

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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# **EASTER SUNDAY**

*“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed.*

*Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

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## **CHOIR ANTHEM: Early in the Mornin' on Easter Day**

With music accompaniment by Julie Conschafter

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### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God,  
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.  
**All: Amen.**

L: Rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
joined to Christ and to one another in the waters our of baptism,  
we yet call to mind a world so filled with suffering—  
from war and violence, Covid and hunger,  
homelessness and prejudice,  
national disaster and personal loss.

We who are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness  
give thanks for the gift of baptism,  
and we plead for the Spirit to strengthen us  
by the mystery of Christ's resurrection.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

L: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

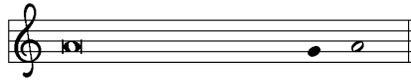
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 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

**\*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.



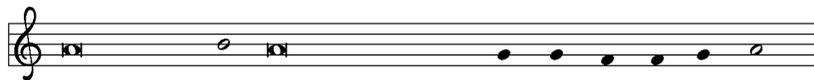
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

L: <sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: 118:1-2, 14-24**

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

L: <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

L: <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

**ALL: <sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

L: <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

**ALL: <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

L: <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

**ALL: <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

L: <sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

**ALL: <sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

L: <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**ALL: <sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God’s victorious rule over all.*

L: <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

<sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**\*GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

L: <sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\*SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;  
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.

Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

*Each prayer ends with these words:*

L: Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

**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 with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## **\*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: Living God,

**ALL: you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together**

**in your peaceable reign,**

**and you welcome us all at your table.**

**Reach out to us through this meal,**

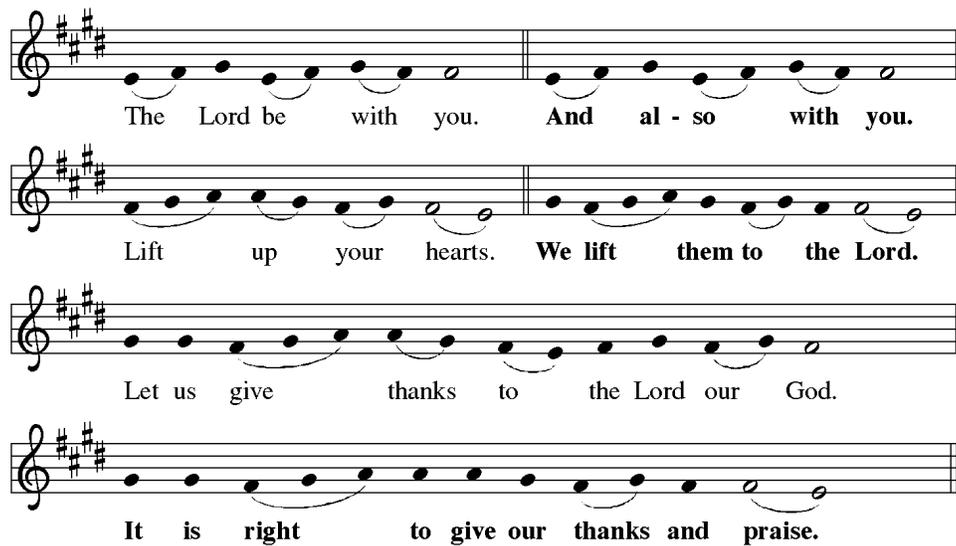
**and show us your wounded and risen body,**

**that we may be nourished and believe**

**in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

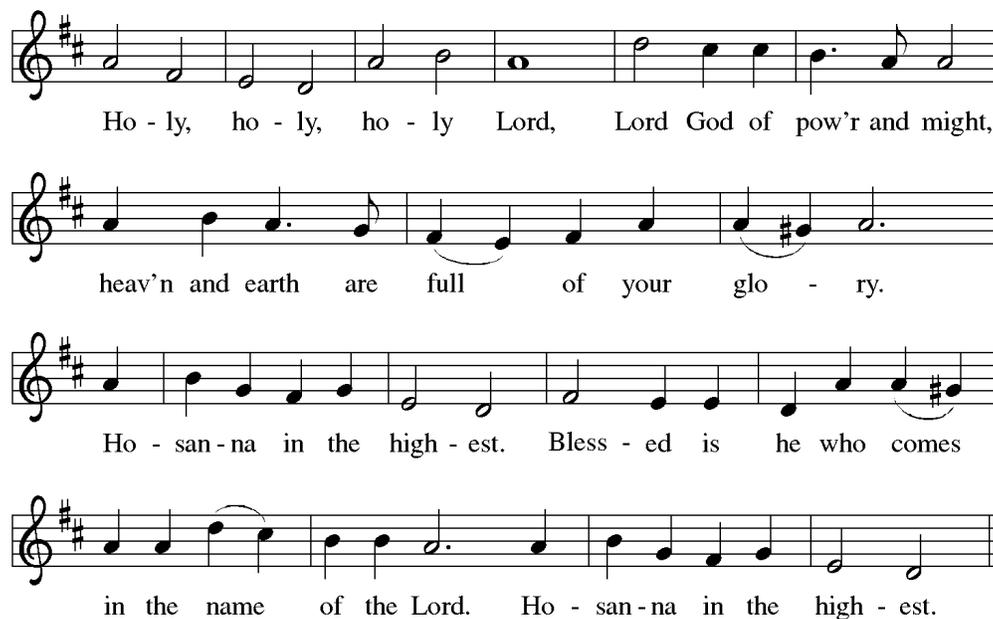
**Amen.**

## **\*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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
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: The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

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

### **COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

*To be sung during the distribution of communion*

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -  
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives  
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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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**

L: We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**All: Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

L: God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever  
**ALL: Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: Thine Is The Glory**

# Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939  
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

## \*DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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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: successful knee surgery for Sharon Waff*
- *Strength and healing for:*
  - *Bob Koch – in the hospital with abdominal bleeding*



- *Joy Santiago – chronic back pain*
- *Barb Atkins – stroke*
- *Sherry & Mark Rosner – ear infection (Sherry) & severe covid (both)*
- *Shirley Smith – healing*
- *Randy Savage – healing*
- *All those fighting cancer: Bill Beaky, Bob Say, John Lang, Eileen Kittel*

**Counters:** April: Donna May: Jennifer

## **Please Join Us**

*Please join us after worship in the fellowship hall for an **Easter brunch** and an **egg hunt** for the kids!*

## **Adult Forum**

Be sure to stay for Adult Forum from **10:45-11:45** next week, **April 24<sup>th</sup>!**

## **Lenten Diaper Collection**

**We collected: 5572!**

Thank you everyone who donated diapers for the Lenten Diaper collection. The Synod was able to hit their goal of 50,000! The diapers will go to “All Babies Cherished” in Batavia.

## **Bible Study Returns**

Bible Study returns **Wednesday** evenings from **6:30-7:30** starting **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. We begin “at the end” as we dig into the book of Revelation.

## **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.

## **Choir**

Choir will rehearse Wednesday evening (April 20<sup>th</sup>) at 7 pm.

Upcoming rehearsals: Wednesday evenings at 7:30 starting May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Free Wurlitzer Organ Concert**

Join the choir at the Riviera Theater for a FREE organ concert & silent film! On **Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30**, they will be showing the 1928 classic silent film, “Steamboat Bill Jr.” with accompanying organist Clark Wilson. The address is 67 Webster St. in North Tonawanda.

Come early...see you there!