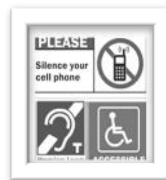




## March 25 & 26, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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### ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

#### **Saturday, March 25: Fifth Week in Lent**

5:00 PM Worship Service

#### **Sunday, March 26: Fifth Week in Lent**

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM NO Ed Hour and NO Sunday School

11:00 AM School Musical "God Squad" & Auction

#### **Monday, March 27: NO SCHOOL**

Rev. Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

5:30 PM Adult Information Class

6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

#### **Tuesday, March 28:**

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, March 29: Fifth Mid-Week in Lent**

9:00 AM Lenten Service

5:00 PM Catechism

5:15 PM Lenten Dinner/Board of Worship

6:30 PM Lenten Service

#### **Thursday, March 30:**

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, March 31:**

#### **Saturday, April 1: Palm Sunday**

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service

#### **Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday**

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour and Sunday School

### ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Jan Bathke, Mark and Jean Becker, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, David Cotter, Jean Damon, Matt Daniels, Ed Diesch, Jeff Dionne, Dennis & Judith Durkey, Carol Evensen, George Engele, Frank Erdmann, Shirley Fleischer, Bruce Gast, Donald Gehrt, Michael Hastings, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Dottie Kraus, Karen Lambert, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Mlodik Family, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Lynn Olson, Julia Peterson, Norb Pomerence, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, LeRoy Schaefer, Dan Schael, Ray Schroeder, Sam & Amy Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steene-poorte, Liz Swaney, Bud Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Emil Vozka, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth, Terry Wray, Darius Jones, Tom Drum, Jackie Lenox

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Russell Borchardt, Gabriel Mlodik, Eve Rausch, Scott Kohler, Karleton Borchardt, Lee Colby, Scott Gutzmann, Oliver Ross, and Jordan Wieck.

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** Todd and Dawn Henrickson, Marc and Sandy Guiley.

**Those Grieving:** The Metzgia Family

**Menu for Wednesday, March 29th Lenten Dinner • Hosted by the Board of Worship:  
Ham Sandwiches, Salad and Dessert**

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
"Like" Us on Facebook

### Altar Flowers

The flowers have been given to the glory of God by the Ladies Aid.

### This Weekend's Banner

"Jesus Christ is Lord"

## ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

**Romans 8:1 – "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."**

This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

## Trinity Shut-Ins

There are several new faces on our shut-in list at Trinity, along with numerous folks that have not been able to worship with us for some time. The photos, addresses and phone numbers are updated and are visible in the narthex. Please remember these wonderful people in your prayers, send them a card or a note, give them a call, or even make a visit. It is a blessing to be able to see them and experience a wealth of knowledge. We are so very grateful to Reverend Alliet for his ongoing visits as these individuals look so forward to his visits and being spiritually fed with the Word and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

## Trinity Gallery Choir

Trinity's Gallery Choir is now meeting weekly, Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. If time is an issue contact Connie Henkel, (920) 257-6590.

## Trinity's Food Pantry

This month, our Pantry needs are Pancake Mix, Chicken Noodle Soup, Jello, Pudding, Canned Fruit, Laundry Detergent and Tomato Soup. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

## Holy Communion

We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with one of the Pastors.




## Gluten-Free Hosts Available

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion, please talk with one of the pastors before the service.

Announcing ... 

 A premier **HANDBELL CONCERT** ... HERE ...

at Trinity Lutheran Church & School!!






on 12 APRIL at 7:00pm   

featuring **ALLELUIA RINGERS!!**

Prof. Mark Bloedow, Director  
(Concordia University – Mequon, WI)

*A reception and light refreshments will follow the concert!*

A Freewill Offering will be taken at the recital  
with all proceeds going to Trinity's  
purchase of Handbells. ☺

**Don't miss this spectacular event!** If you have questions, call the

church office (920-722-2662) or Rose (608-213-2644)

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, March 25: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Elder on Duty: *David Little*  
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*  
Communion Asst: *Bruce Buksyk*  
Altar Guild: *Shirley Fleischer*  
Greeter: *Betty Allen*  
Acolyte: *Maya Torres*

### Sunday, March 26: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*  
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*  
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*  
Acolyte: *Melanie Gast*

### Lenten Mid-Week 5, March 29: 9:00AM/6:30PM

9:00 AM Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*  
Altar Guild: *No Communion*  
6:30 PM Elder: *Craig Thomas*  
Usher Team: *Weinig/Harrmann*  
Altar Guild: *No Communion*  
Acolyte: *Dylan Kobs*

## § SCRIP News §

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:45 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

### Special Rebates!:

Grocery Only Kwik Trip Scrip at 20%; Regular Kwik Trip & Tom's Drive In-10%

## Toilet Paper Donations Needed

We are in serious need of donations of toilet paper. If you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office.

## Last Chance! Thrivent Choice \$

Thrivent Members - Important reminder - Last Chance! - eligible Thrivent members have until March 31, 2023 to direct any remaining 2022 choice dollars. Simply logon to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) and log in to check your account balance, and to allocate your choice dollars. Please take advantage of this opportunity prior to the 31st!

