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Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) is a community of believers growing in faith through worship, learning and fellowship — reaching out in Christ's love to witness and serve.

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Weather permitting, the congregation gathers in front of the steel cross outside the educational building.

OPENING SENTENCES

- A** Behold! Behold the cross on which Jesus suffered and died.
- C** **For our sake, Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**
- A** By your passion and suffering,
by your precious death and burial,
- C** **good Lord, deliver us!**
- A** With our own ears we heard Jesus cry out, "It is finished."
- C** **With our own eyes we saw Jesus breathe his last breath.**
- A** So where is our hope? Where is our salvation?
- C** **Our hope is in the Lord, who has promised never to leave us or forsake us.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23

- L** *A reading from the 23rd chapter of the Gospel of Luke: It was noon. The whole earth became dark, and the darkness lasted three hours — a total blackout. Jesus called out loudly, "Father, I place my life in your hands!" Then he breathed his last.*

Silence for personal meditation is observed.

The hymn is then sung acapella:

Were you there, when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there, when they crucified my Lord?
Oh — sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there, when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh — sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

- A** On the cross, Jesus held *our* sickness.
- C** **Jesus bore our suffering.**
- A** Jesus was tortured for *our* rebellion.
- C** **He was crushed for our crimes.**
- A** We wander far from God,
- C** **each going our own way.**
- A** But God let *our* punishment fall upon his blameless Son.
- C** **And with his suffering, we have been made whole.**
- A** By his wounds,
- C** **we have been healed.**

THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER

- Ⓐ At the crack of dawn on Sunday, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome came to the tomb of Jesus carrying the burial spices they had prepared. They found the entrance stone rolled back from the tomb, so they walked in. They couldn't find the body of Jesus. They were puzzled, wondering what to make of this. Then, out of nowhere, an angel appeared before them. "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" the angel asked. "Jesus is not here. He is risen!" Then they remembered Jesus' words: "In three days, I will rise again!"

EASTER LITANY

- Ⓐ The tomb is empty! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☩ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

God has triumphed!

Nothing is impossible for God!

- Ⓐ Holy God, as this new day dawns we are reminded of that first Easter morning when sorrow transformed into joy, hope trumped despair. We do not claim to understand how, but we believe it to be true. We gather here, Sunday after Sunday, celebrating resurrection, celebrating a love that is more powerful than death.

Like the first disciples who followed Jesus, we are taken aback by your power over death, unsure of what it all means. But as Jesus did for them, he does for us this day. He stands before us and says, "Peace be with you." May that peace Jesus offers be felt here in this place as we attempt to comprehend what resurrection truly means.

- Ⓐ We stand before you this day just as we are — flawed and full of uncertainties — and offer you our confession:

☩ **We confess that even though we stand in the empty tomb we still wrestle with doubt.**

We hesitate to share this Good News with others.

Instead of depending upon your divine power, we choose to live by our own limited strength.

Forgive us, Lord.

Roll away the stone of disbelief and apathy from our hearts.

- Ⓐ People of God: God sent Jesus into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world would be saved through him,

☩ **that all who believe in him would be delivered from the powers of sin and death, and become heirs with Christ in eternal life.**

- Ⓐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☩ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

- Ⓐ Even in death, God is victorious!

☩ **God has triumphed! Alleluia!**

- Ⓐ Let us worship the resurrected Christ.

☩ **Let us celebrate this mighty act God has done!**

The congregation processes into the sanctuary with joy, shouting,

"Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

as the Spirit moves.

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!**
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring
Alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is risen this day**
Death's mighty stone is rolled away
Let all the world rejoice and say
Alleluia!

- 3 Praise we in songs of victory**
That love, that life, which cannot die
And sing with hearts uplifted high
Alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord**
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored
Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray: O God, Giver of life, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become our Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen**

GREETING

- P** Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.**

Please stand as you are able.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSVUE)

- P** *Listen to what the Spirit is saying to God's people, from the 28th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.*
- C Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

- P** The Word of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Please stand as you are able.

SONG (*songsheet*)

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Traditional Tanzanian

**1 Christ has arisen, alleluia
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia
For our redeemer burst from the tomb
Even from death, dispelling its gloom
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**2 The angel said to them, “Do not fear
You look for Jesus who is not here
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare
Only the graveclothes are lying there”
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**3 Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave
He has arisen this world to save
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done
Even the battle with sin is won
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

APOSTLES’ CREED

- Ⓐ** With our hearts overflowing with joy on this glorious Easter day, let us profess our faith:
**Ⓒ 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 into hell.**

**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 THE COMMUNITY

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain *especially... and for those we now name....* Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

"Give Thanks!"

