

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
502 Bardshar Road
Sandusky, OH 44870
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Sunday, April 5th, 2026
Easter Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

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

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

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

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.
Amen.

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

No. 365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn of the Month: Worthy is the Lamb

(Verse 1)

Thank You for the cross Lord
Thank You for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came and gave amazing grace

(Verse 2)

Thank You for this love Lord
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

(Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God
The Darling of heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

(Repeat from beginning)

(Ending)

Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents^l of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

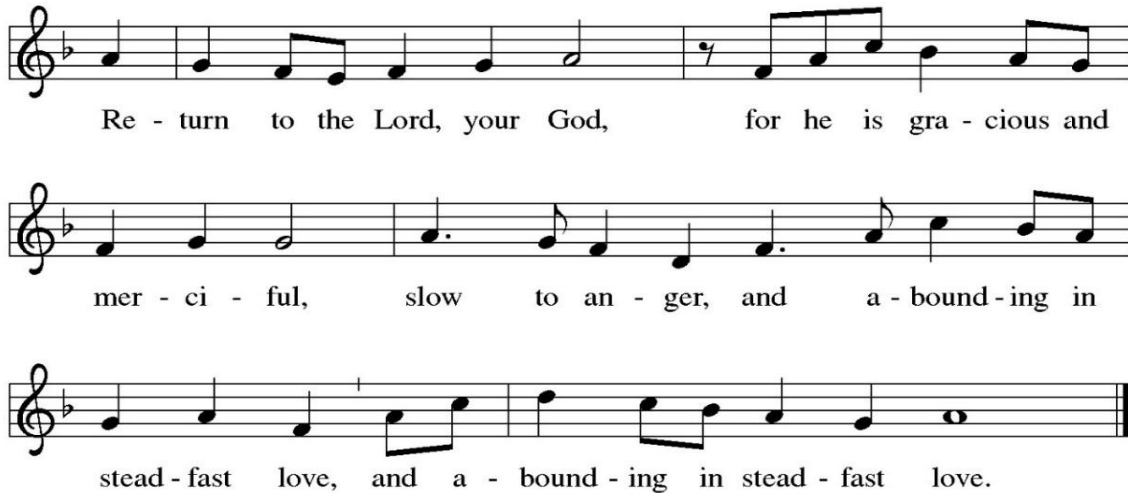
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew,
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ 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." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ 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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yaw - ning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed

**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 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

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.

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.'

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

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, **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen.**

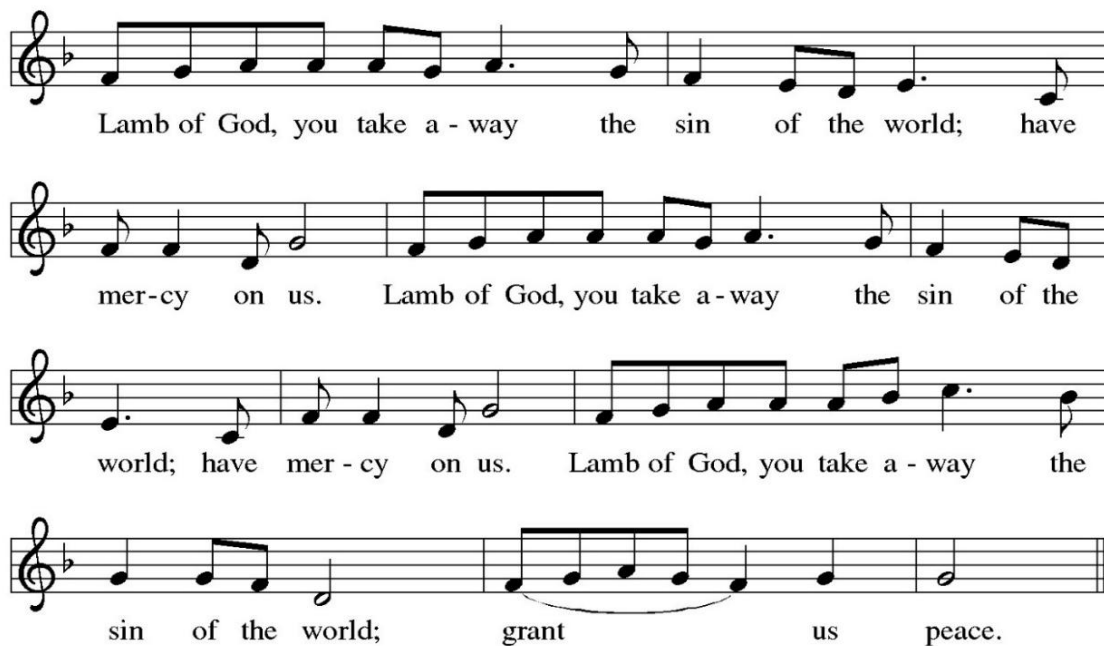
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Lamb of God



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 Hymn: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

No. 382



Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-returns to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

