

HOLY TRINITY TIMES

MARCH 2024
NEWSLETTER



Sundays at 10am
(Worship & Communion)
[Sunday School following
children's message, except
on Family Sunday]

March 3rd

March 10th
[Family Sunday/Induction
Sunday]
[No Sunday School]

March 17th

March 24th

March 31st
[Easter] [No Sunday
School]

Indoor, Facebook Live, and
Local Radio Broadcast
89.1fm

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After worship join us for
Fellowship & Coffee Hour

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that actively
shares a
living, daring
confidence
in God's grace
with our community and the world*

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Holy Trinity
**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join Us

10:00a.m. Worship

11:00a.m. Fellowship/Coffee Hour



Grace and peace be unto you from God, our
Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

God is good...

*"And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory
of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are*

*being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to
another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit."* + 2 Corinthians 3:18

We continue through our Lenten Journey together, and I continue
my Lenten push, not only for removal of something so that your
respite and contemplation in faith may become more of a focus, yet
also for adding a discipline that may also provide aid and growth in
that faith focus as well.

Throughout our Lenten season I am sharing the thought of taking on
writing down Lenten/Easter thematic poetry and prose (even if its
"not your thing"...maybe then to try it even moreso). To reflect upon
what the season of Lent and/or Easter means to you; how it reflects
in your surroundings; what you may draw from it and ponder,
wonder, and center yourself in. What words, phrases come to mind
when you read Scripture; gather in your faith community; sit alone
and breathe the Holy Spirit in? What modes of respite, care, serving,
centering, repentance & forgiveness, longing, questioning, seeking,
acknowledging, etc. are you interacting with on a personal, family, or
community scale?

Here's one I just thought up, so I'll be brave to share! 😊

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If you would like something included in the Holy Trinity Times April issue, please have your information to the office no later than March 13th

Call the office at
523 -4315 or email:
office.htlc@gmail.com
Thank you!

Vulnerable.

At times, like a shell on the shore
filling up with what surrounds me
as if choices don't exist.

Waves.

The ebb. The flow.
Accepting some to wash and move.
Holding ground. Reflect.

My purpose in the past – to protect, to shelter what was inside.

Now my inside is out, and I've been filled with new things.

Warming, basking in The Son and new purpose:

Dying to self

Receiving, believing, transforming

Breaking down to the smallest elements that
we all are together

I am dead. I am alive. I am you. You are me.

Promise given Promise fulfilled

I have received a few poems that some have shared with me. Some ask them to be read anonymously, others not to anyone but just to share. If you DO so take on this discipline of poetry and/or prose as a Lenten focus this season, please consider offering it up so others may hear. It can be anonymous. Your faith family, though, need to hear these expressions and offerings from their faith family – to know they are not alone, to know that others also hear and seek and call on the Holy Spirit to move in them.

May this time of solemnity and pause give you the space to deeply breathe in and out the Spirit of God until it fills you completely; relaxes, welcomes and opens your presence to God's active presence as your heart and hands continue in "The Way".

Breath. Love. Give. Blessings, + Pr. Soren



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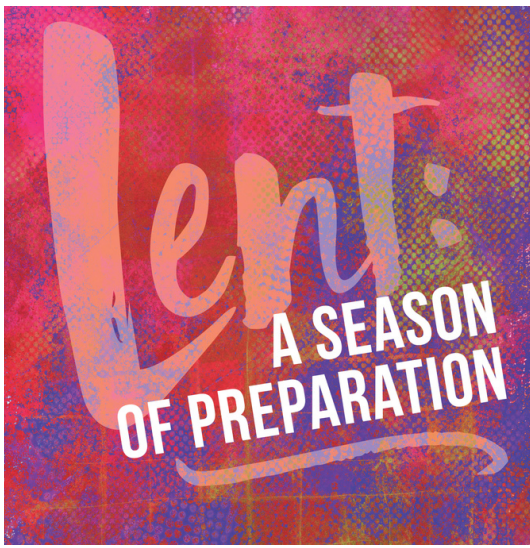
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NEW MEMBER CHAT



COMING SOON

Contact Pr. Soren if you are interested in joining Holy Trinity, or if you know of someone who is.




