

## Welcome to Trinity!

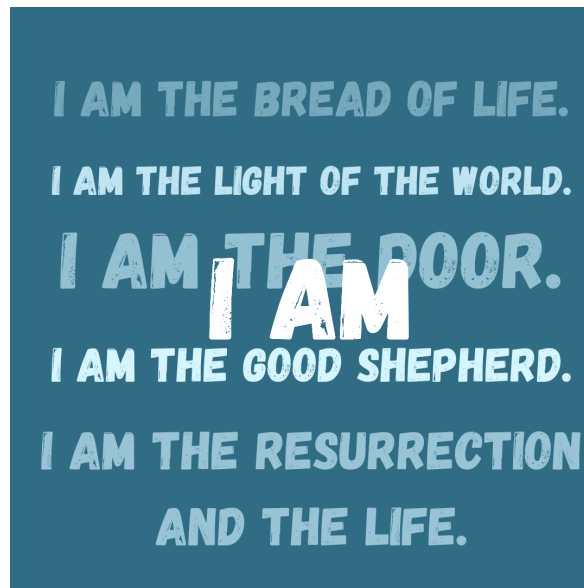
We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

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Recorded services will be archived on our website. [www.trinityevanston.org](http://www.trinityevanston.org)



### Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

9:30 am

### Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

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**Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**



**Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary....**The Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary allows for direct broadcast of the worship service to your hearing aid. We have two direct reception headsets available for those who have non-T-coil equipped hearing aids or no hearing aid at all. Our ushers are happy to assist you. We hope this enhancement is a blessing to you.

**JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP**

We continue to live-stream all of our services.

If you can't tune in for the live broadcast, or you want to go back and hear a part of the service again, you can access all of our previously recorded services archived on our website. [www.trinityevanston.org](http://www.trinityevanston.org)

with a link to our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/>

**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day  
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

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**Prelude**

Jennifer Nelson, guest organist/pianist

**Word of Welcome**

**Announcements and Celebrations**

**Confession and Forgiveness:** *(Stand as you are able.)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift  
of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One,

C **we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word.**

**When threat comes, we turn to fear rather than faith.**

**We are easily scattered by corrupting influences.**

**We seek out points of division and miss the truth that we are all one beloved flock.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

P Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C **Amen.**



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
 Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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LITTLE FLOCK  
 6 6 7 6 6

**Greeting:**

- P** The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**



# Kyrie

## Refrain

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,




Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)


*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*



God. A - men.

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## Prayer of the Day:

**P** Loving God, you have given us your own beloved son, the good shepherd, to guide, nurture and protect us. Bless us Lord, and give us the joy that comes when we trust that you are fully invested in us. Through your son Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*



## Word

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

### Word for the Children



#### First Reading: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Brief silence for reflection on the Word.*

#### Second Reading: Revelation 7:13-17

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

<sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation: (Stand)**

*Congregation:*

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

*Optional Repeat*

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- P The holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

- P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

*Refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

*to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* | *to stanza 4*

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

*Refrain*

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

## Apostles' Creed:

- C** 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 the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession:

**P** Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

- P** Merciful God,  
**C** receive our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**C** Amen.

## Peace

*Please be seated.*



**Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank's bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here's the link to the secure site: [bit.ly/TLCgives22](https://bit.ly/TLCgives22) Or scan this QR code:

However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!



**Lenten Food Collection: 40 items 40 days**—After the offering plates have passed your pew, we invite you to come forward and place your grocery bags at the base of the altar.

## Offertory



(Stand as you are able.)

Setting the Table: ELW, No. 481..... "Come to the Table"




Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942  
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956  
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**Offering Prayer:**

- P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving:**

- P The Lord be with you.
  - C **And also with you.**
  - P Lift up your hearts.
  - C **We lift them up to the Lord in joy.**
  - P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
  - C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Thanksgiving at the Table:

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the version that speaks to you.

*(Traditional version)*

**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.**

*(Ecumenical version)*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers.  
Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

*Please be seated.*

### We invite worshippers to come forward for communion.

For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

Pastor will distribute the bread and a deacon will be distributing the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups.

*(Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat.)*

Come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the usher, and return to your seats using the aisle on the east side of the sanctuary.

**Gluten free wafers** are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

### Lamb of God:



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

**Prayer after Communion (Stand)**

**P** Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**C** Amen.

# Sending

The triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**Blessing:** (Stand)

**P** God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.  
**C** Amen.

**Sending Song:** ELW, No. 789 ..... "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

**Dismissal:**

P Go in peace. Serve in love..  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Jennifer Nelson

**VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR**— If you are not able to attend Trinity in person, please consider joining us for casual fellowship in our virtual coffee hour after the live service on Sundays (around 10:30AM).  
If you need technical support, please call or email Tera Moskal at 847-902-1265 or [t-moskal@northwestern.edu](mailto:t-moskal@northwestern.edu) **Tera Moskal is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Trinity Virtual Coffee Hour**  
**Time: Every week on Sundays starting around 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**  
**Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053005894?pwd=ZzBsN25FbUoxeXZEcjcm5DWjk3Rk5GZz09>**  
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**TRINITY’S MARCH MISSION POSSIBLE recipient: ELCA LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**—To support this organization, you can share your offerings by check to the church office, or by using your bank’s bill-pay system, noting “Mission Possible” in the memo. Or use the online instructions above. Thank you for your support!

