



# THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



Greetings to you Trinity brothers and sisters in Christ!

A Reflection based on Luke 19: 28-40

Before there was music, there was praise. Before there was worship,

there was praise. Before there were preachers, there was praise. Before there were liturgies and hymnals; before there were sanctuaries and pulpits; before there were prayers and creeds and theologies, there was praise.

When Catie, our daughter was a baby, I believe she knew this. Lying there, in her crib, some time before we were fully awake, Catie would get up with the first rays of the morning light. She really didn't know her own name, yet; she didn't know the name of God; she couldn't walk and she was just starting to be more verbal; but she knows even at that early age that-- with the beginning of dawn-- the only appropriate thing to do is to sing a baby song of praise! The memory of this brings a smile to my heart.

**Before anything else, there is praise.**

**Scripture says so, too.**

As early as the first chapter of the first book of the Bible, there is that soaring poetry about creation. Of light and darkness, of earth and sky, of waters and plants and animals and finally people. And, at the end of all of this creative activity, as a kind of epilogue to it all, there is attributed to God's very self nothing other than a burst of praise. "God saw everything that God/he had made, and indeed, it was very good."

In Exodus, when the people of Israel made their way out of Pharaoh's pursuit, beyond the armies and oppression of Egypt and through the Red Sea to the other side; when

they were finally safe, before they did anything else, they paused to praise God. "I will sing to the Lord," they sang, Moses and Miriam, all of them, "for God has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider God has thrown into the sea." it was praise!

The prophet Isaiah heard singing like that once. He was in the temple to worship; and while there, he saw a vision of god and hear the seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory." It's there, all through scripture, too, as if to suggest that praise lies beneath everything else as nothing less than the vigorous intentionality of God. God means for us to be stewards of nothing if not praise, because nothing is more appropriate or more timely than praise.

That's part, at least, of what's being said about praise in the texts we will hear, beginning with the readings of Passion/Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week and Easter. Throughout Lent, Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem. that same road that you and I are called to travel. It's not the conquest of that city, nothing like that; but it's the vision of it at least. In Luke's telling of this moment, the disciples did what came naturally, "As he was not approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, "Luke writes, "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." They sensed, somewhere in their guts, that nothing was more appropriate or timely than praise. But the Pharisees in this story were not so sure about that. Maybe they felt that the praise was premature. Maybe they were afraid that the praise would get out of hand; attracting too much attention and alert Herod and the authorities, who were laying in wait for Jesus anyway. Or maybe they just didn't believe it. Whatever it was, there was a demand to stop.

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# COUNCIL MINUTES



## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Nikki Smith  
Vice President: Dan Klassen  
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening  
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith  
Christian Ed: Ashley Parish  
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee  
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee  
Lay Ministry: Sylvia Balk  
Worship: Yvonne Noorlun  
Youth: Caitlyn Carlson



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting**  
 Wednesday– March 12, 2025  
 Call to order– 7:10 pm

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen Cathy Sorenson Nikki Smith Ashley Parish Yvonne Noorlun Mark Durkee Margaret Durkee Jackson and Kim Hastad

Secretary Report-was accepted as read.

Treasures Report- Nikki Smith Thrivent Grant for \$730 has been awarded to Trinity and was put in a separate line account. Stewardship None

Lay Ministry/Evangelism  
 Cathy Sorenson- Pastor Carol met with several persons who are interested in lay ministry who will continue visitations when Pastor Carol retires.

We will apply for a Thrivent Grant for \$250 for stamps.

Church Properties Mark Durkee - The light outside on the worship sign is not working. The mowing schedule is now out.

Christian Ed/GIFT Ashley Parish- Next GIFT will be March 19 and 2 more students have joined. The GIFT kids are collecting money in pill bottles for the swimming pool improvements. March 2nd Sunday service was assisted by 9 GIFT youth.

***The Call Committee  
 has been working on  
 other new  
 possibilities for a  
 new pastor***

Youth Group Ashley Parish- The youth will be serving Lenten supper on March 19, March 26, and April 9.

Worship Yvonne Noorlun- On March 30 Pastor Rebecca Sullivan will not be able to attend. Possibility of Tanner playing hymn songs for us. Call committee has been working on other new possibilities for a new pastor. We are planning a meal for Pastor Carol's Retirement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed Organ Fund Challenge from the Wilkenings.

Cathy approved the facilities use agreement for a baby shower in the fellowship hall for Nicole (Fedder) Flohrs on Saturday May 10.

Dan approved the set-up of a Mini Food Shelf with non-perishable food in front of the church for Jackson Hastad's 4H project. Cathy second. Discussed the possibility of a young person bible study.