LENTE
mid-week activities
Soup, Bread & Worship
 Soup & Bread Supper: 5:45pm
 Worship Service: 6:30pm
 March 6th
 March 13th
 March 20th



Passion Week

Palm Sunday Service: March 24th at 10 am
 Maundy Thursday Service: March 28th at 6:00 pm
 Good Friday Service: March 29th at 6:00 pm
 Holy Saturday/Vigil of Easter: March 30th at 6:00pm
 Easter Sunday Service: March 31st at 10 am



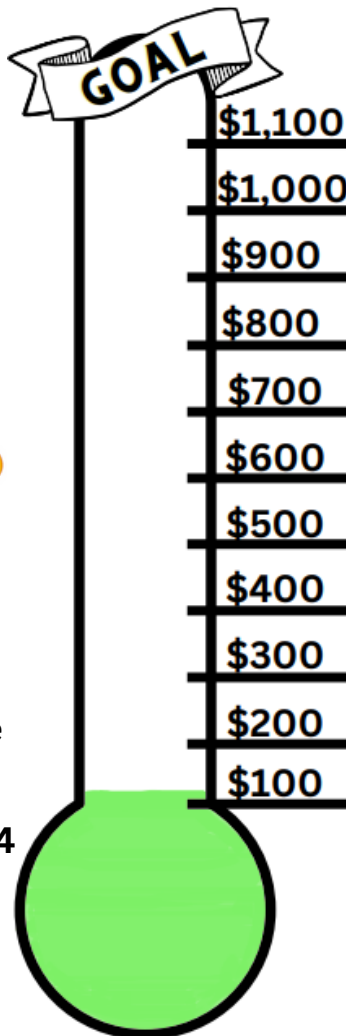
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GOAL!**



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Wisti, Mark & Amy
Yambor, Debby



Continued prayer for...
Military, Police officers
& First Responders,
Medical staff, and our
Government leaders



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE
SOMEONE ADDED TO
THE PRAYER LIST,
OR KNOW OF
SOMEONE WHO
SHOULD BE TAKEN
OFF, PLEASE
CONTACT THE
OFFICE.**



**Do you know of someone who
needs encouragement; that they
are being thought of and
prayed for?
If so, contact Lynn Walker
from the
Service & Witness Committee
at: lcw1956@up.net or
(906) 523-0084**



**OR you can contact the office at:
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Council Meeting Highlights from February 20, 2024

Next Council Meeting: April 16th @ 7pm

[the completed February meeting minutes are posted online and on the overflow bulletin board]

Council Meeting minutes can be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Gjsf5eRRqleXveSoSRZmx-EQ-uxvxFLb>

(or contact the office).

Public Comment:

- none

Correspondence:

- none

Old Business:

- Roadside sign update/discussion: Quotes are being sought out to get an idea of the cost of going digital.
- February cleaning work bee/discussion: Being put on hold until March.

New Business:

- Constant light bulb changing concerns/discussion: New bulbs correctly suited for canned lighting will be purchased and installed. If the issue still continues, then an electrician will be contacted.
- AV update/motion: Hard reset & reinstallation of programs completed on the Audio-Visual computer. Next needed is Microsoft Office 365. Also, a Gmail account will be set up for AV functionality/security purposes.
- Web service issues/discussion: Due to web servicing issues, Julie would like to check into what other churches are using as well as, other pricing options.
- Newspaper ad's/motion: Due to advertising cost increases vs expenditure worth, and given the fact that Google searches & business websites are the most popular ways people look up information, it was decided to stop running ads in the newspaper. In the event that an advertisement is required, the office shall notify the Memorial Committee and ask that their fund be used to cover the bill.
- AED Training/discussion: Volunteers for AED and CPR training are needed. People must be trained to operate our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in case an emergency occurs.
- Sacred Spaces/discussion: Meetings are ongoing. The acceptance of bids will occur soon.
- Community Center Grant/discussion: HTLC was not awarded this grant.
- Nominations for Audit Committee/discussion: Each year the Council needs to nominate an individual to join the Audit Committee. This term will run from 2024 to 2026. Nominations were received.
- Frequency of Council meetings/motion: Council meetings will occur every other month, unless an emergency occurs, in which case a special Council meeting will be held.

Treasure's Report/Finance Committee/motion:

- Income for January: \$9,969.98 vs expenses for December \$11,606.50, which leaves a deficit for the month of: -\$1,636.52

Committee updates:


- **Building & Property:** none.
- **Fellowship & Hospitality:** No 5th Sunday potluck planned for March because it falls on Easter, but cake will be served to celebrate birthday's and anniversaries from January, February, and March.
- **Keeping the Connections:** none
- **Memorial Committee:** Meeting planned for April
- **Parish Ed:** Meeting planned for March
- **Service & Witness:** Printed minutes given. Available to view; up on the overflow bulletin board
- **Worship & Music:** verbal; musicians are learning/doing well with the new Setting Eight music for the Lenten Season
- **Pr. Soren:** Written report given; available on bulletin board across from Pr. Soren's office.



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Many people already use electronic giving in their giving plan and we are so appreciative for the ongoing support of our vital ministry. Contact the church office at (906)523-4315 or office.htlc@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for supporting HTLC!

