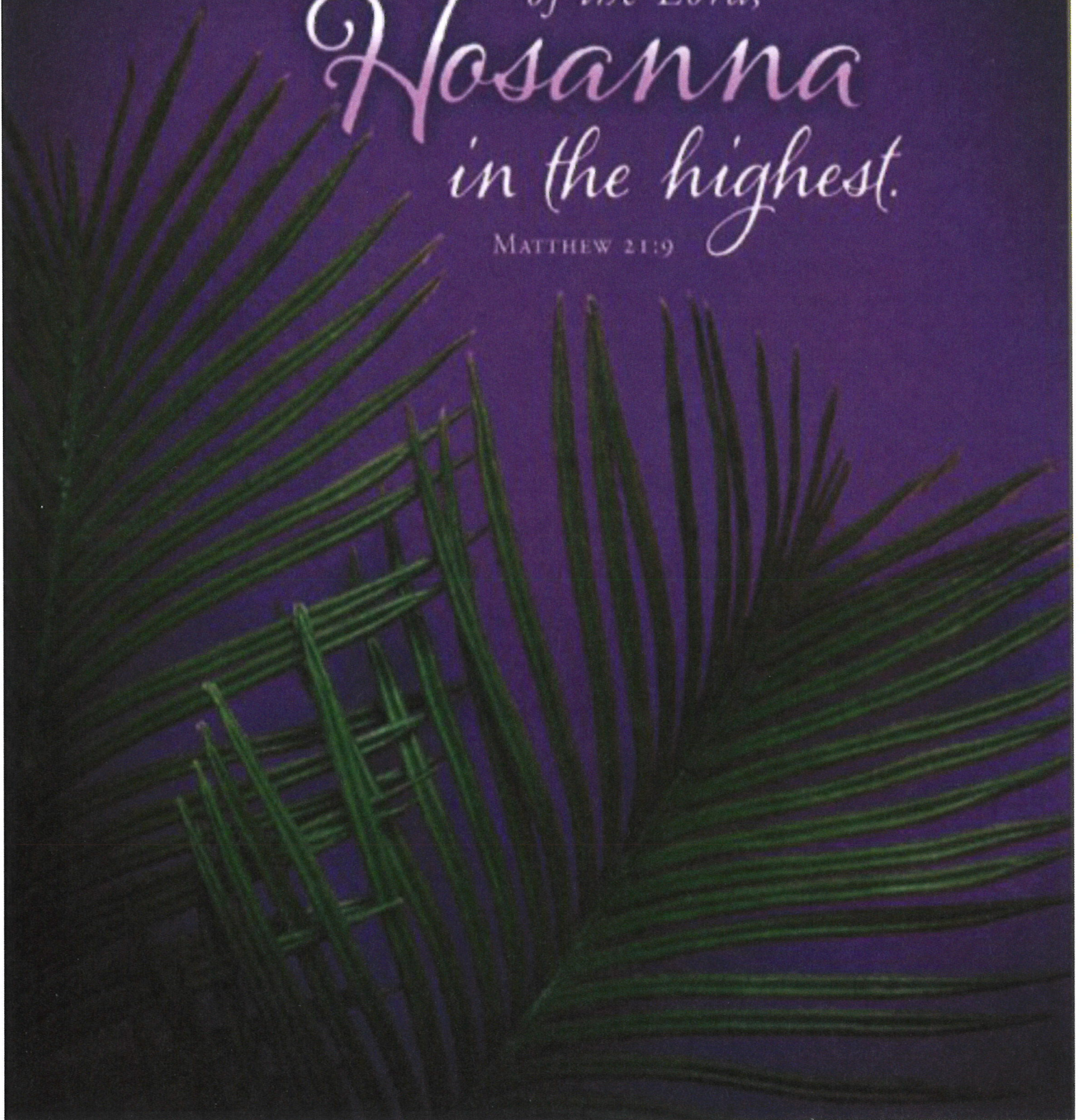


*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name*

of the Lord;

Hosanna
in the highest.

