

Welcome to Trinity

#21 Our Only Comfort is The Possession of the Word and Its Power

Consider therefore, my dear children, **what great advantage you have, if you willingly hear and learn the Word of God.**

Learn, first of all, that you are of God, having conquered the devil and hell, so that neither sin nor the judgment of God can terrify. You will also be enabled to endure calmly other annoyances which, though they be ever so trifling, make the world impatient and hopeless. It is true, the Christians must suffer much from the devil and the world, their bitter enemies. Their body and life, their possession and honor are often in great danger. How shall they endure all this with patience? In no other way than by clinging to the promises of God, so that they can exclaim: Let the world wag and do as it pleases, I am not of her, but of God, else would the world be my friend; but I prefer that she should hate and harass me on every side, to having her good will and then to be not of God. **If the heart is thus minded, all tribulation and adversity will pass by** as do the clouds in the sky or the birds in the air; we see them for a time and then no more. Our only comfort in this life must be the possession of the Word and its power, especially when the last hour comes, when death approaches. If we believe the Word with a childlike faith, death will be as a sleep to us. Yea, it will be as when one who journeys along in a dense mist is attacked and slain before he is aware of the presence of the murderer. The devil is indeed a murderer, who has determined upon our death; we know that well. But this his threat and sure attack shall not alarm us. We have the Word, to it we cling; that causes resignation, joy and courage in the presence of dire visitations, even of death. The confidence that through Christ we have in heaven a Father, kind and merciful, will give us strength and patience to endure with true fortitude all the trials of life to the end. This consolation we find in the Word, and nowhere else. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for Judica, Volume 1, p. 298-299)

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
No flowers during Lent

Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller
Church Cleaning – Mar 31/Apr 7 Byrne

Palm Procession
The beginning of the Service
*(up to the sermon,
& including Hymn)*
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Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

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Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion *shall be* ‘from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

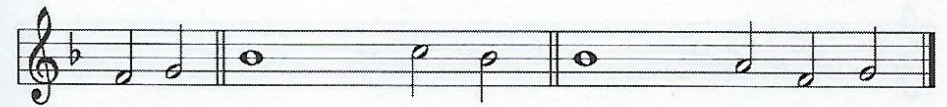
Matthew 21:1-9

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⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’

⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. ⁸And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

**Introit.**

Ant. BE NOT || Thou far from me, O | Lord | - :
 O my strength, haste Thee | to | help | me.
 || Save me from the lion's | mouth | - :
 and deliver me from the horns of the | u- | ni- | corns.
Psalm. || My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken | me | - :
 why art Thou so far from | help- | ing | me?
 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 ever | shall | be:
 world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who has sent Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Philippians 2:5–11 **Gospel.** Matthew 21:1–9

Additional reading: Zechariah 9:9–10

Gradual.

|| Thou hast holden me by my | right | hand:
 Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me | to |
 glo- | ry.
 || Truly God is good to Is- | ra- | el:
 even to such as are of | a | clean | heart.
Tract. || My God, my God why hast Thou forsaken | me | - :
 why art Thou so far from | help- | ing | me?
 || Our fathers trusted in | Thee | - :
 they cried unto Thee and were de- | liv- | er- | ed.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it: Your will be done. (Mt.26:42). **Ps 22:1-2, 4-6, 16-17, 21-23.**

Palm Sunday Procession

Before the Divine Service the congregation gathers in some convenient place, the branches or fronds of palm are distributed, and the pastor says:

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost + be with you all.

C. Amen.

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

C. Hosanna to the Son of David.

P. Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the crowd at the gate of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son as He came into His holy city, grant that we may ever hail Him as the Son of David who comes in the name of the Lord and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life, that, when He comes again, we may go forth to greet Him with faithful and steadfast hearts; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C. Amen

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

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P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

The *PROCESSION* into the church begins with the congregation, branches raised following the crucifix and pastor.

