

TRINITY *tidings*

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APRIL 2025

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 13 is known as Palm/Passion Sunday. It marks the triumphal entry of Jesus to Jerusalem, where in less than a week's time the tide had turned and the story of Jesus' arrest, torture, death and burial is played out, also known as the "Passion."

We call this week "Holy Week" recognizing that the central story of God's saving purpose is not only remembered, but lived out again. It provides for some of the most significant and memorable Worship Services of the year.

April 13th is **Palm Sunday** and celebrated at 9:30 am. We use Palm fronds in a processional to remember how people used both their cloaks and the large palm branches to make an entry carpet for Jesus.

April 17th is known as "**Maundy Thursday**." The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word "Mandatum" from which we get the word, "Mandate." We remember that Jesus provides us the new commandment to love one another as Jesus has loved us. It remembers Jesus institution of the "Lord's Supper" given to remember Christ's presence

CHURCH EVENTS

- **Sunday April 13** at **9:30am—Palm Sunday Worship**
- **Thursday April 17** at **7 pm—Maundy Thursday Worship**
- **Friday April 18** at **7pm—Good Friday Worship**
- **Sunday April 20** at **9:30am—Easter Sunday Worship. Informal Brunch following service.**
- **Sunday April 27** at **10:30am—Congregational Meeting**



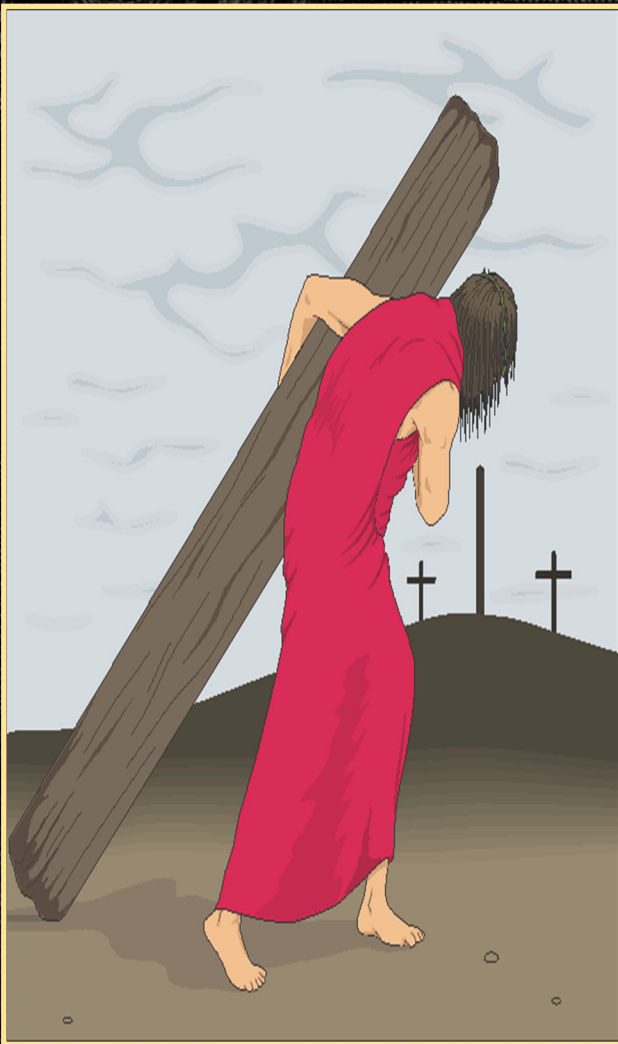
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"Holy Week" Continued...

whenever we share in the meal. It also marks the end of the Lenten Fast and moves us into the Liturgical time known as the Triduum or "Great three Days". The service ends with silence and the stripping of the altar, as a sign of Jesus' arrest. This service is held on Thursday at 7 pm.

April 18th is known as "**Good Friday**," and marks the day Jesus is crucified, dies and is buried. It is a solemn day, and the only liturgical day of the year where we do not celebrate Holy Communion. The sadness and darkness of the day starkly contrasts the joy and celebration of our promised Easter Sunday. Join us for Good Friday services on Friday at 7 pm as well.

April 20th is **Easter**; the central Celebration of the entire Christian Faith. It marks the day of Christ's resurrection and the promise that Christ's love is far more powerful than even the powers of death. Join us for a celebration on Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 am and then join us for a continental breakfast following the service.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Trinity observes two regularly called congregational Meetings every year. One in December with the purpose to pass a budget, and one in the spring, the week after Easter to elect and re-elect council members.

This year our President and Treasurer executive positions are open for election. We are also open to electing members at large.

If you are interested in running for an executive position or a council role, contact Tina Frankiewicz, Dena McIntosh or Pastor John.

The meeting will take place immediately following Worship in the upstairs lounge.

REDEVELOPMENT FOR CONTINUED MINISTRY

It is assumed that all members are aware that we are involved in a process looking at a way we can redevelop our mission, to find a way to be more relevant in our purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

While our mission of proclaiming the Gospel is not changing, the method we do this needs to change.

Our central method and most significant vehicle we use is a worship service every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. This method has not changed that much, and according to surveys and research, most people are not interested in this method.

I often say that while communication is important, I would not be trying to enhance it by selling a wall phone, even one with a 12 foot cord.

Our goal is to find a way we can make and impact on people's lives and on the community, where we can engage in showing how Jesus's love inspires us to love and serve others.

One of the key goals is finding some path that people have a need for or an interest in, where we can help explain

why Jesus inspires us to also care about this and about others.

I often say that our main vehicle for this proclamation will not be the Sunday Gathering at 9:30, but the work and interactions we may make during the week.

Part of our work is allowing us to explore the needs of the community, the resources we can offer, the opportunities to engage with others and all of this will be done with prayer.

Our purpose has not changed, but it will mean that there will be grief as we move and change the things and ways we have done things.

But the hope is that we can leave a lasting ministry that will allow Trinity to proclaim Christ's life-changing and Life-saving hope to the people who will find life and hope and carry on that purpose.

Join us, as we need this to be about the work of our entire congregation following worship for the next few months.

In Christ,

Pastor John

Suggested Scripture Readings for April

Sundays and Principal Festivals	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
6th: Fifth Sunday in Lent	Isa 43:16-21	Ps 126	Phil 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
13th: Palm Sunday	Isa 50:4-9a	Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
17th: Maundy Thursday	Exod 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14	Ps 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Cor 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
18th: Good Friday	Isa 52:13-53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
20th: Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 65:17-25	Ps 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Cor 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43	Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18
27th: Second Sunday in Easter	Acts 5:27-32	Ps 118:14-29 or Ps 150	Rev 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

- The TLC LADIES GROUP will meet on April 08 at 12 noon for lunch in the Church Lounge. We will play a game as our fun activity planned for our activity. PLEASE COME AND BRING A FRIEND!

- There will be a simple, lovely brunch after the April 20th Easter worship service that will be served in the lounge.



- May 4 is our Spring Tea starting at 11:30 am, after the church service. The tea will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Invite family, friends and neighbors.

Fanny May Fudge

Servings: 60

- 4 cups sugar
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 cup butter
 - 25 large marshmallows
 - 12 ounces milk chocolate chips
 - 12 ounces semisweet chocolate chips
 - 2 ounces Baker's unsweetened chocolate
 - 1 cup walnuts, chopped
- Mix sugar, milk, vanilla, and butter. Bring to a boil for two minutes. Turn off heat and add marshmallows. Stir until melted. Add Chocolate and stir until melted. Add nuts. Pour in a greased 9 x 13 pan and chill. Sets fast.

Yield: 5 pounds

Submitted By The Princess Kathy

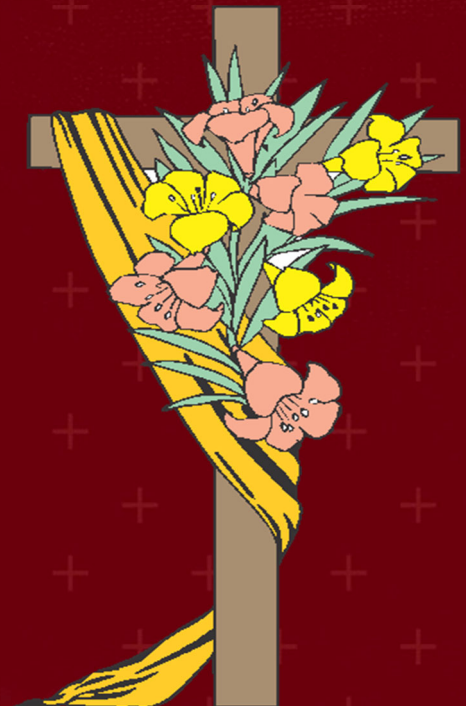
Financial Update: General Fund 2025

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	SUNDAY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
Jan	\$ 11,098.30	\$ 15,093.68	\$ (3,995.38)	25
Feb	\$ 10,149.70	\$ 13,588.82	\$ (3,439.12)	25
	\$ 21,248.00	\$ 28,682.50	\$ (7,434.50)	25