MATTHEW 21:9



PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

March 23-24, 2024

Worship Services:

6:00 pm on Saturday, March 23

9:30 am on Sunday, March 24

Announcements

Order for Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Amen

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

Merciful God,

Congregation: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called Your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to You as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. To all who believe in Jesus Christ, God grants freedom from the power of sin, and through the Holy Spirit gives life, forgiveness, and resurrection from the dead.

Congregation: Amen.

Organ Prelude: Festive March

Charles Blackmore

Entrance Hymn: The Palms

1. **O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation.**

**Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare:**

Chorus:

Join all and sing, His name declare,

Let ev'ry voice resound with joyous acclamation:

Hosanna, praise to the Lord!

Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

2. **His word goes forth and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness are restored to light.**

Chorus

3. **Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem.
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem,
Brings faith and hope to thee forever more.**

Chorus





Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Processional Gospel

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 [not printed]

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to

Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard;

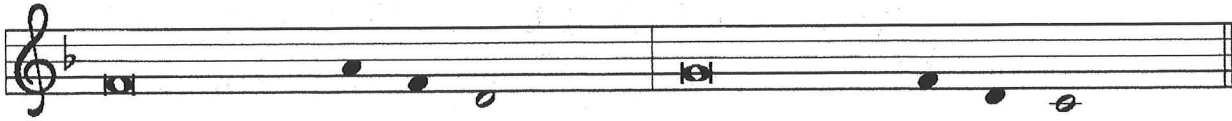
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to
shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?



Have mercy on me, O LORD,
for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me
because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies,
a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street
they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten,
out of mind;

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard
the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around;
they put their heads together
against me;
they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me,
I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me
from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine up on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point
of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under
the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47] [not printed]

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

MARK 14:1-15:39

Narrator: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; For they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was this ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Narrator: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So, he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So, He sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

Narrator: So, the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

Narrator: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them,

Jesus: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

Narrator: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to them and said,

Jesus: "Take; this is my body."

Narrator: Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus: “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: “Even though all become deserters, I will not.”

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Peter: “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

Narrator: And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: “Sit here while I pray.”

Narrator: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them,

Jesus: “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

Jesus: “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

Narrator: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator: And again, he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough? The hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So, when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

Narrated: All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days, I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

High Priest: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

Narrator: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

High Priest: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

Jesus: "I am; and 'You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power', and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Narrator: Then the High Priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

Narrator: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Girl: "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

Peter: "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

Narrator: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Girl: “This man is one of them.”

Narrator: But again, he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: “I do not know this man you are talking about.”

Narrator: At the moment, the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus: “You say so.”

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival, he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So, the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. He answered them,

Pilate: “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Narrator: They shouted back,

Congregation: “Crucify him!”

Pilate: “Why? What evil has he done?”

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: “Crucify him!”

Narrator:

So, Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews". And with him, they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Congregation: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

Narrator:

In the same way, the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock, Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus:

"Eloi, Eloi, Iema sabachthani?"

Narrator:

Which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Hymn of the Day: #344 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Chorus:

*All glory, laud and honor, to You Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannas ring.*

- 1. You are the King of Israel and David's Royal Son.
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed One.**

Chorus

- 2. The company of angels are praising You on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.**

Chorus

- 3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went,
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

Chorus

- 4. To You, before Your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

Chorus

- 5. Their praises You accepted, accept the prayers we bring.
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.**

Chorus

Apostles' Creed

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

Offering

**Anthem: (6:00) The Holy City
 (9:30) Jerusalem
 Senior Choir**

*Stephen Adams
Henry Parker*

Offertory Response: #185 Create in Me

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not
away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy
of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O
God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Prayer Hymn-#751 O'Lord, Hear My Prayer

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

Prayers

**Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor The Lord be with you.
Congregation:(sung) And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
Congregation:(sung) We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation:(sung) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pastor The Peace of the Lord be with you all.
Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

Hymns during communion:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: #474

HOLY COMMUNION

Bread of Life from Heaven

474

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod-y giv-en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un-til you come a-gain.