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, April 1: PALM SUNDAY

Elder on Duty: *David Little*  
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*  
Communion Assistant: *Lee Colby*  
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*  
Greeter: *Barb Kester*  
Acolyte: *Donovan Rausch*

### Sunday, April 2: PALM SUNDAY

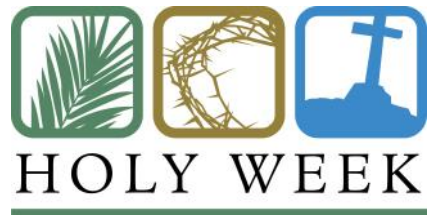
Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*  
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*  
Communion Assistant: *Scott Gutzmann*  
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*  
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*  
Acolyte: *Levi Kroes*

### Thursday, April 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY

Elder on Duty:  
Usher Team: *Maynard/Sexmith*  
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*  
Greeter: *Barb Kester/Jane Nielsen*  
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*  
Acolyte: *Cecelia Street*

### Friday, April 7: GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM Elder on Duty:  
Usher Team: *Maynard/Sexmith*  
Greeter: *Kester/Nielsen*  
6:30 PM Elder on Duty:  
Usher Team: *Maynard/Sexmith*  
Greeter: *Kester/Nielsen*  
Acolyte: *S. Gast/S. Kroes*



## Trinity Lutheran School

John 11:1–45

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’” (JOHN 11:25–26).

Make a list of sad times: “When have you been sad?” “What makes you sad?” The list may include a wide variety of instances and responses: when my pet died, parents got divorced, grandparent died, we moved, friend lied to me and so on.

Because it’s a sinful world, it is sometimes a sad world. Sadness is an emotion that every human being feels. Even though Jesus never sinned, as true man, He also felt sadness. The Bible tells us that when Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, Jesus cried (John 11:35).

In today’s Bible lesson, Jesus’ disciples are sad because they also were friends with a family in the small town of Bethany. Mary and Martha were sad because their brother, Lazarus, had died. Jesus and His disciples went to be with the family in their sad time. Lazarus’ sister Martha met Jesus and shared her sorrow. Knowing that Jesus had done many miracles, Martha suggested that Jesus could have stopped her brother from dying.

It had not been Jesus’ purpose to stop the physical death of Lazarus. Jesus had a great purpose in His coming. Jesus had come to experience physical death Himself. Jesus would die on the cross. Jesus would die and be buried in the tomb. Jesus would rise again. Jesus announced that He is “the resurrection and the life. Whoever believe in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

Jesus would perform another amazing miracle and raise Lazarus from the dead. The sadness of the family and disciples would go away. However, at some point, Lazarus would die again and there would be sadness again. But because Lazarus, Mary and Martha believed in Jesus’ death and resurrection, they would live again. When Jesus comes on the Last Day, He will raise them, His faithful disc-

iples and all who believe in Him as the “resurrection and the life.”

We are still in the Lenten season. We are still following Jesus through His passion to the cross. However, we already know the Good News at the end of the story. Jesus would rise from the dead and so will we.

There will be sad times in our lives. We are sad at the death of those we love. However, our sadness is only temporary. We will have life eternal through Jesus’ resurrection.

*Dear Jesus, even as You stood at the tomb of Your friend Lazarus, we have stood at the graves of family members and friends we love. Thank You for Your resurrection and the assurance that You are the Life. Continue to bring life to us as Your disciples. Amen.*

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### HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY SCHOOL

MAR 27-APRIL 2

Sun. MAR 26: 11:00 am School Musical  
Mon. MAR 27: NO SCHOOL  
Wed. MAR 29: 9:00 am Lenten Chapel  
Fri. MAR 31: 2:45 pm Electives  
Sun. APR 2: 9:00 am Palm Sunday with Baptisms and Adult Confirmations

### Mark Your Calendar!

Performance Sunday,  
March 26th at 11:00 a.m.  
– Doors 3 & 5 open at  
10:30 a.m. Bid on baskets,  
before and after the musical.  
Auction closes at  
12:15 pm. All proceeds  
benefit school projects.

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### Join Us For Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th from  
7:30-9:00 am. A free-will  
offering is greatly appreciated.  
Please sign up on the bulletin  
board in the narthex to help  
or donate items.



# Join Us During The Season of Lent

*Midweek Series: Our Ordinary Lenten Exodus (These services will combine the story of God's rescue of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, with Jesus' rescue of us from our slavery to sin and death, and how that great rescue is presented to us in the "ordinaries" of the liturgy.)*

**Lent 5 March 29**

**9:00 AM and 6:30 PM**

"Our Ordinary Lenten Exodus: the Agnus Dei" Exodus 12:1-13, 21-27; John 1:29-36

**Palm Sunday, April 1 & 2**

**Sat. 5:00 PM and Sun. 9:00 AM**

**Maundy Thursday April 6**

**9:00 AM and 6:30 PM**

"Everything Old Is New Again" Exodus 24:3-11; Hebrews 9:11-22; Matthew 26:17-30

**Good Friday Tre Ore April 7**

**12:00-3:00 PM**

**Good Friday Vespers April 7**

**6:30 PM**

"When Push Comes to Shove, God is Love" Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; John 18-19

**Easter Vigil April 8**

**5:00 PM**

"The Night That Changed Everything"

**Easter April 9**

**6:30 AM and 9:00 AM**

"The More Things Change . . ." Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Isaiah 65:17-25



**CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO THE**

**LWML Zone 11 Spring Rally**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Registration Opens at 8:45 AM • Devotion at 9:15 AM**

**Breakfast Brunch to Follow**

**"Something Wonderful Happened Here; A Visit to The Holy Land"**

**Reverend Timothy and Deb Kinne**

There is a sign-up on the spinner in the Narthex. Please indicate the number of persons attending, OR you may call or email Dottie Kraus at: