

# *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent



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

- PRELUDE
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### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: In the name of God,  
 who makes a way in the wilderness,  
 walks with us,  
 and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Holy One,

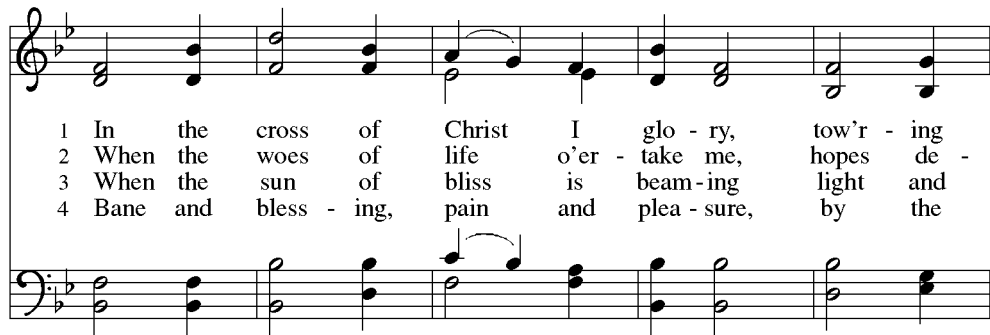
**ALL: we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
 we have not trusted your promises,  
 we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
 we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
 we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
 Have mercy on us!  
 Forgive us and turn us again to you.  
 Teach us to follow in your ways,  
 assure us again of your love,  
 and help us to love our neighbor.  
 Amen.**

L: Beloved in Christ,  
 the Word draws near to you,  
 and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
 In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
 and gathers you under wings of love.  
 In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
 God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

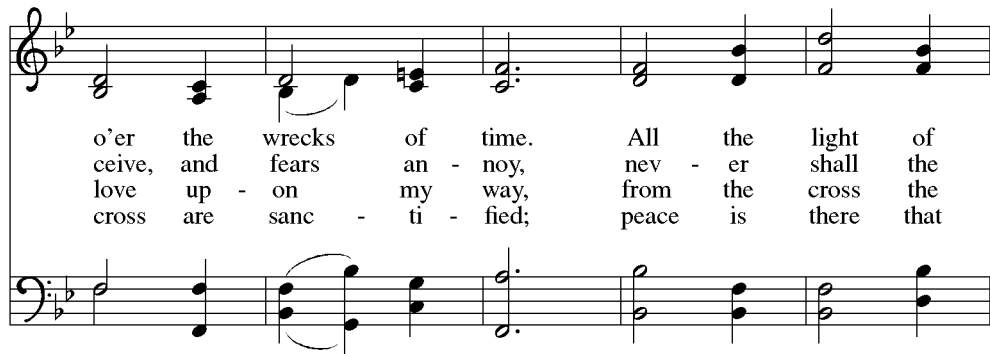
**ALL: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

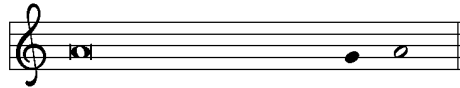
Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872  
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

**\*GREETING**

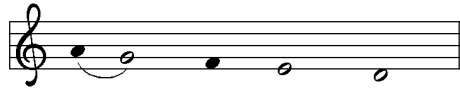
L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## \*KYRIE



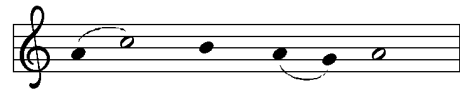
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



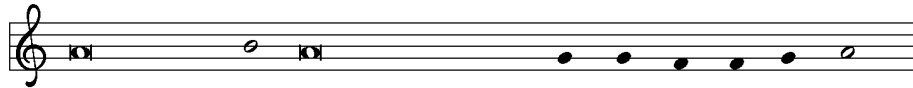
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

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

**ALL: Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21**

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

L: <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 out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

L: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 126**

*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)*

L: <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

L: <sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

**ALL: <sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

**ALL: <sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

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

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

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

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

L: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*GOSPEL: John 12:1-8**

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

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: Take My Life, That I May Be**

# Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## \*APOSTLES CREED

**ALL:**

**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 power of 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.**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Each prayer ends with these words:*

L: Merciful God,  
**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### **\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*\*Please greet one another creatively – being mindful of physical distancing, with a sign of Christ's peace from where you are seated.*

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

*Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.*

L: Extravagant God,

**ALL: you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.**

**Now we gather at your feast**

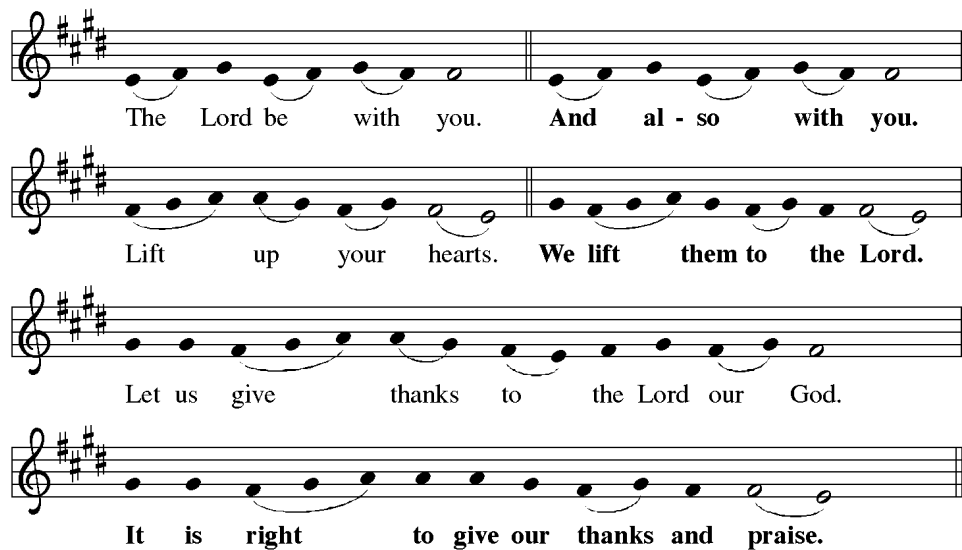
**where you offer us the food that satisfies.**

**Take and use what we offer here, come among us,**

**and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,**

**in whose name we pray.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

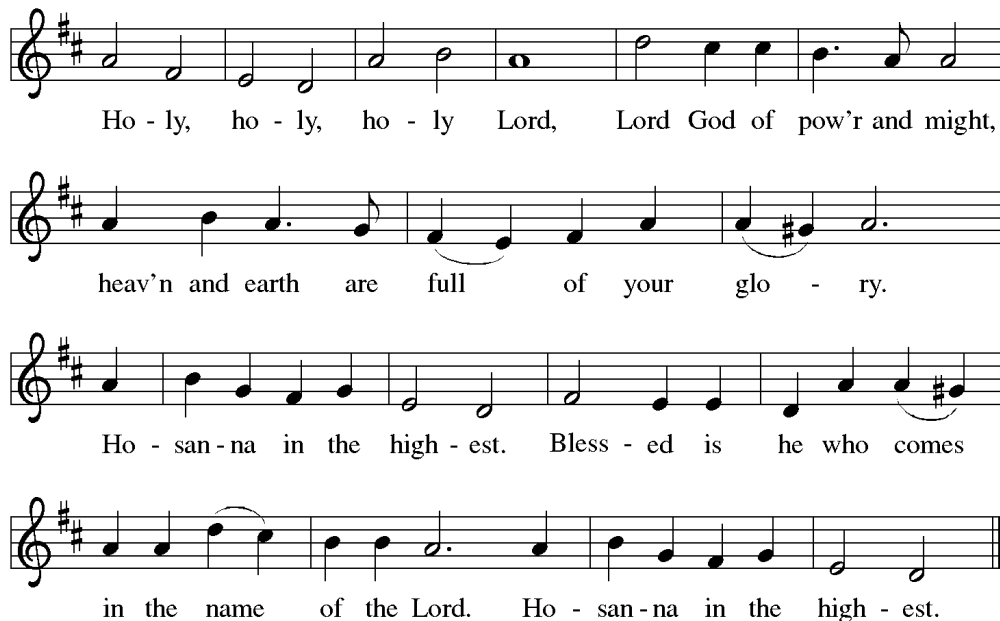


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: 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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: 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.