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac-ri-fice; giv-ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a-way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him-
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de-clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun-gry ones, gath-er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en-dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life-giv-ing Word. Know on-ly Christ, Ho-ly
 bread and be-lieve Eas-ter morn; trust his re-turn and, with

Refrain

sat-is-fied; in Christ's pres-ence the loaves will a-bound.
 liv-ing way, that the full-ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun-ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be-lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev-'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re-born.

Communion Hymn: ##477

HOLY COMMUNION

477

I Received the Living God

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

Refrain



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: Anonymous

LIVING GOD
77 77 and refrain

Pastor

May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle #200

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go--in—peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people:
a light—to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A—men.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace
in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

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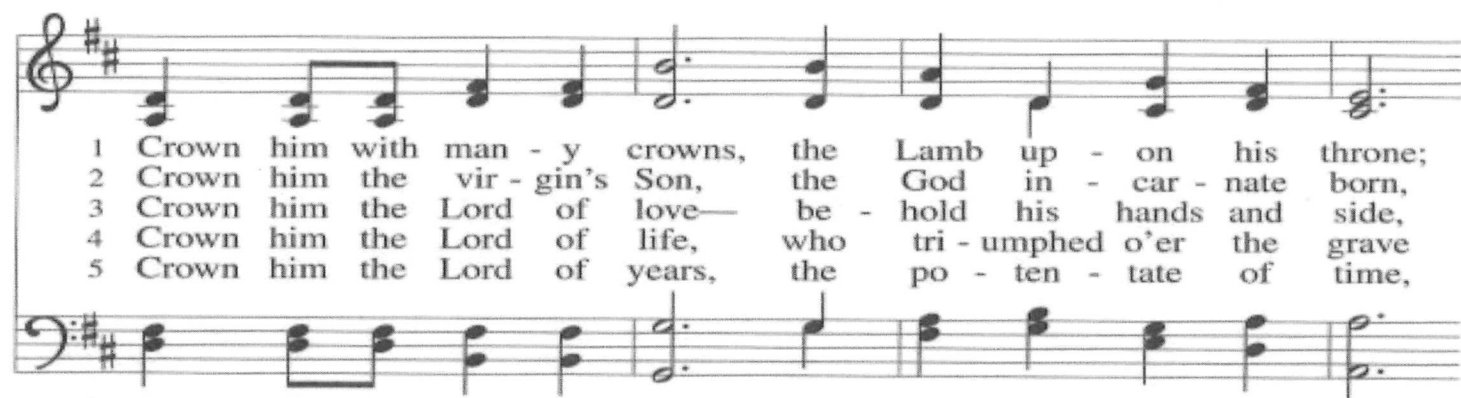
Pastor: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: #855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