Pastors Report Prepared for 2 baptisms, visitation with shut-in, planning Lenten worship services, planning Adult bible study on Lutheran Marks of the Church. Attended Conference in Hanska Feb 23 with Nikki Smith and Ashley Parish.

Submitted by Secretary,  
 Kathy Wilkening



## Treasurer's Summary Report As of February 28, 2025

Checking Account Bal.	\$46,050
Savings Account Bal.	\$56,425

### FEBRUARY:

General Fund Income	\$ 8,223
General Fund Expenses	\$ 8,019
Net long	\$ 204

### MARCH:

Cash Available	\$ 46,050
Bills to pay	\$ 6,967
Cash long	\$39,083

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
April 6– 5th Lent	Isa 43:16-21	Phil 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 13-Palm Sunday	Isa 50:4-9a	Phil 2:5-11	Luke 22:14—23:56
April 17 –Maundy Thurs	Exod 12:1-4[5-10] 11-14	1 Cor 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 18-Good Friday	Isa 52:13—53:12	Heb 10:16-25	John 18:1—19:42
April 20-Easter	Acts 10:34-43	1 Cor 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12
April 27-Confirmation	Acts 5:27-32	Rev 1:4-8	John 20:19-31



### Youth Director Newsletter for April 2025

We are getting ready for nice weather and Easter! The GIFT kids will be shopping for gifts for Easter baskets for the kids and their families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in April. I am always so excited to shop with the kids and see what they pick out! My family plans on delivering the Easter baskets and gifts on April 18th. It is a tradition that my family has done for years and no matter how many times we go, I can't help but feel emotional and remember our stay there when Mariel was sick and in the Children's Hospital. We started bringing gifts around Easter because that is when we stayed there. What started at around 5 Easter baskets has now turned into about 25 plus Easter baskets/gifts for the kids! I am so thankful for the support from our community and congregation to be able to bring so much hope to families during this Easter season! Thank you!!

#### Events:

April 2nd 2:15 pm-5:30 pm GIFT

April 9th 5:15 pm-6:15 pm Youth Serves Lenten Meal

April 16th 2:15 pm-5:30 pm GIFT

~Ashley Parish  
Youth Director

### Youth Skit



Thanks to all the youth who helped out at the Lenten supper on March 12th

## WELCA NEWS/PASTOR'S LETTER (Cont.)



### WELCA News

On April 8th you are welcome to come to Trinity in Madelia to enjoy a Salad Luncheon. The proceeds benefit the Auxiliary of Living Meadows to help the residents there. You get a meal for only \$6.

When the Martha Circle was active we made lap quilts for the babies that are baptized at Trinity and also gave several to Options Pregnancy Center. Now our quilting group is working on them as well as the lap robes. We still make some of the 60 x 80 inch quilts as well as for our high school graduates.

We still need a secretary for our WELCA meetings. There are only four meetings a year.

This year we decided to do personal care kits instead of school kits for our World Relief project. We would encourage every one to participate, not only the active WELCA members. Each kit includes the following:

- \* **1 light weight bath towel approximately 52 x 27 inches. Dark colors are recommended.**
- \* **2 or 3 bath size bars of soap equaling 8 or 9 oz in original wrapping.**
- \* **1 adult sized toothbrush in its original packaging**
- \* **1 sturdy comb. No fine toothed comb. remove packaging.**
- \* **1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging.**

You may bring items for a complete kit or just bring whatever items you choose to bring. Thank you for helping with this project.

~Barb Shoen

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Recall, in Luke's gospel the statement by Jesus: "I tell you, if these were silent, the stone would shout out!" There it is again! The praise that lies deep down beneath everything else! The fundamental praise that creation itself takes part in! The praise which will find voice even when it's not our voice; which begs for our attention and is expressed when we gather for fellowship, worship and yes, even community coffee or G.I.F.T. Praise lives by the confidence that ---if we were silent-- the very structure of this building would shout out! Because there is nothing more appropriate and timely than praise!

April is a month of activity, in the community, in the church, in school, in our homes, our gardens/lawns, our fields and hog facilities- everything springs into life and in it's own way sings it's praise! Yes, we do experience the heaviness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but even in these darker moments, there is reason for praise...**because of what God has done**

**through Jesus Christ, we can sing**

**PRAISE.** May you have a blessed month and find the sacredness of life, and God's awesomeness in your life as Lent comes to a close, and we celebrate the RESURRECTION on Sunday, April 20th and every Sunday/Day!

*Pastor Carol Mapa*

### UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



**Fareway-\$98,652.10**

**Hy-Vee-\$79,048.15**

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

*\*\*Please make sure the receipts are not getting cut off -- this makes them useless.*

Thank You!  
For your



**EASTER  
OFFERING**

Scan your smart phone to GIVE!



