

*Go into the world—with the good news  
of the resurrection*



EASTER VIGIL  
APRIL 19, 2025



## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### *Easter Vigil*

April 19, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

*This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from captivity to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the beginning of our Easter celebration! The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign: we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, celebrate the gift of baptism, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.*

**Welcome to Trinity!** We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

***We love having small children in worship!*** Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

***Seating for People with Limited Mobility*** is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

***Large print bulletins and listening devices*** are available from the ushers.

***Activity Bags*** are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

#### Serving in Worship This Weekend

<b>Pastor</b>	Dan Gerrietts Beverly Hanson
<b>Organist</b>	Deb Nielsen
<b>Cantor</b>	Samantha Pang
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Don and Nina Pals
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	Nina Pals
<b>Ushers</b>	Jace Suntken, Chris Suntken

**Our Mission** *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

*All gather in silence.*

### Greeting

L The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

L Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night  
when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life,  
we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of Jesus Christ:

Through light and the word, through water and oil, the bread and wine,  
we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection,  
we share Christ's triumph over sin and death,  
and we await Christ's coming again in glory.

**C Alleluia!**

## LIGHT

L In the Gospel of John it says:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. In him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

**C Thanks be to God!**

L Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life.  
Inflame us with a desire to shine forth  
with the brightness of Christ's rising,  
until we feast at the banquet of eternal light;  
through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## **\*Procession of Light**

*The presider signs and blesses the Paschal Candle. It will remain lighted throughout Easter's 50 days. It is lighted again at all baptisms, funerals and church festivals as a reminder of Christ's rising for us and all of creation.*

- L Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,  
all times and all seasons belong to God.  
To Jesus be glory and dominion through  
all the ages of eternity.

*The Paschal Candle is lit.*

- L The light of Christ rises in glory,  
overcoming the darkness of sin and death.  
L The light of Christ.

**C Thanks be to God!**

*The Paschal Candle, like the pillar of fire leading Israel out of Egypt, is processed from the back, pausing in the center.*

- L The light of Christ.

**C Thanks be to God!**

*Before it is placed in its stand, the Paschal Candle is lifted high for a third time.*

- L The light of Christ.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## **\*Hymn**

***Be Not Afraid***

ELW 388 (sing 5 times)

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

- L Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

## **Easter Proclamation**

- L Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!  
Rejoice, O holy church! Christ has conquered!  
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

L This is the night.

**C This is the night...**

L in which, in ancient times,  
you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel,  
and led them, dry-shod, through the sea.  
This is the night.

**C This is the night...**

L in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness.  
This is the night.

**C This is the night...**

L in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin,  
are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness.  
This is the night.

**C This is the night...**

L in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.  
This is the night.

**C This is the night...**

L of which it is written: "The night is as clear as the day,"  
and, "then shall my night be turned into day."

Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving  
for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in the burning of  
this candle. We sing the glories of Christ's brightness, which is not diminished even as  
it spreads and divides and grows.

May your light and life rule, govern and preserve your whole church,  
giving us peace in this time of our Easter rejoicing,  
through the same Lord Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## STORY

### First Reading: The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

#### Luke 2:1-17

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with

Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

*Love Has Come*

ELW 292

**Prayer**

L Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order.

Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

**Second Reading: The Baptism of Jesus**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

*Baptized and Set Free*

ELW 453

**Third Reading: Miracles**

**Healing of a Paralytic Man - Luke 5:17-26**

<sup>17</sup> One day while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem were sitting nearby, and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. <sup>18</sup> Just then some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, <sup>19</sup> but, finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle of the

crowd in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> When he saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” <sup>21</sup> Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, “Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>22</sup> When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk?’ <sup>24</sup> But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the one who was paralyzed—“I say to you, stand up and take your stretcher and go to your home.” <sup>25</sup> Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup> Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen incredible things today.”

### **Jesus Calms the Storm - Luke 8:22-25**

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out, <sup>23</sup> and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. <sup>24</sup> They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And waking up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were terrified and amazed and said to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water and they obey him?”