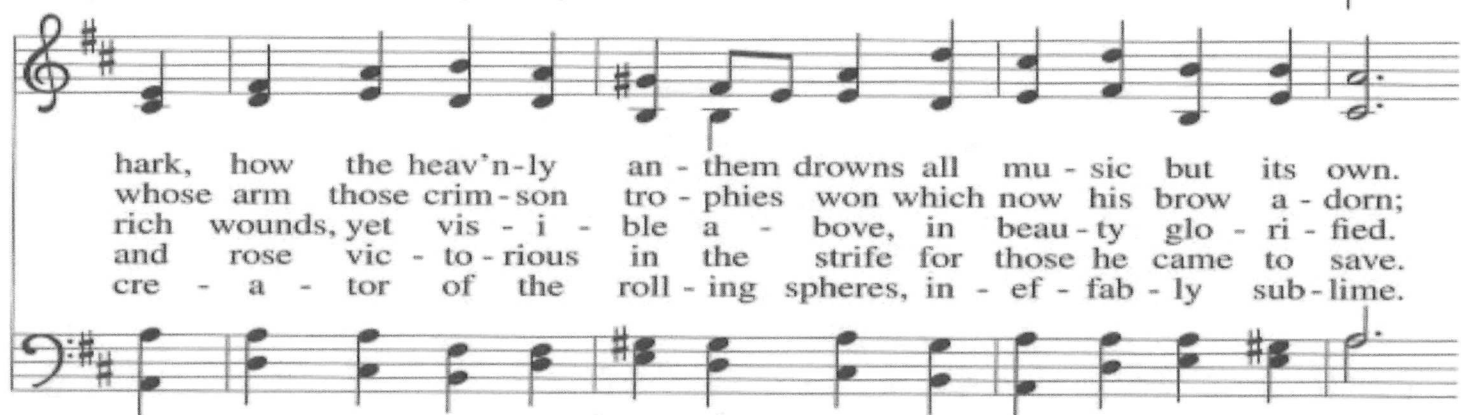
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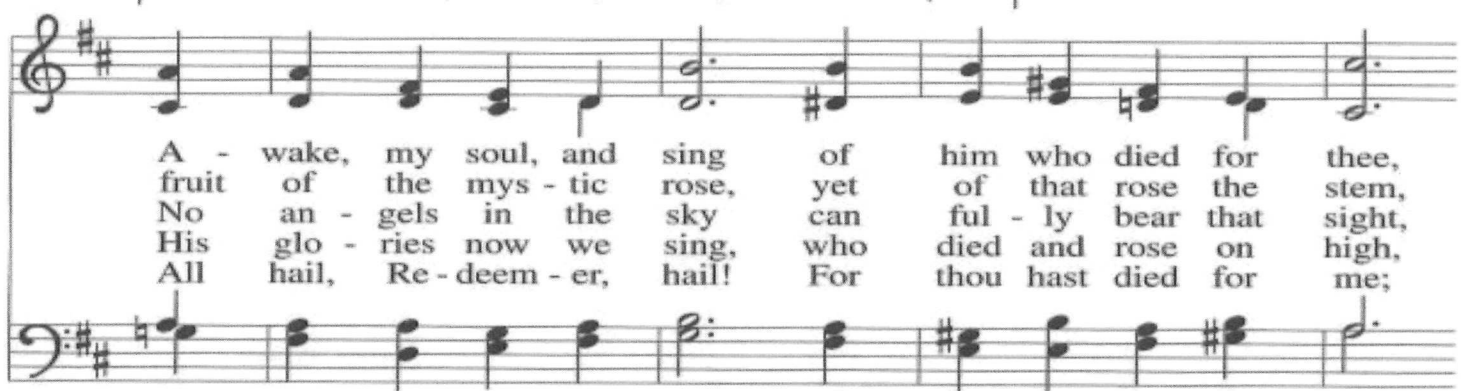
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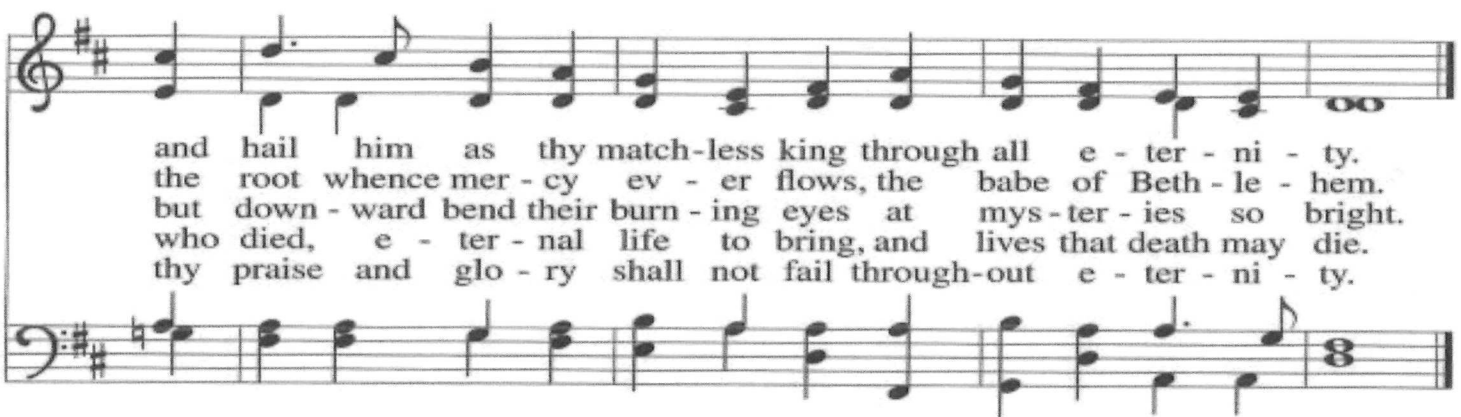
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

*God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

Organ Postlude

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Each week, individuals have an opportunity to support our Worship Ministries by sponsoring altar flowers, bulletins, and radio/digital broadcasts in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Altar Flowers, Bulletins, and Digital Ministry are \$30.00 each; Radio Ministry is \$50.00 (Radio Ministry half-sponsorships are also available). (Please contact the church office at 570-622-9910 to reserve your date.)

Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our mother/grandmother Grace Stoffregen on the anniversary of her death, March 26, by Conrad, Teresa, Andrea, Kylie

Children's Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of deceased class members, by Craft Class.

Radio Ministry is presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Emily Wood and Sean Brennan by godchildren, Luke & Lila Diven.

Digital Ministry is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Peg & Al Shukwit, and Aranetta & John Wagner, by Barb & Charlie

The Palms are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *Connie and Clayton Turner, and Connie's parents Jake and Kathryn Wynn* by the Family.

TRINITY EVENTS



TRINITY LUTHERAN DAY AT THE READING PHILLIES - SUNDAY APRIL 28TH

Event is open to all members, families, and friends of Trinity

Tickets are \$25.00 (Children 4 and under are free)

TICKETS INCLUDE:

Buffet lunch and seats in the Club 67 picnic area along third base.

First pitch scheduled for 3:15 pm

REGISTRATION DATE !!!

Deadline to sign up is April 8th

Please contact Mike Vigoda @ 570-527-4258 or mpvigoda@gmail.com or call the church office @ 570-622-9910

Senior Activity

Tea Time with Hydrangea Cottage Tea & Gifts

April 15th at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Church

More details to follow!



Youth Activity

Craft with Lddesign following youth lead worship on April 7th

More details to follow!

Prayer List: March 23-24

Members of Trinity with immediate concerns: George Albert, Brain Bohr, Judi Barton, Pam Brennan, Ron Brennan, Doug Camodeca, Josephine Cicero, Debbie Ebert, Gene Ebling, Joel Ebling, Sharon Fessler, Christopher Fredericks, Margaret Gretskey, Edward Helman, Barbara Hoffman, Arline Hufnagle, Megan Kimmel, Jodi Klein, Andrea Madara, Thelma Mansfield, Margie Mataka, Cindy McGeever, Ray Moyer, Diane O'Leary-Hughes, Suzanne Rich, Ruth Russell, Paula Ryan, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Kay Shaw, Jack Shuey, Donald Smith, Margaret Snyder, Dorothy Thomas, Edna Uranko, Barbara Wagner, Helen Walasavage, Walter Whalen, David White

Members of Trinity with ongoing concerns: Ruth Bensinger, Brian Bohr, Sam Carroll, Barbara Conrad, Carole Coyle, Dennis Fredericks, Carolyn Gauntlett, Jarred Heckart, Betsey Lord, Dennis Lord, Camie McGonigle, Adam Morrow, Chester Moyer, Marilyn Reed, Jill Schaeffer, Albert Schneider, Linda Seiwel, Cindy Seltzer, Sally Spotts, Colin Studlack, Jill Weaver, Brock Weber, Ellen Wesnoski, Kerry Willard, Ivan Willard, Mary Jane Wilson, Sissy Wilson, Haley Wiscount, Sadie Wiscount, Donna Wood, Karen Wood, Damon Yost