Henry Smith



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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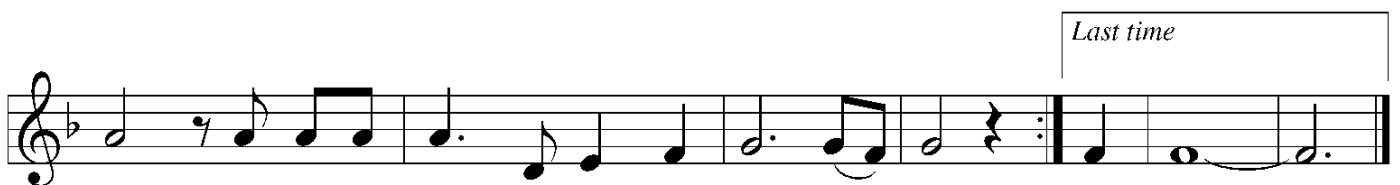
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

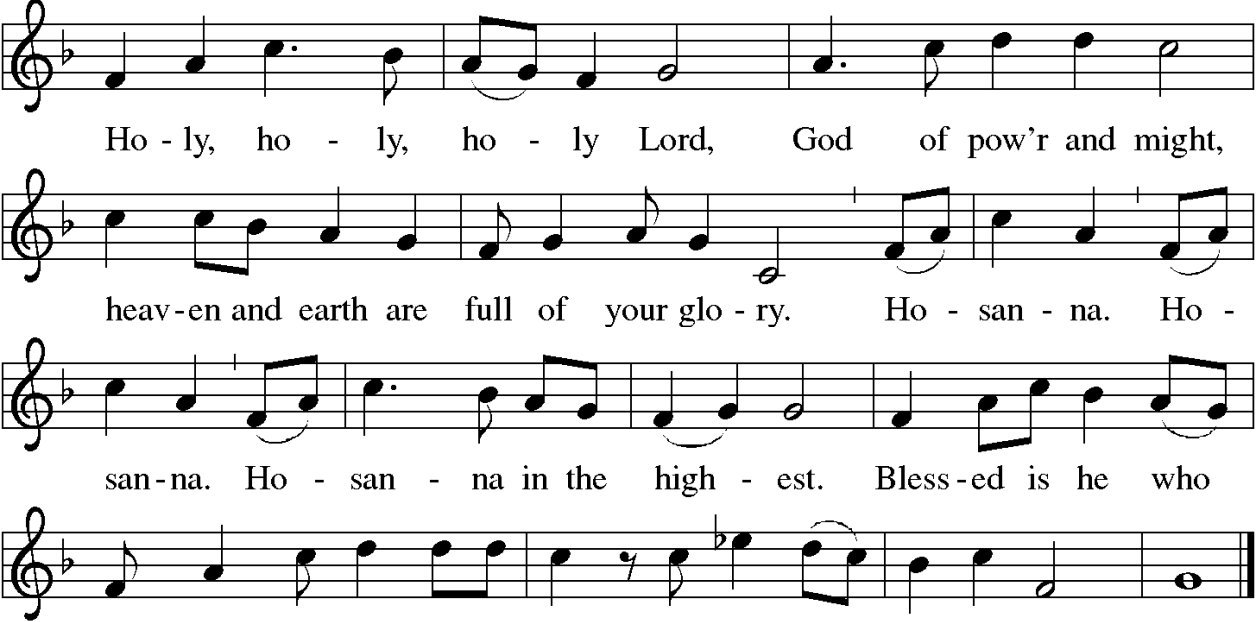
C We lift them to the Lord.