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New Council

Paulette Archambeau
 Wendy Hackman
 Curtis Judson
 Linda Kantola
 Jeff Markham
 Amy Schmaltz
 Michele Serafin
 Sue Truelove
 Lynn Walker
 Mark Young

New Nominating Committee

Erica Bates
 Julie Judson
 Jim Lassila
 Annette Lawrence

New Endowment Committee

Amber Bennett
 Nicki Lassila
 Stacy Lassila
 Brent Peterson
 Tracy Schmaltz
 Sue Wiles

Council Executive Committee

President: Curtis Judson

Vice President: Jeff Markham

Treasurer: Lynn Walker

Secretary: Michele Serafin (Wendy Hackman will fill in when help is needed)

*Induction Sunday
 will be held on March 10th*

**If you are able, we ask all
 committee and workgroup
 members to be present for
 Induction Sunday (03/10/24)**

Committee/Work Group Council Representatives

	Paulette Archambeau	370-5944
Building & Property Committee:	Jeff Markham	281-2663
	Mark Young	281-1662
Fellowship & Hospitality Work Group:	Curt Judson	(956) 336-9140
Finance & Stewardship Committee:	Wendy Hackman	369-4509
	Lynn Walker	523-0084
Keeping the Connections Work Group:	Wendy Hackman	369-4509
Memorial Committee:	Linda Kantola	523-4185
	Amy Schmaltz	523-6221
Parish Education:	Michele Serafin	370-5487
Service & Witness Committee:	Paulette Archambeau	370-5944
	Linda Kantola	523-4185
	Sue Truelove	(231) 632-2361
Worship & Music Committee:	Pastor Soren	290-1405
World Hunger/GWOH Work Group	Paulette Archambeau	370-5944
	Ken & Carole Simila	482-5892
	Sue Truelove	(231) 632-2361



*Pictures from the 2/20/24
 Council meeting
 (not pictured: Lynn Walker &
 Mark Young)*

March 17, 2024 **4:00pm - 5:30pm**
 Located at: Holy Trinity, Chassel
 Hosted by: Circle K (Kiwanis)

**FAMILY
 MOVIE NIGHT**
 Friday, March 15th
 at 6:00pm

WISH LIST

- Kitchen needs:**
 Napkins, small snack sized plates,
- Office needs:**
 Copier paper

For those who make purchases through Amazon, HTLC is a charity set up under AmazonSmile. Go through the link below for your amazon purchases. The church gets 0.5% from the price of eligible purchases!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6078952>



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| Thomas Cowell 3/2 | DJ Armbruster |
| Rhys Edwards 3/3 | Addisynn Markham 3/21 |
| Delaney McIntyre 3/8 | Tyson Markham 3/21 |
| Walter Kalliainen 3/9 | Julie Hamar 3/22 |
| Kathleen Finni 3/10 | Elsie Lauluma 3/22 |
| Olive Schmidt 3/10 | Isabella Edwards 3/23 |
| Emily Schmaltz 3/11 | Judy Harkonen 3/26 |
| Cindy Cowell 3/12 | Walleen Falstad 3/27 |
| Darlene Hietala 3/13 | Jude Schmidt 3/28 |
| Marli Hietala 3/13 | Weston Lawrence 3/30 |
| Neeta Jacobson 3/14 | Brady McIntyre 3/30 |
| Doris Veldhuis 3/14 | Angelea Young 3/30 |
| Fritz Wilson 3/19 | Jeff Markham 3/31 |



MARCH 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Daylight savings is March 10th. Don't forget to change your clocks before heading to bed Saturday evening. -SPRING AHEAD-

1 Pastor's day off

2

3 Sunday Worship, 10am [Sunday School]
11am Fellowship hour
A.A.: 8-9pm

4

5 Quilting: 9am-noon
Pastor:
-Text Study
-Visitations

6 LENTEN mid-week activities
Bread & Soup Supper: 5:45pm
Worship Service: 6:30pm

7

8 Pastor's day off

9

10 Sunday Worship, 10am Family Sunday: [NO Sunday School]
11am Fellowship hour
A.A.: 8-9pm



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12

13 Newsletter article(s) due for good Newsletter.
LENTEN mid-week activities
Bread & Soup Supper: 5:45pm
Worship Service: 6:30pm