Shut-Ins: Merle Amos, Delight & Paul Ashembrier, Jeanette Augustine, Mickie Bair, Leah Brokhoff, Earlamay Downing, Marsha Ehlers, Mary Evans, Sandy Fessler, Pat Haluska, Helen Harvey, Robert Heffner, Dolores Hoffman, Richard & Carole Kline, Faye Krasinsky, Nancy Pauzer, Terry Pugh, Nancy Schriener, Carolyn Spiess, Ann Spotts, Carolyn Wire, Kathryn Wodack, Darlene Zeller

Nursing Home/Personal Care Residents: Yvonne Blankenhorn, Hope Fisher, Tom Fredericks, Louise Gradwell, Larry Haffey, Dianna Hutton, Mollie Katchur, Cheryl Kephart, Mary Leary, Shirley Morgan, Anna Stinner, Frances Thomas, Judy Thomas, Shawn Thomas

Military Personnel: Brett Allison, Jacob Barton, Jason Beach, Audrey Burke, Christopher & Savannah Butler, Tim Campbell, Elizabeth Chattin, Andrew Clancey, Ryan Devaney, Jeff and Katie Dittmar, Noah Elison, Brian and Joshua Fetterman, Joshua Fredericks, Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, Wil Hanson, Aaron Lesher, Edward Mady, Tom McMurtrie, Ryan Miller, Ashton Muncy, Allison Ney, John Nomland, Aaron Oswald, Eddie Padinski, Kevin Potts, Larry Reedy, Zachary Reichert, Michael and Stephen Reier, Steven Sleva, Nicholas Starner, Matthew Tobin, Jamie Watt

Family Members/Friends: Ada, Karen Alban, Michelle Ambrose, McKenna Archibald, Millie Bachert, Brianne Barket, Sando Barnes, John Barnetsky, David Bechtel, Timothy Beissel, Olivia Bensinger, Heather Boltz, Linda Borchardt, Ron Boris, Rose Brehony, Doug Broughton, Joan Buehner, Connie Burns, Irene Conway, Betty Coyle, Donna Dando, Ellsworth Davis, Hayden Daubert, Alice Davis, Eliana Denning, Lynn Denmon, Justin Dicello, Marilee Ebert, Gaylene Ebling, Margaret Ebling, Tracey Ebling, Scarlett Eckkers, Virginia Ehrich, Dale Felker, Betty Gerinda, Charlie Gerinda, Kim Gerthoffer, D. J. Greenholt, Nancy Gullob, Connie Hale, David

Hallman, Maureen Hill, Helen Holley, Vicki Jarvis, Warren Jefferson, Lindsay Kastner, Barry Kellner, Cody and Kime Kimberlin, Kaylynn Klunk, Blayke Kopinetz, David Krall, John Kruss, Diane Laine, Butch Lasco, Phil Lasco, Margaret Ledford, Regnal Leibensperger, Kenneth Leister, Bernadette L. Lord, Lorraine, John Olfhinski Sister Jo Magdalinski, Gladys & Joseph Matz, Maria Masteller, Shawn Matz, Paige Marshall, Melissa Martin, Rose Maurer, Melissa L. Martin Lenny, Larry Lonergan, Karen McHugh, Joe McNulty, Alethia Meyer, Ariel Miller, Marie Minder, David Mohn, Alyssa Morissey, Joan Moyer, Vincent Murray, Charlotte Naley, Brenda Nungst, Mark Oshman, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, Robert Pomian, Kathy Pritchard, Jack & Dot Rebeck, Debbie Reed, Jerry Reed, Bryan Reinhold, Tina Robinson, Nancy Roshannon, Don Roth, Dave Rothermel, Milly Sheehan, Lisa Schaeffer, Julia Schemanski, Sandy Schlemmer, Pastor Jim Seifert, Adam Selfridge, Aimee & Ethan Selfridge, Brian Shishlo, Donny Smith, Joshua Sophy, Ann Marie Souchak, Allen and Jack Spotts, Lindsay Spotts, Jessica L. Steward, Diane Sumoski, Jack Thomas, Shirley Uhler, Charlie Wagner, Barry Ward, Glynn Ward, Emily Wetzel, Andy Wollyung, Anne Schock Womack, Mike Zawaski

STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world. We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

Adopted by the Congregation

January 25, 1998

TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Saturday, March 23	6:00pm	Worship
Sunday, March 24	9:30am	Worship Palm Sunday
Monday, March 25	4:00pm	Pottsville Soup Kitchen
	6:30pm	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday, March 26	10:00am- 11:00am	Senior Exercise
Thursday, March 28	2:30 & 7:30	Maundy Thursday Worship Service/First Holy Communion
Friday, March 29th	2:30 & 7:30	Good Friday Worship Services
Saturday, March 30th	7:30pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 31st	8:30am & 11:00am	Easter Worship
Monday, April 1st		Office is Closed

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/Vicar</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Saturday, March 23	Pastor Chris	Zachary Jefferson	
Sunday, March 24	Pastor Chris	Mike Ward	Zachary Jefferson

E-Mail Addresses:

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 Barbara Miller, Church Council President
 Michael Kiehner, Organist & Choir Director
 Jim Honicker, Sexton

Trinity Lutheran Guest Account

Password: TrinityWIFI (password is *case sensitive*)

“THE CONNECTING LINK”

Sunday mornings, WPPA, 1360 AM at 11:00 a.m.

TLC March 23 - March 24, 2024

YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

You're invited to the Table...

Join us as we celebrate with 3 young men, and their families, as they will be joining us at the altar; receiving their first Holy Communion during the 7:30pm Maundy Thursday service March 28th.

ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA - July 16-20, 2024

Our Youth Gathering Committee continues to meet and plan for our trip, as well as more events for congregational support.

We are currently planning a bingo event for Sunday May 5th in Trinity Hall following worship; and a car wash at Trinity for Sunday June 2nd following worship.

Please stay tuned for upcoming details, **and thank you for supporting our youth!**

Trinity's Annual Rock-A-Thon will be held April 13-14. Youth in grades 1 – 12 (and their friends) are welcome and encouraged to participate. The kids will be rocking for Camp Dragonfly, a weekend bereavement camp for children who have lost a loved one. Our informational meeting is **THIS SUNDAY (March 17)** following worship. We hope to see you there!

Youth-Led Worship will be held the weekend of April 6 – 7. All youth are invited to join us in leading worship for this weekend. Our Confirmation students are in the process of planning for it during classes. We will have two practices: our first on Sunday, March 24 (following worship) and our second on Saturday, April 6, time to be determined. Our Sunday Funday Singers, along with kids who are participating this weekend will provide the anthem on Sunday, April 7. If your child is interested in participating, please email tlcpottsvilleconfirmation@gmail.com or leave us a message on Facebook.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Prayer Group

