



Third Sunday of Easter

APRIL 18-19, 2026



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Beverly Butler

Organist

Jodi Korth

Cantor

Sophia Fitzgerald

Special Music

Trinity Choir

Dennis Lee, Director and Camille Lee, Accompanist

Clapper Bell Choir

Marta Eenhuis, Director

Acolytes

Lillian Holmes, Mila Ruge

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Nina Pals Sunday: Kay Larson

Communion Assistants

Saturday: _____ Sunday: David and Linda Stine

Technical Support

Perrin Echelberger

Greeters

Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson

Coffee Fellowship

Kevin Hendrikson, Tonya Brunsvold

Worship Transportation

Travis Hesley, Kay Larson

Building Host

Jim Reisinger

Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9 FM

Like the disciples who did not recognize Jesus as they walked and talked with him, we may not recognize Jesus in our midst today. As Jesus broke the bread and was revealed to those at the table with him, we break bread together and experience the shift from despair to hope as the transformative power of Jesus' presence is made known among us today.

ALTAR FLOWERS

are given by David and Linda Stine in honor of
their first grandchild, Maizie Lynn Stine
born on March 17, 2026

Color Bulletins

are given by the Baack Family in honor of
Harlan Baack's 85th Birthday

Welcome to Trinity- We are glad you are here!

If you are new to Trinity please complete the Welcome Card located in the pews so we can follow-up with you.

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

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs or ask your Usher.

We love having small children in worship!

- 1) ***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.
- 2) ***The Child Care Room*** is available for those needing a space to change or feed little ones, located next to the nursery. Nursery space is available but won't be staffed. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the education wing and just outside the north sanctuary door. Ushers are available to direct you if needed.

GATHERING

Prelude (Saturday)

Jesus Loves Me
Clapper Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

C Amen.

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

C Amen.

***Greeting**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

***Prayer of the Day**

P O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Children's Message (Sunday)

Pastor Beverly Butler

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ³⁶

"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Beverly Butler

Hymn of the Day

Day of Arising

ELW 374

***Apostles' Creed**

C 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 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**

P Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Announcements

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.



Anthem *(Sunday)*

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
Trinity Choir

Alice Parker

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, whose blessing gives us life,
Like morning's gentle dew.
We will rise into the victory,
And walk the way with you.
To the God who calls His servants
Neighbor, stranger, friend made fair;
Christ is present in the water,
In the fire, the earth, the air.
May we live to love in all we do,
And grant our neighbor rest;
All creation praises God on high,
Now may these gifts be blest.

Sung to the tune "Thaxted" ELW 880
Written by Colby Gochanour

***Offering Prayer**

P Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

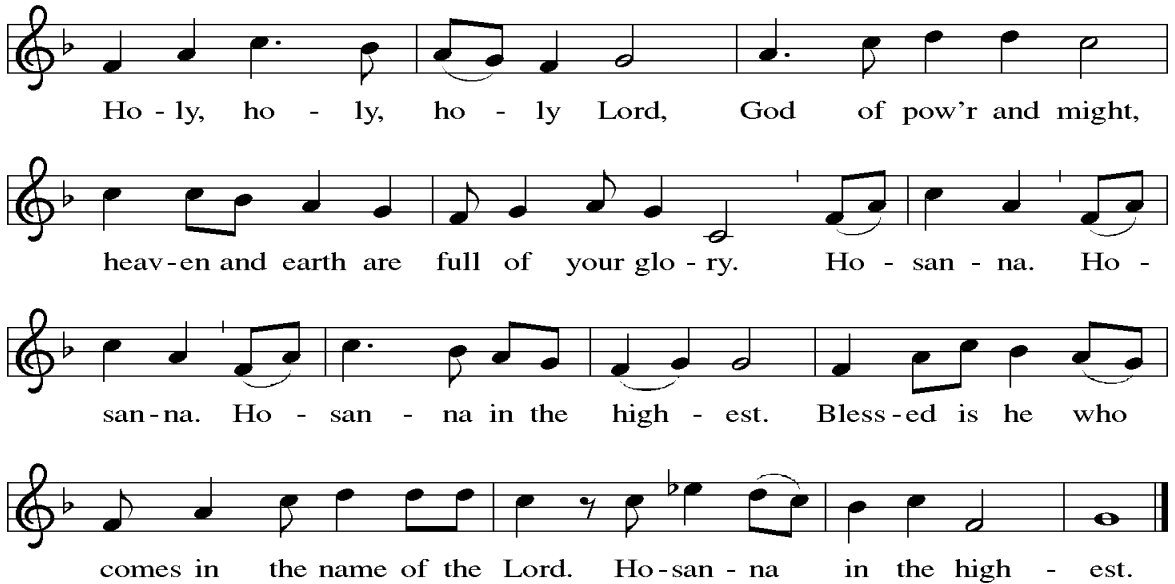
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