14 1pm to 3pm
WALK Talk & Coffee

15 Pastor's day off

16

17 Sunday Worship, 10am [Sunday School]
11am Fellowship hour
Let's Eat, 4-5:30pm here at HTLC
A.A.: 8-9pm

18

19 Quilting: 9am-noon
Pastor:
-Text Study
-Visitations

20 LENTEN mid-week activities
Bread & Soup Supper: 5:45pm
Worship Service: 6:30pm

21

22 Pastor's day off

23

24 Sunday Worship, 10am [Sunday School]
11am Fellowship hour
A.A.: 8-9pm



25

26 Quilting: 9am-noon
Pastor:
-Text Study
-Visitations

27

28 MAUNDY Thursday
6:00pm

29 GOOD Friday
6:00pm

30 Easter Vigil Holy Saturday 6:00pm

31 Sunday Worship, 10am, Easter Sunday (NO Sunday School)
11am Fellowship hour
A.A.: 8-9pm



We need volunteers willing to take AED/CPR training. People must be trained to operate our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in case an emergency occurs. Classes will begin in May at the Fire Department. Call the office to inform us of your willingness to be trained.



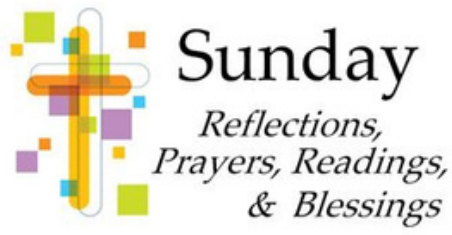
Tadych's Marketplace Community Care [register receipt] Program: Our current receipt totals come to \$41,244.18. We receive 1% of receipt totals. This then goes towards Camperships. Keep those receipts coming!

Valentine's Sale
Total Funds Raised for camperships \$707.00!!! :)



MARCH

	March 3 rd	March 10 th	March 17 th	March 24 th	March 28 th Maundy Thursday	March 29 th Good Friday	March 30 th Easter Vigil/ Holy Saturday	March 31 st EASTER SUNDAY
Musician	Kristiina Vanhala	Pr. Soren	Mary Jurgensen	Deb Young	pending	pending	n/a	Deb Young
Reader	Jim Lassila	YOUTH VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Sandi Engel	Nancy Paananen	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Carole Simila
Greeter(s)	Sue Wiles & Lynn Walker	Anika Mechlin	Paulette Archambeau	George & Betty Uuro	Julie Judson	Julie Judson	Julie Judson	Ken & Carole Simila
Communion Assistant	Annie Soumis	YOUTH VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Paulette Archambeau	Nicki Lassila	Julie Judson	n/a	n/a	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sunday School Teacher(s)	Julie Judson	NO Sunday School	Julie Judson	Julie Judson	n/a	n/a	n/a	NO Sunday School
Acolytes	Lily Tapani, Ellie Bates, Wyatt Bates,	Sophia, DJ, Jude, & Finley Armbruster	Eli & Matthew Bennett, Nora & Bryce Lassila	Bella Edwards, Bella & Robert Sarau,	Caleb & Wyatt Young	Sophia Armbruster, Bella Edwards	Eli & Matthew Bennett, Bella Kotila	Bella Kotila, Michael & Emma Rothenberger, Ellie & Wyatt Bates
Coffee Servers	Amy Schmaltz	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	n/a	n/a	n/a	JUDSONS
Counters	Sue Wiles & Lynn Walker	Becky Moyle & Breigh Lawrence	Paulette Archambeau & Roberta Tapani	Mary Jurgensen & Tracey Schmaltz	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Altar Care	Ann Soumis							



for the Month of March

Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm Reading: Psalm 19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

READINGS

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm Reading: Psalm 107:1-3:17,22
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. Amen.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm Reading: Psalm 51:1-12
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10
Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm Reading: Psalm 31:9-16
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. Amen.

Maundy Thursday **March 28, 2024**

Every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. In particular, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.

Good Friday **March 29, 2024**

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm Reading: Psalm 116:1-19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel Reading: John 13:1-35

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12
Psalm Reading: Psalm 22
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25
Gospel Reading: John 18 - 19:42

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Vigil of Easter/Holy Saturday **March 30, 2024**

This is the night of salvation! At the Vigil of Easter, we gather around fire, word, water, bread, and wine, proclaiming through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death. On this night we experience again the heart of God's baptismal promise and the center of our faith: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ. We gather with all the saints of every time and place to celebrate the good news: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS

Genesis 1:1--2:4a, Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26,
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13, Psalm 46,
Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 16,
Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21, Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18,
Isaiah 55:1-11, Isaiah 12:2-6,
Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6, Psalm 19
Ezekiel 36:24-28, Psalm 42 and 43
Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 143
Zephaniah 3:14-20, Psalm 98
Johan 4:1--2:1, Johan 2:2-3 [4-6] 7-9
Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11, Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 36a, 43a
Danial 3:1-29, Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day **March 31, 2024**

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the 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. Amen


READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Psalm Reading: Psalm 118:1-24
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
Amen.



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