### **Feeding of the 5,000 - Luke 9:10-17**

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. Then, taking them along, he slipped quietly into a city called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup> When the crowds found out about it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed to be cured.

<sup>12</sup> The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a deserted place.” <sup>13</sup> But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” <sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup> They did so and had them all sit down. <sup>16</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup> And all ate and were filled, and what was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

### **Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman - Luke 13:10-17**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her

over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

**L** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

*Lead on O King Eternal*

ELW 805

**Peace**

**L** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*All greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, saying, “Peace be with you.”*

## MEAL

**Offering**

Text to Give is available at Trinity!

Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



*All designated Easter offerings at Trinity this year will be shared evenly with the Trinity Worship Transportation, Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank and ELCA World Hunger. Designated offerings include those dollars that are received thru member’s Easter Offering envelope, the Easter online giving tab, and all gifts marked “Easter.”*

*Thank you for your generosity to these partner ministries.*

**\*Offertory**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 185

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



## **\*Offering Prayer**

L Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## **Fourth Reading: Palm Sunday**

### **Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

*All Glory Laud and Honor*

ELW 344 vs. 1,3,4

## **Fifth Reading: Last Supper**

### **Luke 22:14-23**

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>

He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer,

<sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

<sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup> But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Lord’s Prayer**

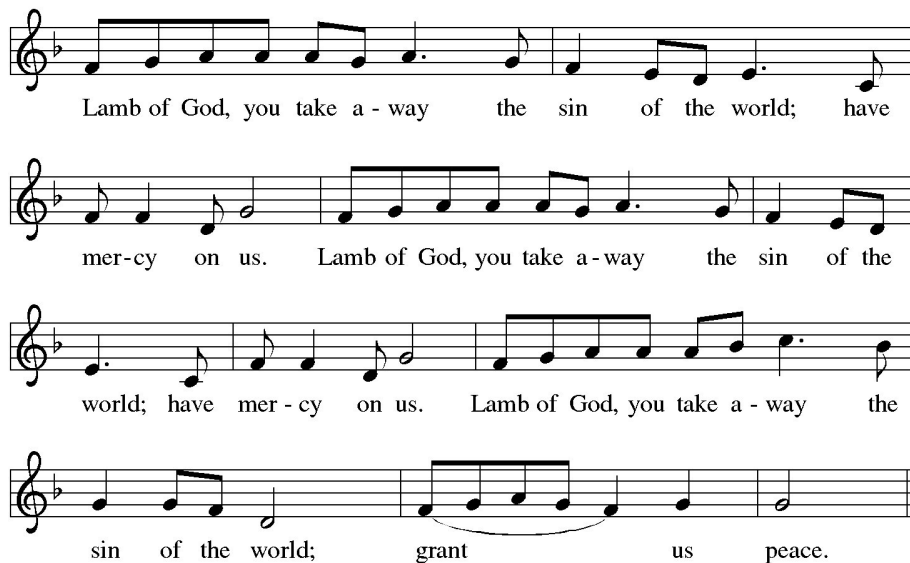
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Communion**

*All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary. Communion will be by intinction, where you dip the wafer into the wine or juice. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

*If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.*



### \*Prayer after Communion

L Gracious God:

**C You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**We have recalled the gift of your son.**

**We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness,  
water to give life; and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love.**

**Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Sixth Reading: Crucifixion

**Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19**

#### The Children's Bible in 365 Stories

Pilate gave in to the wishes of the mob and their Jewish leaders. He ordered his mercenaries to whip Jesus before taking him to be crucified. Roman whips were made from leather strips weighted with pieces of metal and prisoners sometimes died from the injuries they caused.

After they had whipped Jesus, the Roman soldiers teased him cruelly. He was supposed to be a king, was he? They dressed him up in a robe dyed royal purple. One of them quickly put together an imitation crown from sharp-speared thorn twigs and rammed it down on his head. Then they knelt to him, in mockery, proclaiming "Long live the king" before spitting in his face.

Soon it was time to take the prisoner to the place of execution. By Jewish law, this had to be outside the city gates. The little procession set off down the hill towards Golgotha, which means Skull Place.