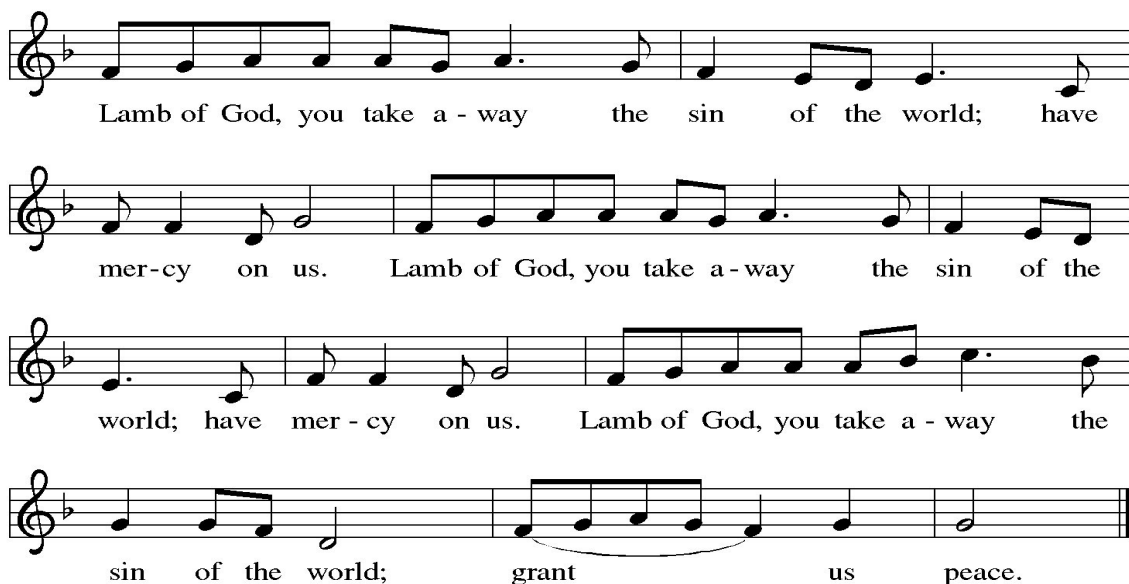
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For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

Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that comes 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, where you may kneel at the rail. 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.

Lamb of God

ELW pg. 146



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.

Communion Hymns

*Come, Let Us Eat
This Joyful Eastertide*

ELW 491
ELW 391

***Prayer after Communion**

P Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

SENDING

***Blessing**

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

ELW 393

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Announcements

PICTURE DIRECTORY AND CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

Please call the office if you or someone you know has disconnected a phone, changed their phone number or email, or moved in the last few years. Trinity office staff would like to update all members' information. Email or call the office with your updates at 641-423-0536 this week.

AFFIRMING OUR SHARED DIGNITY: STANDING AS ONE HUMAN FAMILY

Today! Sunday, April 19 | 2pm | Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2502 S. Jefferson, Mason City
You are invited to join in a time of learning, sharing, hearing immigrant stories, music, and refreshments that reflect our global roots.

LUNCH & LEARN Thursday, April 23 | 12:00 Noon | Fellowship Hall

Join us for a Lunch & Learn with speaker Jesse Germundson, Executive Director of Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless Shelters. Jesse will give an overview, brief history and updates on local homeless shelters and all the services they provide. A salad luncheon will be provided for a free will donation. Please sign up on the clipboard outside the office or give the office a call to give us a head-count.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE Tuesday, April 21 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Please join us to enjoy a time of fellowship, coffee and treats! Judy Miller and Janet Schmitz will share highlights of their life journey as twins.

SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN UP Saturday, April 25 | 8:30 AM-12 Noon | Church Grounds

Note the Date Change! Our Spring cleanup will be on Saturday, April 25th, 8:30 AM - Noon. Bring leaf/garden rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, hedge trimmers/loppers, brooms, spades, shovels, etc. Please help for as long as you can!

BELONG AND GROW: TRINITY MEMBERSHIP CLASS Sunday April 26 | 1:30pm

Looking for a church home? A place to belong? Curious to know more about Trinity's life and mission? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn about our mission commitments and the faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people. Sunday, April 26 at 1:30 PM in the Library.

To sign-up, go to trinity-mc.org/membership or contact the office.

CUPCAKES AND COFFEE Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26 | Gathering Space
TLC's Legacy Cabinet is sponsoring a cupcake reception in celebration of the Legacy Fund's recent growth. All are invited! Join us after the Saturday 5pm Service and Sunday 9am Service.

MAY BREAKFAST Thursday, May 7 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for our annual May Breakfast at Trinity! This year, we welcome Michelle Murray as our guest speaker. Learn more about her amazing book "Amazing Iowa".

No need to sign up for this event, just come!

Wednesday Night Alive Spring Session

COMMUNITY MEAL

6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Menu: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Rolls, Fruit, Cookies and Bars

PROGRAMMING

6:30 PM | Various Locations & Dates (See below)

***Mission Jamaica Info Meeting**

(April 22 in the Gathering Space)

Learn about Trinity's history with Mission Jamaica & the trip planned for March 2027

***Moving Through Grief and Loss**

(April 22 and 29 in Rm 300)

This three week opportunity will offer a supportive environment while sharing tools and resources for moving through grief and loss. It will be held from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Facilitators are Pastor Beverly Butler and Linda Vold.

