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March 5 - April 19



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HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025 10:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

April 18, 2025 12PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025 10:30AM



If you would like Pastor to visit, please contact him at 412-841-9359 or call the church office.

Pastoral Letter for April

Dear People of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Good Friday is April 18. Here are some thoughts on the day:

I grew up in Maryland, which was founded as a safe haven for Roman Catholics during the Protestant Reformation in England. Catholic traditions permeated the population, including Protestants such as my family, even into the 1960s and 70s. In my home, Good Friday morning would always begin with a frantic phone call from my grandmother saying, "It's Good Friday - don't eat meat!" Eating meat on Good Friday was considered a mortal sin, punishable with damnation.

It is not clear how not eating meat on Good Friday became a rule. It is not in the Bible. One theory says it has more to do with economics than religion. Fasting during Lent is a venerable practice, but we do not believe that eating meat on Good Friday is a sin. Sometimes I eat meat on Good Friday, exercising my evangelical freedom. Sometimes I do not, paying homage to my upbringing. When I do, it always feels a bit strange. By the way, alligator is considered seafood, so indulge. (I have had alligator and, yes, it tastes like chicken.)

The name Good Friday seems like a misnomer, an oxymoron. Jesus died on the cross, what's good about that? Shouldn't that be the most solemn, somber day of the church year? What makes Good Friday good is that Jesus died for our sins so that we can be forgiven. His death becomes our life. There is something hallow, shallow, maybe even disingenuous, about celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and then celebrating his Resurrection on Easter Sunday, without observing his gory death on Good Friday in between. If Jesus is going to rise, he must die first. Those hours of his on the cross are absolutely necessary and foundational to our Christian faith.

Some churches celebrate Holy Communion on Good Friday. In Lutheran churches years ago, under the influence of generic American Protestantism, Good Friday may have been one of the four times a year the Eucharist was celebrated. This was in keeping with the idea that the Sacrament of the Alter is a memorial to Christ's death, which is true. However, we do not believe that we are re-sacrificing Christ on our altar.

The older tradition, coming out of our history prior to the Reformation, which I am persuaded to follow, is that the Lord's Supper is not celebrated on Good Friday. The Holy Communion is festive, joyful, happy. While, as we said, we are grateful for Christ's atoning sacrifice on that day, the general mood of our worship is solemn and mournful. We will wait then to express our unrestrained joy on Easter Sunday. I hope you will be able to observe Good Friday and celebrate Easter with us. God bless.

In Christ's service, Pastor Ash

Trinity Lutheran Church

ALL AGES
WELCOME

FREE
ENTRY

A graphic for an Easter Egg Hunt. It features the word "Easter" in a yellow cursive font with a red asterisk above the 'r'. Below it, the word "EGG" is in red block letters, flanked by two red and white striped Easter eggs. At the bottom, the word "HUNT" is in large blue block letters with a black outline. Above the text are two red Easter eggs and a yellow egg with a red outline.