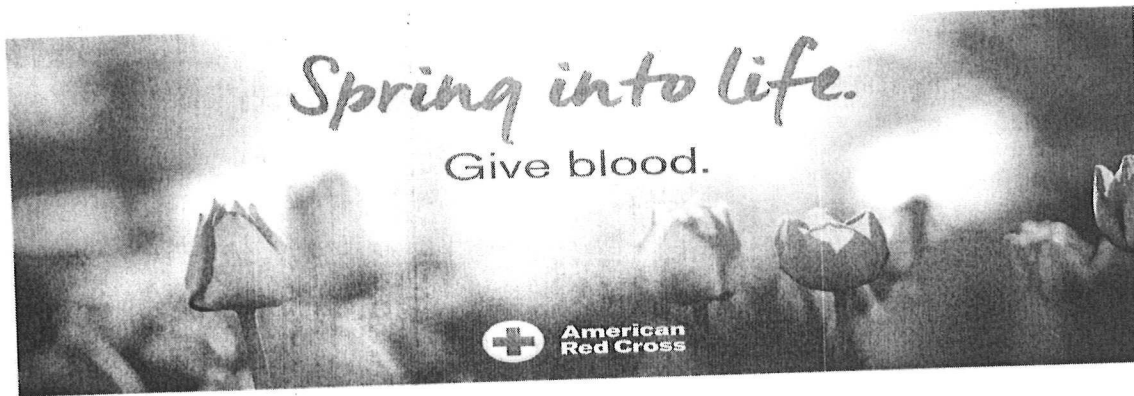
A monthly prayer group is meeting the fourth Thursday at 1 pm and the second Tuesday at 11 am (after exercise group) in the large Sunday school room. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please keep in mind our Prayer Shawl Ministry. There are a variety of colorful shawls and lap blankets available in our storage area in the Main Sunday School room. This ministry was started to provide a gift of love and comfort to people in life transitions. If you know someone who could use prayers and the loving embrace of a shawl or blanket to assist them to navigate life's challenges, please feel free to stop in our room to select an appropriate item. They are not just for Trinity members - anyone in need is welcome to receive! Those of you who visit shut-ins at home or in nursing homes to provide communion, may recognize someone in need in your travels. Feel free to take one with you so you have one if that opportunity arises. It could be the only bright moment in their day or week! (Their reaction may also be the highlight in your day, as well.) Just remember to sign the log so that we can pray for the shawl recipient. Supplies are also available in that same room for those of you gifted with knitting and crocheting talents. We invite you to join us in creating these items so our available supply continues to be replenished.

Thank you for all your consideration in supporting all these outreach efforts!!!

Our recycling efforts are underway and will continue throughout 2024. 1) We added an effort to collect newspapers for Hillside SPCA mid-February and we already made two deliveries to their shelter. 2) 90 pr of prescription and non-prescription eyeglasses to the Lions Club have been delivered. 3) We received a very generous donation of 100 lb of aluminum can pop tops which have been taken to the recycle center and cashed-in for our first \$50.00 to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. We are well on our way to add to that as you can see at our display table. 4) We continue our collection of new and used shoes, boots and cleats for "In Ian's Boots" efforts. Keep that in mind as you clean out your closets and find those treasures you no longer wear, but could make a huge difference for someone in need.



Community Blood Drive Trinity Lutheran Church

Gym
300 West Arch Street
Pottsville, PA 17901

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Blood Drive Is Open to the Public.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Pottsville to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Give blood 3/25 to 4/7 for an exclusive **GODZILLA x KONG: THE NEW EMPIRE** and Red Cross shirt (ltd qty)



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App
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Next scheduled Bloodmobile at Trinity on May 29th.

Trinity Lutheran Day at the Reading Phillies

Please join us on Sunday April 28th for our third annual Trinity Lutheran Day at the Reading Phillies. This event is open to all members, families and friends of Trinity. Tickets are \$25.(children 4 and under are free) and include a buffet lunch and seats in the Club 67 picnic area along third base. First pitch is scheduled for 3:15pm. The picnic area will open at 2:15pm. Please contact Mike Vigoda at 570-527-4258 or mpvigoda@gmail.com or the church office if you are interested. I hope to see you at the ballpark.



UPCOMING GROUP MEETINGS AT TRINITY

FRIEDA HOH

Next scheduled meeting is April 16th at 6:30pm

We will be having a rummageless rummage sale.

Each member is asked to donate \$5.00

Hostesses: Joan Honiker, Dorothy Shappell and Betty Greenback

In case of inclement weather meeting will be canceled.

Any questions, contact Marie Weikel at (570) 449-6484

CIRCLE V

Next scheduled meeting is April 4th at 12noon

Bob Wood, Master Gardener, will be our program guest with seasonal planting tips.

Hostesses: Besty Lord and Carolyn Gauntlett

For more info, details or transportation contact Teresa Stoffregen at

(570) 622-7918

Thank you!!

Thank you to all who purchased from our Costas Candies Fundraiser! We were able to raise \$560.00 to put towards the Adopt-A-Child Fund which provides Christmas gifts to local children in need. Without your support we wouldn't be able to give back to those most deserving.