A mocking, shouting crowd followed and a few women went, too, crying to see the good, brave teacher being led off to die.

Prisoners were expected to carry the rough, wooden cross-bar on which they would be executed and the soldiers had already laid the heavy beam on Jesus' shoulders.

When they reached Golgotha, large nails were driven through the victim's feet and outstretched hands, in order to fix him to the cross-beams of wood. The cross was set in a socket in the ground and then lifted up, so that the criminal was suspended, left to die from heat and thirst. Jesus looked down on the people with pity. "Forgive them, Father", he prayed. "They don't know what they are doing". At noon, when the sun should have been brightest, thick darkness fell. For three hours Jesus suffered all alone, carrying the weight of the whole world's sin. Then, at 3 o'clock he called out in a clear, triumphant voice "It is finished." Then he gave up his life and died.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803

**\*Seventh Reading: Tomb**

**Luke 24:1-12**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went 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 the hands of 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 Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn

*Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds*

ELW 367

## SENDING

### **\*Sending**

L Christ is Risen!

**C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L This is the night. May the love of Christ go with you, piercing every darkness.  
Go in peace! Serve the Risen Lord!

**C Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given by ***Alan and Sharon Steckman*** in memory of Sharon's father, Chris Wille.

**Birthday Greetings to Bob Nelson** who turned 93 on April 17. If you know Bob and would like to send him a birthday greeting his address is: 1002 N. Harrison Ave., Mason City, IA

**Trinity Trippers to Tulip Festival—Thursday, May 1** | Departing at 7:30 AM from the Trinity parking lot. Trippers are traveling to Pella, Iowa, for the annual Tulip Time Festival on Thursday, May 1. This is a "do-it-yourself" trip with charter bus transportation, and the day is open for your food and activity choices. Walk through town to see the tulips, watch the 2:45 PM pa-rade, check out the craft market and antique implements, browse the stores, enjoy the museum flower show – all for free! For additional information go to <https://www.pellahistorical.org/tuliptime> . **Sign up and pay to reserve your spot in the church office by April 24. The cost is \$40 for the trip.** This is not refundable.

### **Sunday Morning Coffee Volunteers Needed**

A Big Thank You to all of you who have volunteered to help with **Sunday Coffee this year**. We couldn't do it without you! We still need volunteers for May to the end of the year. Please sign up for a Sunday that fits into your schedule on the clipboard by the office.

### **Sunday School KIDS Sing with Adult Choir**

Special Sunday morning event on Sunday, April 27! Children, age 3 – Grade 6 will sing at the 9:00 AM worship service with the Adult Choir! We will also be recognizing the 2024-2025 Sunday School leadership.

### **BASES Exercise Class—Tuesday & Thursday | 8-9:00 a.m. | Gathering Space.**

This free exercise class for adults age 55 or older is coordinated by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and led by RSVP volunteers. The low-impact exercises are designed to help stretch and strengthen the whole body.

# TRINITY LUTHERAN EASTER GARDEN

*Easter Lilies given by Major Erickson Funeral Home*

## In Memory Of:

*Calvin Anderson, Ruth Blazek, Kent Craun, Mavis Espinosa, Ann Espinosa, Marlin Fosse, Betty Gollnik,  
Volney Hansen, Ray Heimbuch, Gerry Jurasek, Henry Kalke, Verla Keeling, Barb Rickard  
Bob Rush, Betty Squier, Don Weber, LaVonne Willford*

### In Memory Of:

Loved Ones  
Jay Balek  
Ted and Ann Bohn  
Colleen Findling and  
Our Dad, Bob Hestad  
Bernice Anderson

Linda Clarke  
Laurie Curry & Renee Curry  
Leon Hoskinson and  
Fred & Arline Dettmer  
Richard Erickson  
Craig Barhorst

Fred Fox  
Nancy Gabel  
Omar & Katie Burkgren

Merle Kroneman  
Our Grandparents and  
Rick Lenth  
Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
Our Parents  
Arden & Marian Smedsrud  
Everett & Lillian Schlitter  
Billie & Cecil Mallo  
Loved Ones  
Don Weber  
Margaret VanHorn