**TRINITY PRAYER LIST:**

Contact the office if you desire to add someone to our prayer list. You may also email Pastor directly: [Tim.Brown@trinityevanston.org](mailto:Tim.Brown@trinityevanston.org).  
Please contact the office and let us know if changes should be made. [office@trinityevanston.org](mailto:office@trinityevanston.org)

**MEMBERS:**

Valerie Brawn (ACL reconstruction surgery in April)  
Robert Gertenrich  
Signe Kilen  
Judi McKiernan  
Rick Merrell  
Bill Olson (McGaw/Westminster Place, recovering from a fall)  
Annie Peterson (recovery from surgery)  
Hortense Plummer  
Candy Reesh  
Holly Ruch-Ross  
Donna Schroeder  
Arlene Sigle  
Kathy Sigle  
LaVerne Stamer  
Lorna Van Houten (recovery and healing from orthopedic surgery)  
Chris Viau  
Dave Yandell (continued healing)

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:**

Anne (friend of Selvigs, hospitalized/pneumonia)  
Joan Aldrich (friend of Lois Wurl)  
Kara Baylor (pastor at Carthage College, friend of Becca Payne, bone cancer)  
Peter Burke (brother of Peg Lee)  
Whitman Brisky (Valerie Braun’s dad, multiple myeloma; will need a bone marrow transplant this summer)  
Larry Coble (friend of Cathi White)  
Rick Corona (brother of Joe Corona, recovery from bad fall)  
Diane (friend of Millie Burek, brain cancer)

Walter Drew (friend of Lois Wurl)  
Arlaine Frederick (niece of Mike and Nancy Sims, Guillain Barre Syndrome. Married on Nov. 5 to Mike Frederick, Mike and Nancy’s nephew)  
Sarah Graebner (cousin of Susan Hilkevitch)  
Katie Grassman (colleague of Charlie Slamar, injuries from riding accident)  
Cathy Hardison (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovery from broken wrist)  
Katie (friend of Christine Villacorta—lymphoma)  
Ari Kaufmann (friend of Carl & Donna Johnson)  
Karen Kochell (Rob Payne’s cousin, watching for possible return of eye cancer)  
Virginia Lee (mother of Dick Lee, rehab)  
Rosita Meggs (mother of Lorna Rubio, recovery from knee surgery)  
Mindy (request of Peg Lee, brain tumor)  
Vickie Nowakowski (Carole Rivera’s sister-in-law liver cancer)  
Carolyn Payne (mother of Rob Payne, palliative care)  
Lynn Payne (Rob’s sister-in-law, comfort and healing during recent cancer diagnosis)  
Jim Provenza (friend and former member, surgery)  
Ryan (Lorna Van Houten’s son, healing)  
Steve Skodacek (cousin of Paula Payne, for continued support upon the death of his wife, Joyce on February 13)  
Bobby Slotkin (friend of Stewart family, cancer)  
Ruth Straseske (friend of Carol Wilson, continued recovery from ovarian cancer)  
Steve and Dawn Taskay  
Tito Urian (friend of Phos Rivera, recovering ALS)  
Joan Weimer (friend/neighbor of Lois Wurl)  
Sharon Yandell (mother of Dave Yandell)



**LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION** — Our "40 items 40 days" is ON! It will run through Palm Sunday - April 2.

You are welcome to bring all that you have collected on that day, OR, you're welcome to bring your contributions each week. During the time of the offering, we'll invite you to come forward and leave your food offering at the foot of the altar where your gifts will be consecrated to their holy purpose. We're hoping the growing display of food throughout the Lenten season will serve as a reminder of the Lord's bounteous provision for us, and of our responsibility as Jesus disciples to care for the "least of these" among us.

**I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.  
I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.  
I AM THE DOOR.  
I AM  
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.  
I AM THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE.**

**LENT AT TRINITY  
BREAK BREAD  
WITH US  
COME JOIN US  
WEDNESDAYS IN  
LENT  
SUPPER @ 6:30PM**



**Holden Evening Prayer  
7:30 pm**

**HOLY WEEK  
AT TRINITY  
MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30PM  
GOOD FRIDAY 7:30PM  
EASTER SUNDAY  
9:30AM & 11:00AM**