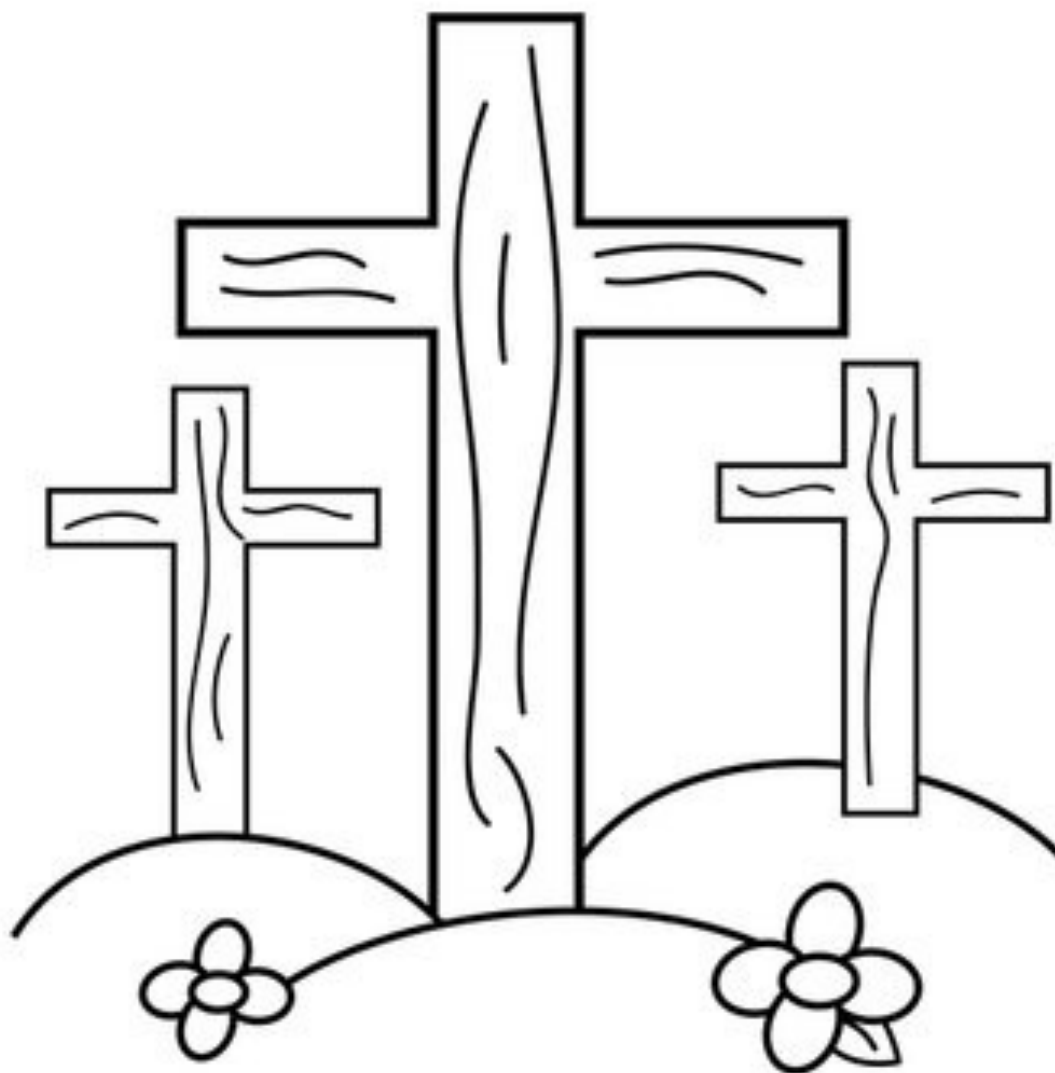
Easter EGG HUNT

APRIL 12th 11:00AM

470 North Main St
Wellsville



Jesus Died For You



Around Our Congregation

Kelly Brainard Nichols recently graduated with her teaching degree from Post University in Connecticut. She is teaching at “Little Lambs”, the daycare at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canandaigua where she is a member. Congratulations Kelly!



Angie and Liz got this for Sally at our exercise class as she's always telling us how much she loves him and his music. We have a lot of fun in Sally's class.

Dominican Republic Independence Day celebration on Feb. 27. Enjoying R &R!



Cindy at exercise class on St. Patrick's Day.



The Genesee Valley Choir held a concert here on March 23. Photo credit Dave Pinney



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| 2 Alexander Baker | 19 Carol Barnes |
| 5 Thomas Brainard | 19 Christian Vossler |
| 7 Marvin Wood | 20 Mark Vossler |
| 7 Liam Mangels | 24 Deborah Vossler |
| 8 Matthew Vossler | 24 Rees Baker |
| 9 Alan Cole | 28 Craig Martin |
| 12 Terrence Lynch | 28 Miles Cole |
| 16 Kristen Crawford | 30 Glen Kruger |



Anniversaries

8 Craig and Deb Martin

Easter Word Search

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 JOSEPH
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 SIMON OF CYRENE
 SOLDIERS
 SON OF GOD
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 THREE DAYS
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Dorcas

I've pretty much been working at home. Dave Pinney has donated 4 pair of blue jeans, resulting in a quilt top. Thanks, Dave.

Artwork from the Sunday School adorns one of our windows. Thank you.

It's Easter time. Time to open the blinds over the choir and let Jesus in.

God Bless,
Judy

You may make your contribution in memory of a loved one to Trinity Lutheran Church. Several Easter lilies and spring flowers will be placed in the church on Easter Sunday to remember all those who have passed away. A list of donors and remembrances will be included in our Easter worship bulletin. The form below should be filled out and returned to the church office with your donation no later than: **Thursday, April 10, 2025.**

Easter Memorials



IN MEMORY OF: _____

Contribution: \$ _____ Envelope #: _____

NAME OF DONOR(S): _____



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