May 2025						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> <b>10:00 am Worship</b> <b>Streaming live on FB</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</b> Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11	1  Open Bible Study 9:45 am  April Fool's Day	2 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30 Lenten Supper 5:15-6:15 Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm	3	4 <div> <b>Acolytes for April</b>                      4/6-Gabby Greier &amp; Annabelle H                      4/13-Gage &amp; Taelynn Moon                      4/20-Liam &amp; Grayson Werner                      4/27-Alaina K &amp; Jackson H                 </div>	5
6 Communion 9 am Adult Bible Study	7	8 Spring Festival in Madelia 11-1 pm	9 Conf. class 4:00-5:30 Lent Supper 5:15-6:15 <b>6:30 Lenten Worship</b> Council mtg. after worship	10	11	12
13  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	14	15	16 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	17 <u>Maundy Thursday</u> <b>10 am Worship</b>	18 <u>Good Friday</u> <b>6 pm Worship</b> Newsletter 	19
20 <u>Communion</u>  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	21	22  <b>Earth Day: GO GREEN</b>	23 Conf. class 4:00-5:30	24	25	26
27 Confirmation Sunday Pastor Carol last day Pr. Farewell Supper	28 <i><b>A Farewell supper will be held for Pastor Carol on 4/27 time TBD</b></i>	29  <i>Farewell to our Pastor</i>	30	<u>Ushers for April</u> Dave Sorenson & Jackson Hastad Family	<u>Lay Readers</u> 4/6-Carson H 4/13-LeAnn M 4/20-Laurie W 4/27-Brenda H	<u>Comm Servers</u> 4/6-Jan R. 4/18-Dan K (Good Friday) 4/20- (Easter) Dave & Cathy Sorenson

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Congratulations to Everlee Lou Crosby (top photo) and Bridger Lance Briard (bottom photo) on their Holy Baptism, which was held on March 2nd with Pastor Carol Mapa. Everlee's parents are Blake & Amy Crosby and her sponsors are Katie Briard, Krista Payne, Payten Crosby & Tyson Crosby.

Bridger's parents are Lance & Katie Briard and his sponsors are Blake & Amy Crosby.

Grandparents to the two newly baptized are Ross & Jan Ringeisen (Trinity members).



*Prayers*

*We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:*

**Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Norman & Marilyn Anderson, Lois Lloyd's daughter-Amy, Dan Strausser Marlene Ratike and The Chis Mosloski family and Rick Davis family.**

*Be present with your Spirit, O Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*



Our sympathy to the Chris & Sadie Mosloski family at the death of Chris' mother, Deb, who passed away on Sunday, March 2nd in Fairmont, MN.



Our sincere sympathy to the Rick & Teresa Davis family at the death of Rick's brother, Merle, who passed away, Tuesday, March 11th, 2025. Merle was from Madelia, MN.



### LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE:

**Wednesdays in Lent**

**5:15 —6:15 pm**

*(free will donation)*

**April 2**-(WELCA hosts)- Cheesy chicken sandwiches, chips and bars

**April 9**-CHANGED TO: Taco in a bag, fruit & bars  
(Youth group hosts)

### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

*Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.*

***\$30.00 deposit in March***

**We need to continue to apply to Thrivent for funding for our Church projects. Contact Yvonne Noorlun and she will help you with the application process!**





IF you wish to donate a plant to Trinity's Altar for Easter, please fill out a form at the church by April 6th. You may take home your plant after Easter. Make your check out to: Trinity Lutheran Church



The GIFT kids are collecting change in pill bottles to help with expenses at the Truman Pool. Paper money & checks made out to Trinity are also welcome



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 	3 	4 Paula Heckman	5
6 Carolyn Drevlow	7 Amy Mohwinkel Jared Steuber Cindy Wiederhoeft	8 <b>JoAnn Knutson (89 years)</b> 	9	10 Callie Parish	11	12 Dan Janssen <b>Lowell &amp; Yvonne Noorlun (34 years)</b> 
13 <u>Palm Sunday</u> Marianne Lang 	14	15	16 Zachary Schnieder	17 Liam Werner 	18 Corry Pettersen 	19 Lily Detloff
20 EASTER 	21	22 Michael Bonk Jerome Wille	23	24 Teresa Hall Jacob Worlds	25	26 <b>Sam &amp; Donna Kotewa (28 years)</b> 
27 Kylee Harder	28	29 David Baarson	30 			

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Balance as  
of Feb. 28th  
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April 2025

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**Resurrection**  
SUNDAY


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