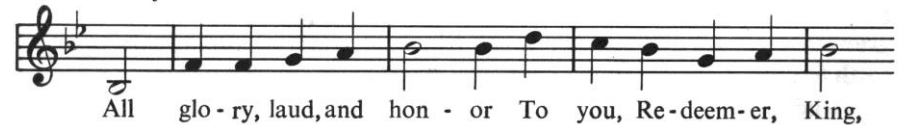
P. Let us go forth in peace

C. in the name of the Lord.

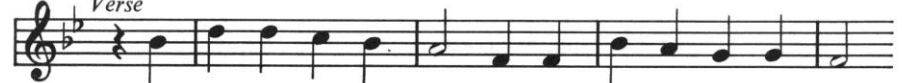
Hymn #102, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

When all have entered the church and gone to their places, the pastor, standing before the altar steps, chants, or says:

Refrain



Verse



- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore you went,
- 4 To you, be - fore your Pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Cre - a - tion and all mor - tals In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
Great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

C. Hosanna in the highest.

Collect

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us pray. (*Collect for Palmarum*)

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who has sent Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

St. Matthew 26:1-27:66

1Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples, 2“You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” 3Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. 5But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

6And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, 7a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. 8But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? 9“For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.” 10But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. 11“For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. 12“For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. 13“Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

14Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

17Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?” 18And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.” ’ ” 19So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover. 20When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” 22And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?” 23He answered and said, “He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24“The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” 25Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, “You have said it.”

26And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” 27Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28“For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” 30And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

32“But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” 33Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.” 34Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” 35Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And so said all the disciples.

36Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” 37And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” 39He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” 40Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, “What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but

the flesh is weak.” 42Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” 43And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46“Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”

47And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” 49Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. 50But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. 51And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. 52But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53“Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? 54“How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?” 55In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. 56“But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

57And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. 58But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end. 59Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward 61 and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ” 62And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?” 63But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!” 64Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” 65Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! 66“What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death.” 67Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, 68saying, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?”

69Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” 70But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.” 71And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.” 72But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!” 73And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you.” 74Then he began to curse and swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!” Immediately a rooster crowed. 75And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly.

27:1When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. 2And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” And they said, “What is that to us? You see to

it!" 5Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." 7And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, 10"and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

11Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" So Jesus said to him, "It is as you say." 12And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. 13Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" 14But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

15Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. 16And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. 17Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy. 19While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him." 20But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. 21The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!" 22Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!" 23Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!" 24When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it." 25And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children." 26Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

27Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. 28And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. 31And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

32Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. 33And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, 34they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink. 35Then they crucified Him, and divided

His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."

36Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. 37And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 38Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. 39And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads 40and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." 41Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, 42"He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. 43"He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' " 44Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

45Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. 46And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" 47Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" 48Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. 49The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." 50And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" 55And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, 56among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

57Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. 59When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. 61And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb. 62On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, 63saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.' 64"Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first." 65Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." 66So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

Palmarum - 6th Sunday in Lent
 25. Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Nikolaus Decius, 1531

7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 5, 6.
 Erfurt, 1542

1. Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly,
 2. Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly,
 3. Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly,

Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Who on the cross didst suf - fer,

Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to

scorn didst of - fer. All sins Thou bor - est
 scorn didst of - fer. All sins Thou bor - est
 scorn didst of - fer. All sins Thou bor - est

for us, Else had de - spair reigned
 for us, Else had de - spair reigned
 for us, Else had de - spair reigned

o'er us; Have mer - cy on us,
 o'er us; Have mer - cy on us,
 o'er us; Thy peace be with us,

O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 O Je - sus! O Je - sus! A - men.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it: Your will be done. (Matthew 26:42). **Ps** 22:1-2, 4-6, 16-17, 21-23.

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, TX), Pr. James D. Heiser, Bishop of the ELDoNA, and Dcn. Anthony Oncken
- Eldona Congregations:** Iglesia Confesional de Colombia (Medellin, Antioquia, Columbia), Pr. Carlos Mario Marin
- Armed forces:** Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- Police officers:** Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.
- Shut-ins:** Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta
- Elderly:** Violet Kemp Tom Smith
- Pregnant:** Susan Plock-Apr
- Students:** Tom Weber, Kara Martin, Jonathan Henson, Sarah Miller, Sadie Henson, Alexis Darnstaedt, Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, granddaughter of Oletha Taft)
- Various Needs:** Larry & Deb Vancil (friends of Melvins), Christina Borchert (heart valve surgery soon/cancer, sister-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Jim and Charolette Harroun (declining health), Rusty Ward (Brain tumor, daughter's father-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Phillip Poe (brother of Shirley Webb), and Murvon Minnemann (brother of Oletha Taft).
- Adam Bahr of MN (open heart, quad bypass surgery, nephew of Mary Brieschke)
- Clara Melvin is pregnant and due in October.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY --Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
--Divine Service with Palm Procession, 10:15 AM