***Joy in Christ - A Study on Philippians**

(April 29 in the Gathering Space)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads a discussion exploring Paul's letter on finding joy in Christ regardless of circumstances—everyone welcome!

***Choir Rehearsal**

(April 22, and 29 in the Choir Room)

Trinity's Choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Please join us!

***Confirmation**

***Campfire Kids, Grades 1-6**

Campfire Kids is our elementary programming on Wednesday nights. Students embark on fun Bible adventures with their leader Nate Ruge, and other wilderness guides, as they experiment with Bible Stories and Faith Traditions. This week, we learn about Paul's Letters.

***The Nursery** is located on 2nd floor, just outside the Sanctuary.

The Nursery is **UNSTAFFED** but is available for preschoolers and their parents during this time.

BOOK DISCUSSION May 11, 2026 | 1:00PM | Gathering Space

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt is a heartwarming novel about Tova Sullivan, a 70-year-old widow working night shifts at an aquarium to cope with her husband's death and her son's 30-year-old mysterious disappearance. She forms an unlikely bond with Marcellus, a highly intelligent, elderly giant Pacific octopus who helps unravel the mystery of her son's fate. Join us for the book discussion on Monday, May 11, at 1:00 PM. Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church Office.

CHURCHWIDE MEETING OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA/WELCA

The Churchwide meeting of the Women of the ELCA/WELCA will be held in Des Moines this summer, July 16 -19. The Triennial in Des Moines will provide a wide opportunity to learn about WELCA and its many programs and opportunities. The Women's Ministry Cabinet at Trinity will provide partial scholarships for those who have interest in attending this conference. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office **no later than May 26th** if you have interest in attending a member of the Women's Cabinet will reach out to you.

WALK A WAY PILGRIMAGE SPRING 2026 Tuesday, June 2- Thursday, June 4, 2026

Heritage Trail- Dyersville to Dubuque

A local pilgrimage experience to step away from our routines into a way of being that supports listening to God and letting go. You 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. **Just a two (2) spots in the group remain**, so contact the office soon if you are thinking about joining us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP 2026

with RIVERSIDE CAMP COUNSELORS

For students entering grades 1-6:

June 15-17, 2026; 9:00am-1:00pm

June 18, 2026; 9:00am-3:00pm*

For children age 3, 4, 5, and entering Kindergarten:

June 15-17, 2026; 9:00am-11:00am

*June 18 will be a bus field trip to Riverside Bible Camp in Story City, IA.

To register, please go to our church website, click on the Youth tab, and then click on the Vacation Bible School tab.

CELEBRATING PAM FIKE'S MINISTRY

Pam Fike, Trinity's Parish Administrator, will retire in May. A celebration reception in her honor will be held between services on Sunday, May 3. Please join us as we give thanks for Pam's many years of faithful and dedicated service to our congregation.

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AT TRINITY

Rhonda Schmidtke has accepted the call to serve as Trinity's next Parish Administrator.

Rhonda currently serves as City Clerk in Marble Rock and brings additional experience as a business manager in an ELCA congregation. She will officially begin her role on Monday, May 4.

Please join us in welcoming Rhonda to Trinity!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:00 AM Quilting Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 AM Centering Prayer (Rm 322 / Zoom)
- 5:30 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
- 9:30 AM Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:45 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm 307)
- 12Noon Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)
- 6:00 PM Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Alive Programs
- 6:30 PM Confirmation, Campfire Kids

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- 8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 AM Coffee and Clapper Bell Choir (Rm 307)
- 12Noon Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- 8:30 AM Spring Grounds Clean up (Outside)
- 5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- 9:00 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, KCMR
- 10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** (Contemporary)
- 11:30 AM Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:30 PM Trinity Membership Class (Library)

SUGAR PLUM PRESCHOOL

Each weekday at Trinity, the joyful sounds of learning and laughter remind us what a gift Sugar Plum Preschool is to our community. With small classes, gentle guidance, and teachers who truly know each child, little ones grow in confidence, kindness, and curiosity. Do you know a young child ready to begin their learning journey? Please consider enrolling your child or sharing this special program with a friend. For more info, visit masoncityymca.org/sugarplum-preschool

MISSION JAMAICA: VACATION WITH A PURPOSE

Reserve your spot by May 31, 2026
Mission Jamaica returns in Spring 2027 for the week of March 13-20! Travel to Montego Bay for a meaningful week of service at the Westhaven Children's Home, worship with a Jamaican congregation, and time for rest and renewal. Cost is approximately \$2500 per person. Adults and families are welcome and membership is not required. An informational meeting will be held this Wednesday at 6:30pm!

DONATIONS FOR THE HYGIENE PANTRY

Trinity is in an on-going effort with other churches to collect donations for the Community Hygiene Pantry. You can place any donations in the cabinet below the Church Office window. Cash donations are also welcome, just make a note on the memo line of your check. The items needed are:

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Dish Soap
Toilet Tissue

Laundry Soap
(powder, pods)
Shampoo
Soap, bar + body wash

Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene
Disposable Diapers
Baby Wipes