### In Honor Of:

Family and Trinity Staff  
Dave & Pat Guetzko's 50th Wedding Anniversary  
Patricia Knudtson

### Given By:

*Harlan & Marge Baack  
Sue Balek  
Judy Bohn*

*Randy & Dawn Bruns  
Makayla & Sara  
Christensen  
Dan & Nancy Clarke  
Stan, Mike & Matt Curry*

*Tom & Becky Dettmer  
The Erickson Family  
Brian Erickson &  
Jana Erickson Fehlan  
Robin & Family  
Al Gabel  
Linda Godfrey  
Brian & Emily Koob  
Lorette & Family*

*Daniel & Aimee  
Pat & Candy Marshall  
Craig & Janet Miller  
Paul & Sandy Ringstrom*

*Roger & Susan Schlitter  
Sue Smith  
Bruce & Karen Squier  
His Family  
Bob & Connie Zinnel*

### Given By:

*Harlan & Marge Baack  
Anniversary  
Ken & Paula Zimmerman*

## TRINITY LUTHERAN EASTER MEMORIALS

### BOB DUTCHER SCHOLARSHIP

#### In Honor Of:

Colleen Dutcher & Family

Harlan & Marge Baack

#### In Memory Of:

Bob Dutcher

Bob Dutcher

Margaret Van Horn

#### Given By:

*Harlan & Marge  
Baack*

*Colleen Dutcher*

*Given By:  
Harlan & Marge  
Baack*

*Colleen & Family  
Bob & Connie  
Zinnel*

### KCMR

#### In Memory Of:

Ted & Ann Bohn

Margaret Van Horn

#### Given By:

*Judy Bohn  
Lloyd Van Horn*

### RIVERSIDE BIBLE CAMP

#### In Honor Of:

Our Grandchildren

#### In Memory Of:

Marg & Gene Manning

Evelyn Guy Zach

#### Given By:

*Roger & Susan  
Schlitter*

#### Given By:

*Jim & Cynthia  
Zach*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### In Honor Of:

Fred & Marty Greder

& the Sunday School Staff

#### In Memory Of:

Ruth Blazek

Bill & Dorothy Oertel

Augusta Solum

#### Given By:

*Harlan & Marge  
Baack*

#### Given By:

*Barbara Jarshaw  
Bill Oertel  
Diane Solum*

### SERVANT FUND

#### In Memory Of:

Daniel & Tony Pals

#### Given By:

*Pals Family*

## UNDESIGNATED FUND

### In Memory Of:

John & Mae Camper and  
Cheryl Winter  
Bruce Gettman  
Luverne & LaVerne Zilge

### Given By:

*The Camper Family*  
*Marlene Kruger*  
*Larry & Kathy Zilge*

## WORLD HUNGER

### In Memory Of:

John Dodge

### Given By:

*Amy & Family*

**Legacy Lunch and Learn**—An Educational Event on How to  
Leave a Lifetime Gift

**Thursday, May 1st 11:30 a.m.** | Fellowship Hall

Come and listen to **Shelly Halverson, a Certified Celebrant** and learn how to talk to loved ones and plan ahead to bring peace of mind to you and your family. Learn how to develop helpful check-lists and instructions should you desire to leave a Lifetime Gift. Please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board. Sponsored by the Legacy Cabinet

### **Bike Ride—**

**Monday, April 28th | 6:00 PM** | Trinity Parking Lot

Come and join us for the first bike ride of the season on the High Line Trail out to Georgia Hanford Park and back. The surface is paved with an approximate distance of 5 miles but you can turn around whenever you choose. Meet in the Trinity parking lot.

### **Trinity Softball Team**

Adults and youth 14 and over are invited to play for Trinity in the Mason City Co-Ed Church League. Games are on Friday evenings beginning mid-May. Sign up outside the office. Play ball!

### **World Labyrinth Day**

**Weekend Guided Walks- Sat., May 3 and Sun. May, 4**

A guide will be available on Saturday, May 3 from 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM and on Sunday, May 4 from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM. The guide is available to offer suggestions and answer any questions you may have about the labyrinth. Walk with the intention of peace in yourself, your relationships, our country and our world. The sign next to the labyrinth offers guidance and brochures on how to walk a labyrinth. The labyrinth is open and available to the community on a regular basis.

**Spring grounds clean-up—Saturday, April 26th from 8:30**

**AM - Noon.** Please bring garden rakes, leaf rakes, spades, scoop shovels, leaf blowers, tree loppers, hedge trimmers, tarps, etc. Rain date is May 3rd.

## *Wednesday Night Alive*

**April 23 2025**

**Meal is at 6pm**

*Tater Tot Casserole,*  
*Cranberry Fluff & Dessert*  
Free Will Offering

**Programming begins at 6:30**

- **April 23, 2025**  
Join Carlyle Dalen in the Gathering Space as he presents “**The Magic of Butterflies.**” Carlyle is the Cerro Gordo County Attorney and one of his hobbies is collecting butterflies.
- **April 30, 2025**  
Join Heather Hucka, Conservation Education Manager/Naturalist for Lime Creek Nature Center/Cerro Gordo Conservation Board in the Gathering Space for ‘**Caring for Creation**’. What does it mean to have dominion over the earth and its creatures? As caretakers, we are given a responsibility beyond our understanding. Creation is not ours to control but to learn from and nurture.
- **Trinity Choir**— meet in the Choir Room
- **Kindergarten - Grade 6**  
students will come to *the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor* and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.
- **Confirmation : Grades 7 & 8** Students will meet together from 6:30 – 7:45 pm - experience small group and large group learning as they study for their confirmation.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, April 21

9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
9:00 a.m.	Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 p.m.	Scholarship Committee (Rm. 300)
6:00 p.m.	Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, April 22

8-9:00 a.m.	BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:00 a.m.	Legacy Committee (Library)
9:30 a.m.	Caregivers Support Group (Rm. 300)
Noon	Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m.	NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)
6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting (Rm. 300)

### Wednesday, April 23

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:00 p.m.	Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
6:00 p.m.	WNA Meal
6:30 p.m.	WNA Programming

### Thursday, April 24

8:00 a.m.	BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:30 a.m.	Clappers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.	Una Vocis Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 26

5:00 p.m.	<b>Worship Service</b>
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### Sunday, April 27

9:00 a.m.	<b>Worship Service</b>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Service</b>

### Living Well in the Midst of Grief and Loss—

Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss is a four-week class that will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength, and mind. We will have 4 sessions: **Wednesdays, April 23 and 30, and May 7 and 14, at 2:00 PM.** Please call the office if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly. This class is facilitated by Linda Vold, retired therapist, and Beverly Butler, Pastor of Spiritual Care.

## May Breakfast

### **Thursday, May 15 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall**

We welcome Tracie Dedor as our guest speaker for this year's May Breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church. Tracie will share her powerful story of survival and resilience, reflecting on an accident that forever changed her life during a mission trip 25 years ago. Her journey of faith, strength, and hope is sure to inspire and uplift.

## Walk A Way

### **Wednesday, June 4- Friday, June 6**

#### *Heritage Trail- Dyersville to Dubuque*

An Iowa pilgrimage experience to step away from our routines into a way of being that supports listening and letting go. We depart from Mason City on Wednesday morning, June 4 and return early evening on Friday, June 6.

We begin at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa where we are invited to trust and lean into that still small voice that leads us on a journey of discovery of who we are and who God intends for us to be. We then walk the approximately 30 mile Heritage Trail from Dyersville to Dubuque spread out over the next three days. Overnight accommodations include the New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA and Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque, IA.

Our guides for the pilgrimage are Rev. Stephen Benitz, Regional Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa and Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City. A support vehicle travels with us to assist as needed and to provide snacks and water along the way. Cost: \$300 (includes transportation, evening accommodations, and meals) Partial scholarships available. Participants are responsible for the cost of their own celebratory lunch on Friday. Register and pay a \$150 deposit to save your spot. Space is limited to twelve people. Registration deadline is May 1.