- MONDAY -**Holy Monday Communion, 10:30 AM**
- TUESDAY -**Holy Tuesday Communion, 10:30 AM**
- WEDNESDAY -**Holy Wednesday Communion, 10:30 AM**
-**Holy Wednesday Tenebrae Prayer Service, 3:00 PM**
-Learn-by-Heart/Catechetical Service, 6:30 PM
- THURSDAY -**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 3 PM**
-**Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 7:00 PM**
- FRIDAY -**Good Friday Tenebrae Prayer Service, 3:00 PM**
-**Good Friday Holy Communion, 7:00 PM**
- SATURDAY -**Full Matins, 10:00 AM**
-**The Great Vigil of Easter (Sat. night), 7:00-10:00 PM**
- EASTER SUNDAY -**The Resurrection of Our Lord,**
Matins, 7 AM
Easter Breakfast, 8:00 AM, Sunday School, 9:00 AM
-**Divine Service, Holy Communion, 10:15 AM**

Trinity News

Learning Center Preparation for Class.—We made a start on Saturday as we cleaned things out of the Learning center rooms. Thank you. Now we need your help on April 4 to move things into the Learning

Center for Adult and Childrens classes on April 7. There is a list of things which needs to be done in the narthex. Please make plans to attend on Thursday (4/4) from 6-8 pm.

Easter Flowers.—may be brought to the church beginning March 28.

Please place them downstairs, as last year it got too hot in the cry room. If you would like to donate money for flowers to be purchased, speak to LeeAnn Byrne.

Eclipse.—Monday, April 8

Eldona Synod & Colloquium 2024.— April 15-19, 2024

Second Congregational Planning Meeting.—will probably be in June 2024. The building committee is working to get an architectural quote for various proposals. In order to see if we wish to use the Learning Center building for Bible Classes, we will transition over there on Sunday, April 7th, and try it out for a while.

The Lord's Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church observes the Scriptural practice (*Eph 4:3, 2 John 1:10-11*) of communing only with those for whom their public profession of faith (congregational

membership) is in agreement with God's Word and the correct exposition of Holy Scripture as found in the Book of Concord (1580). All who desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins are asked to **speak with Pastor Henson before coming forward to commune.**

Trinity Lutheran Church is served by pastors who are members of the **Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (Eldona.org).**

--Those who are members of Eldona-affiliated congregations are welcome to commune after announcing to Pastor Henson.

--Those who are not members of Eldona-affiliated congregations will need to set up an appointment with Pastor Henson to discuss their public church membership.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but **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.** Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Those who are not yet invited to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when our divisions will have ceased.

Before the Holy Communion 7.

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof, for it is desolate and ruinous, neither wilt Thou find within me place to lay Thy head; but since Thou hast not disdained to recline in a stable with the brute beasts, nor disdained to be the guest of Simon the Leper, neither hast spurned the woman, who like me, was a great sinner, nor abhorred the washing of her tears: So deign, O Lord, to receive me, the chief of sinners, to the participation of This immaculate and life-giving sacrament. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.142).



The Luther Bible 1534: Revelation 12 – The Woman, the Child, and the Red Dragon, #967

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Make plans now to attend the Great Easter Vigil on the Saturday evening before Easter.

✠ **The Service of Light.**—The congregation begins outside the church, is gathered around a fire where the Paschal candle is prepared, and then processes with candles burning.

✠ **The Service of Readings** (from which we get the name “vigil”)—12 readings each followed by the chanting of a psalm and a prayer.

✠ **The Service of the Remembrance of Holy Baptism**

✠ **The Service of Holy Communion** – lights are turned on, bells are rung, the Alleluia returns with abundance.

Though a longer service than we are accustomed, not nearly the all night vigils of the early Christians (Acts 20:7-12). Come and relax. Without rushing we will recall the history of God's people and rejoice in the fulfillment of all Scripture in Christ Jesus and His resurrection.