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 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:

C



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.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
would not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for Christ coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation. ►

☐ 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the Spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

To you, O God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.**

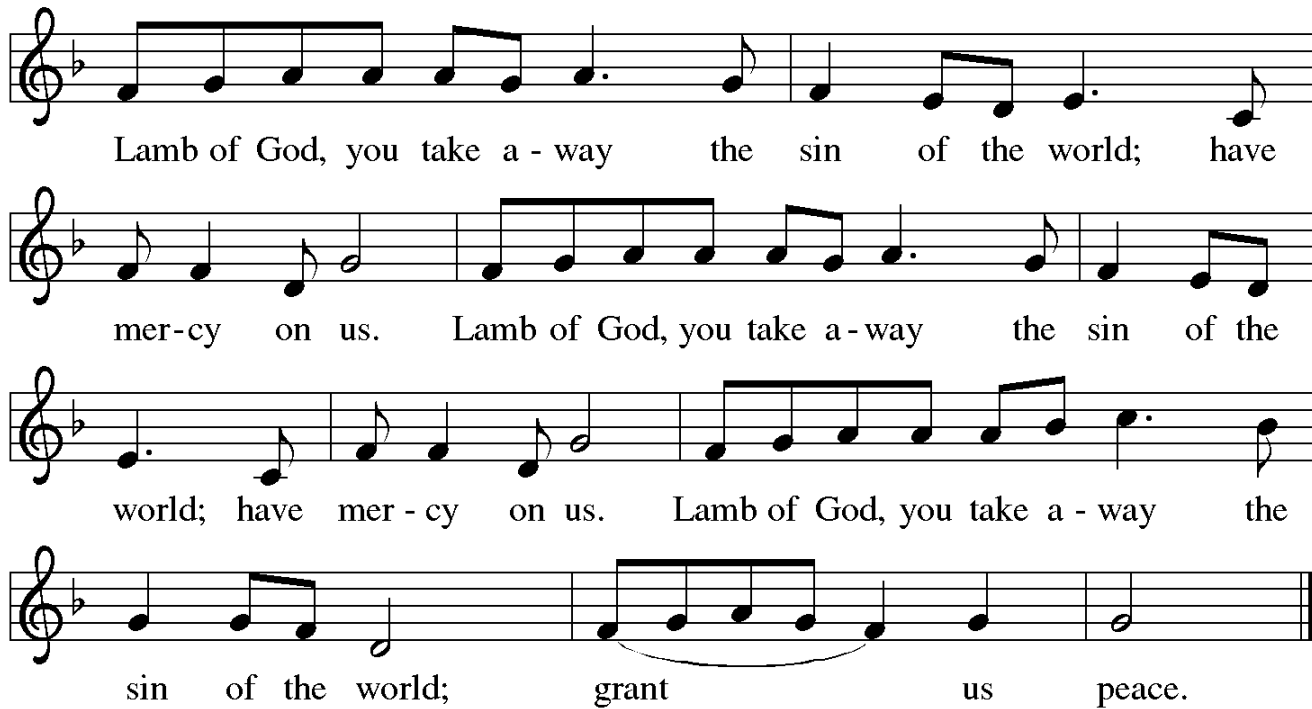
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
We say as a congregation that all are welcome at God's table
as long as you believe.
No one is turned away that is seeking Christ.
All are welcome at God's table.

You may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3



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.

SONG

“Alleluia!”

Sinclair

1 Alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia

2 Christ is risen, alleluia!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

3 He’s my Savior, I will praise him
He’s my Savior, I will praise him
He’s my Savior, I will praise him
He’s my Savior, I will praise him

Instrumental music will be offered during communion.

BLESSING

P The body and blood of the Risen Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

CLOSING VIDEO SONG

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Chris Tomlin

WORDS WILL APPEAR ON SCREENS

BENEDICTION

A The tomb is empty!

C Christ is risen! Alleluia!

A As you journey in faith, may your life be full,
your love be abundant, and your hope be eternal.

Live each day for Christ Jesus, for the Risen Christ lives in you.

C Let it be so!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST

Come celebrate our risen Lord! On **Easter morning** we will have a **fellowship breakfast** from *8am to 10am*. Please bring your favorite breakfast foods to share. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The **church office will be closed** *Monday, April 6th* in honor of Easter Monday. Normal business hours will resume on *Tuesday, April 7th*.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ONLINE BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME APRIL 8TH

The **Wednesday Evening online ZOOM Bible study** will resume meeting *Wednesday, April 8th at 7pm*. Weekly lessons come from *The Wired Word*, which uses Scripture to provide light on an event that has happened in the recent news. Join us for conversations that help us dig deeper into our faith.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The **Women's Luncheon Bible study group** will meet *at noon on Wednesday, April 8th* in the fellowship hall. Bring your lunch, strengthen your faith and build friendships!