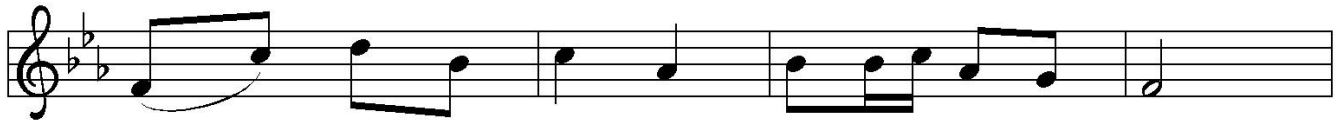


Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

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, **Amen.**

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

No. 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



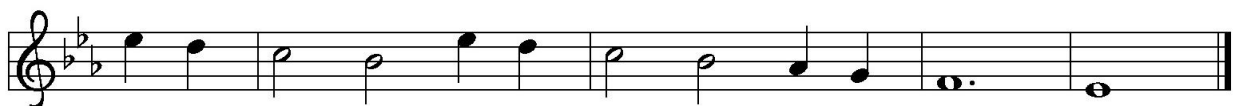
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Russ Stephens
Usher:	Roy Patterson & Guy Miller
Communion Assistant:	Sally Warner
Acolyte:	Ryan Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Chrissie Nielsen
Usher:	Gary Lieb & Charles Howard
Communion Assistant:	
Acolyte:	Natalie Thompson

March Altar Care:	Pat Wiedenheft & Candy Beatty
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PRAYER CONCERNS

For peace in Iran and surrounding countries; FAITH members, including Marilee Werner; firefighters and emergency personnel of greater Sandusky; the people of Zion, Huron, and their interim pastor Kathleen Suggitt.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

Offering plates are in the entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to leave your offering, an usher or pastor can help you find them after the service.

ATTENDANCE: March 29th: 56 + 22 = 78

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mark, Tyler, Carlie & Ryan Wiedenheft in honor of Carrie's birthday

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Linda Gantz in memory of her sister, Diane

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

General Fund: \$5,723.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
FRIDAY	AA/NA Women Only	9:00 am
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer JAM session	8:00 am & 10:30am 9:15 am

Thank you to Claire Connor for providing special music on Good Friday!



Thank you to Jenae Farrell for enhancing our worship services today with her mellophone. She is a senior at Margaretta High School where she is active in Marching, Concert and Pep Bands. She also was on the golf team and throws shot and discus in track & field. After graduation, Jenae will be attending Bluffton University on an academic scholarship and will be on their golf team.

Our wonderful Alice Bertsch is turning 100 years old on April 25th! Trinity is having a birthday card shower to celebrate. There is a box in the hallway to collect birthday cards for her. Please help her celebrate such a remarkable achievement!



Ready to start your spring cleaning and wondering what to do with all those extra shoes? The Margaretta PTO is collecting new, used, and gently worn sneakers, shoes, and cleats. Shoes must be in wearable condition. No broken heels, soles or overly dirty shoes. There will be a box in the hallway for collection and Shelby Koch will deliver.





***Easter flowers adorning our
chancel have been donated to the
glory of the risen Christ by:***

*Shelby & Zoe Koch in memory of Grandpa Norm Stierhoff – we love
and miss you*

*Zoe Koch in honor of her grandparents Rex & Charlene Stierhoff and
Dean & Robin Koch; great-grandparents Tom & Lois Moses, Eleanor
Gowitzka & Ruby Stierhoff; godparents Jacob & Amy Stierhoff,
Madeline Pugh*

*Shelby Koch in honor of her parents Rex & Charlene Stierhoff;
grandparents Tom & Lois Moses and Ruby Stierhoff; godfather Todd
Stierhoff; goddaughter Charlee Stierhoff*

Roy & Joyce Patterson in memory of our parents

*Mark, Carrie, Tyler, Carlie & Ryan Wiedenheft in memory of loved
ones*

*Ken & Carrie Killingsworth & family in honor of our parents,
godparents, and Grandma Bertsch*

*In memory of Edward Sr., Ada & Kenneth Grahl from Gregory,
Susanne & Carrie Lemert*

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in honor of Alice Bertsch

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in memory of Robert Bertsch

To the glory of God from Nancy Vollmer

Anonymous to all service men and women past and present

Guy & Laura Miller in dedication of our past and present loved ones

Greg & Cindy Norman in memory of parents Les & Mabel Norman; in memory of maternal grandparents Bertram & Mabel Newell and paternal grandparents Benjamin & Dora Norman

Easter Chicks

Rex & Charlene Stierhoff in memory of Dad Stierhoff; in honor of our children and grandchildren Shelby & Zach Koch, Jacob, Amy, Carson, Charlee, Brynlee & Janesa Stierhoff; in honor of our parents Tom & Lois Moses and Ruby Stierhoff



Anonymous

Dean & Rhonda Matus in memory of family

Tyler, Carlie & Ryan Wiedenheft in honor of our grandparents

*Linda Gantz in memory of loved ones and in honor of Mike,
Heather, and Teddy*

Larry & Linda Velliquette in memory of loved ones

Barb & Denny Sessler in honor of our family

*Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in honor of grandchildren Tyler, Carlie,
Ryan, Emma, Drew, Ava & Oliver*

*An Easter blessing to our six grandchildren: Tyler, Tavin, Zane, Noah,
Evelyn & Jonathan from Dave & Sally Warner*

To the glory of God from Nancy Vollmer

Anonymous

Anonymous to all service men and women past and present

*Rich & Sheryl Miller in memory of Henry Kurth; in honor of our
grandchildren*

Chrissie Nielsen to Sam Wilcox

*Chelsea Miller in honor of her grandparents Wesley & Betty Miller,
Jim & Diane Yocom*