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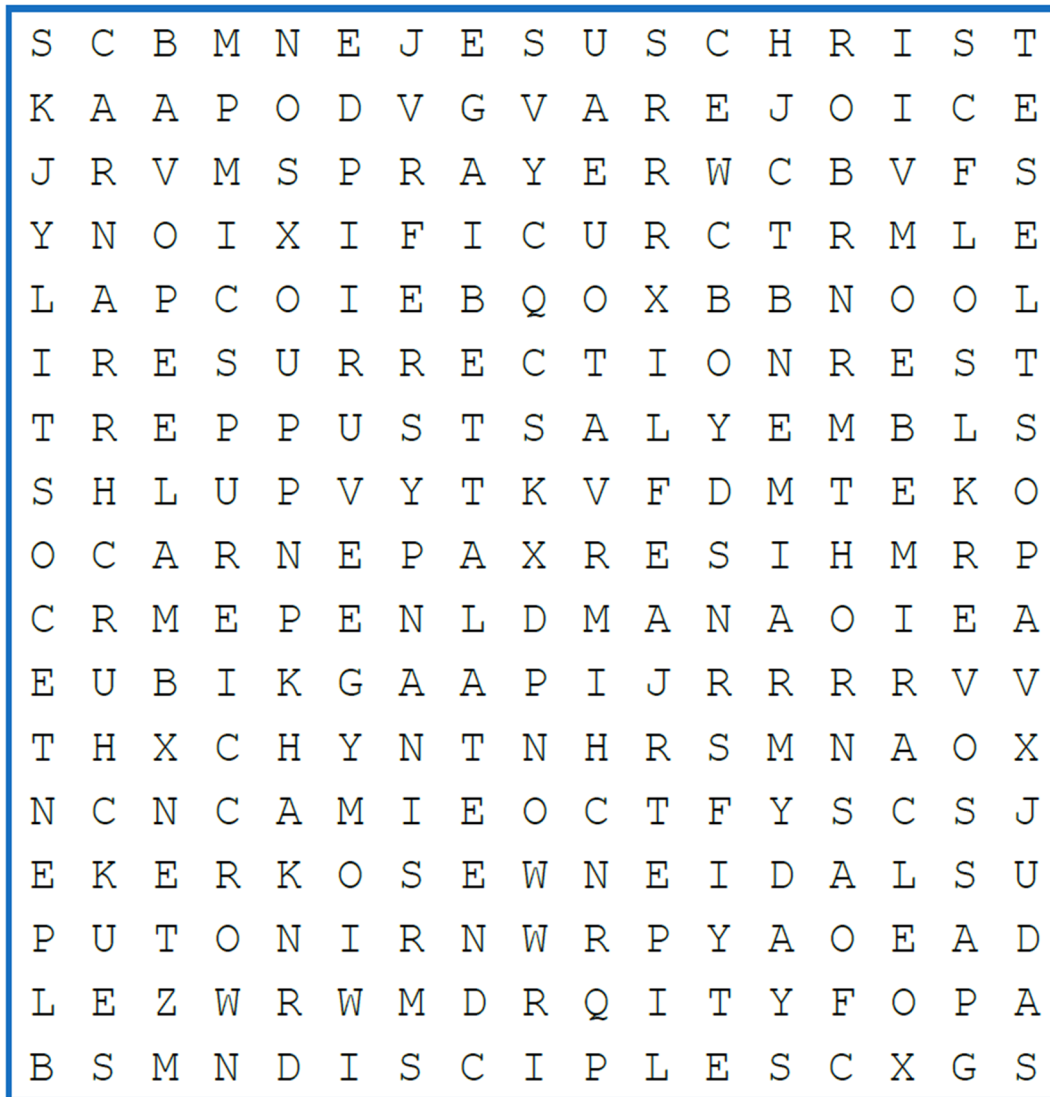




Easter Story

WORD SEARCH

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



APOSTLES
BETRAYAL
CAVE
CHURCH
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
DISCIPLES
FAITH
GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST
JUDAS
LAMB
LAST SUPPER
LENT
MARY
MIRACLE
PASSOVER
PENANCE
PENTECOST

PRAYER
REDEMPTION
REJOICE
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