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**ALL: 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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L: Here is food and drink for the journey.  
Take and be filled.

### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

*To be sung during the distribution of communion*

# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

## *Gift of Finest Wheat*



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997  
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996  
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### **\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

L: You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

**\*DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Office hours**

**Pastor Rick:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Tracy:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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*God's love is powerful...powerful enough to wade through our doubts, fears, and challenges.  
And, God's love is for YOU and ALL!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Please pray for:

### ➤ *Thanksgiving for:*

- *Good test results for Rev. David Weidman*
- *Good test results for Ken Kasparek*
- *The birth of Ronda's 11<sup>th</sup> grandchild: Landon Joshua Krieger (to Patrick and Amber Krieger)*



### ➤ *Strength and healing for:*

- *Sharon Waff – knee surgery coming up on April 4<sup>th</sup>*
- *Bill Beaky – cancer*
- *Bob Say - cancer*
- *John Lang - cancer*

Counters: April: Donna May: Jennifer

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who volunteered for the indoor & outdoor cleanups to help keep our church looking great!

## Lenten Midweek Devotions

Join for the final Lenten Devotions on **April 6<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:30-7:15! We will take a look at *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects* by Jill L. Duffield. God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. *Lent in Plain Sight* draws our attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of these devotions will be to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

**Devotions will also be available via Zoom, use Meeting ID: 878 4162 1035 and Passcode: 952121**



## Upcoming:

- **Palm Sunday** is next week, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am
- **Sunday School** is also next week at 10:45!
- **Maundy Thursday** is April 14<sup>th</sup> at: 7:00pm
- **Good Friday** is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm
- **Easter Sunday** is April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

*Easter brunch to follow at 10:45, with an egg hunt for the kids!*

## Easter Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt

Join us after Easter Sunday worship in the fellowship hall as we have our joyous Easter brunch! *Kids:* there will be an Easter egg hunt too! Help make brunch happen by bringing an item to share. Please let Donna Kumpf or Paula Jendrowski know if you're able to bring an item.

## Lenten Diaper Collection

**Our weekly count: 2066 and counting**

This Lent the entire Upstate New York Synod is collecting...Diapers! What are the consequences of diaper need? One in three families suffers from diaper need in the US. Based on present funding in NYS and many other areas in the US, diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps. Babies who remain too long in a soiled diaper are exposed to increased health risks and concerns. Diaper need creates additional stress and concern for the family as well. Most child care centers, even free and subsidized facilities, require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers; therefore, many parents cannot go back to work or school if they cannot leave their babies at child care.

**Trinity is joining in to do something about this! We are collecting size 4, 5 and 6 disposable diapers that will be donated to *All Babies Cherished* in Batavia, an agency that helps with the needs of young families through support, education and supplies. You can add to the diaper stack that will be growing in front of the altar during Lent starting March 6th and ending April 13th!**

## Choir Rehearsals

Choir is meeting on Wednesday evenings immediately following Lenten Devotions (7:15 pm) **AND** on Sunday mornings before worship (8:00 am).

# Spaghetti Supper

In years' past, Trinity's Youth group supported the Children's Hospital by way of a Spaghetti Supper. This tradition continued for a number of years, when Trinity's women took over the fundraiser and designating the beneficiary every year. People of the community look forward to this dinner. During the pandemic shutdown, the people of Trinity couldn't offer the dinner, but last year a drive-thru Spaghetti Supper was held...and WOW! What a success! This year it will be held **on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm.** We will once again offer spaghetti with tossed salad, bread and butter. In respect to our friends and neighbors who are still taking pandemic precautions, it will be a drive-thru format again. You are asked to check out the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex to see where you may be of help – either through donating ingredients or donating your time to help. All donations are gratefully accepted!

There will also be a drive-thru **bake sale** during the supper, with the proceeds going to support the people of Ukraine.