GAME DAY!

Wednesday, April 8th at 1:30pm in the fellowship hall, we're having **Game Day!** Everyone is welcome! Popcorn will be provided, but bring yourself a drink and a snack, along with your favorite board game, cards, dice or dominos. Get ready for an afternoon of fun and bring a friend!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA) WOMEN'S RETREAT

Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting the **WELCA Women's Retreat** *Saturday, April 18th from 8:30 am – 4 pm*. Don't miss an opportunity to join with other members of the Dallas Area Metroplex North Conference! We have great speakers, interesting and fun breakout sessions, and always great food and conversation!

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 8:30am-4:00pm

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1515 N. Travis St, Sherman

Cost: \$20 by March 31, \$25 after April 1, \$30 at the door

Register: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10789524> or make check payable to NT-NL SWO or request scholarship to: Pam Grosze, 2600 Ash Dr., St. Paul TX 75098

Bring: School supplies to donate to low-income schools
Bring a book, take a book at the book exchange.

MARKET DEPOT NEEDS

The **Market Depot** food pantry has an **urgent need** for **1 lb. packages of spaghetti, 7.25 oz boxes of mac & cheese, and canned green beans**. Pick up a few items on your next grocery run and bring them to the church. We will deliver them for you.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

The **Men's Coffee group** meets *every Wednesday at 10am* in the fellowship hall. Hope you can join us!

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister.....Pastor Adam Stockton
 Assisting MinisterCarol Pfeiffer
 Pianist / OrganistPam Hamer
 LectorCarol Pfeiffer
 CruciferLaura Fortner
 AcolyteLinda Foley
 Altar CareCarol Pfeiffer
 Communion AssistantMary Lonnevik
 Usher.....Rolf Berg
 FellowshipEaster Brunch
 Welcome TableWayne Ledger
 ProjectionistJoyce White
 VideographerKathy Manning

PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember these people with prayers, phone calls, and cards.

Rolf & Shar Berg (peace)
Eileen Burrus (healing & cancer)
Barbara Case (strength/healing)
Michael Eblen (healing/peace)
Al Imhoff (healing)
Muriel Johnson (healing)
Sabra Maddox (pain/back)
Billy Pfeiffer (healing)
Ken Powers (rehab/healing)
Bill & Cindy Quick (surgery & scleroderma)
Paul Richards (healing/diagnosis)
Ron & Lois Richardson (healing & heart procedure)
Sherrill Snider (healing)
Colin (deployed/safety) son of Nicole Derby-Moore
Michael (healing/flu) son of the Cripps
Wolfie & Maudie (acid reflux & fluid on lungs/NICU) daughter-in-law & grand babies of Cripps'
Chuck (healing) husband of Kathy Manning
Raul & family (peace) cousin of Leo Ransom
Byron (stroke/heart) brother-in-law of Margie Kohler
Tori (pregnancy/thanksgiving) daughter of Kathy Manning
The family of Ben Scott childhood friend of Pastor Adam Stockton

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 5th - Easter Sunday
 NO Sunday School
 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service
 8:00 am Potluck Easter Breakfast
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 am Easter Celebration
 & Children's Message

Monday, April 6th
Church Office Closed
 7:00 pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, April 8th
 10:00 am Men's Coffee Group
 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study Lunch Group
 1:30 pm Game Day
 7:00 pm Evenings with Jesus

Sunday, April 12th
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal/Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship & Children's Church

STEWARDSHIP

Thanks for your continued generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

MARCH 25TH ATTENDANCE
 Wednesday Worship.....24
 Wednesday Meal19
 Wednesday Online Viewing48

MARCH 29TH ATTENDANCE
 In-Person Worship.....95
 Online Viewing162
 Children's Church.....9
 Adult Sunday School.....10
 Men's Coffee Group7

TOTAL MONTH INCOME:
 General Offering\$14,499.50
 Expense Goal\$22,660.08

Designated Offerings
 Advent Wreath Donation\$10.00
 Building Usage\$20.00
 Easter Candy\$7.00
 Fellowship Meals\$10.00
 Helping Hands\$20.00
 Lenten Offering.....\$515.00
 Market Depot\$75.00
 Retirement Fund: K. Manning.....\$100.00
 Thrivent Choice Dollars\$83.00
 World Hunger.....\$114.54
Total\$954.54