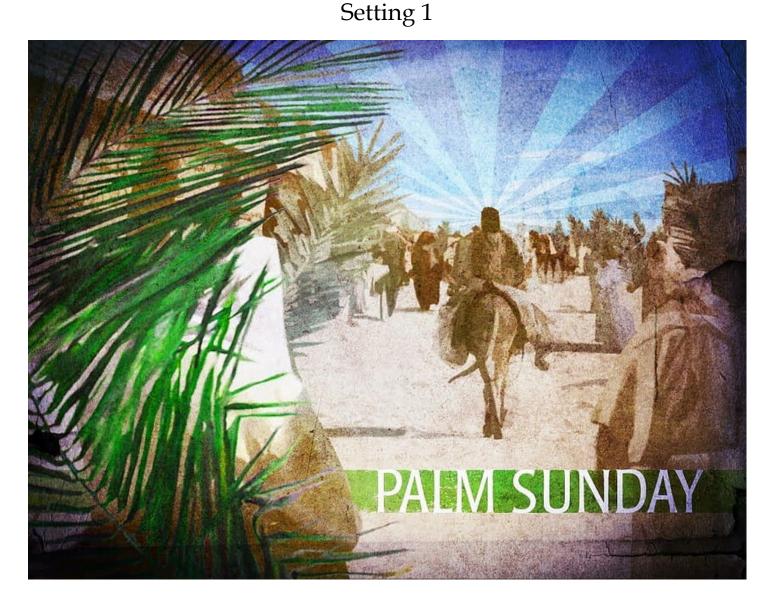
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church *Palm Sunday* 10:00 AM Worship Service • April 2, 2023

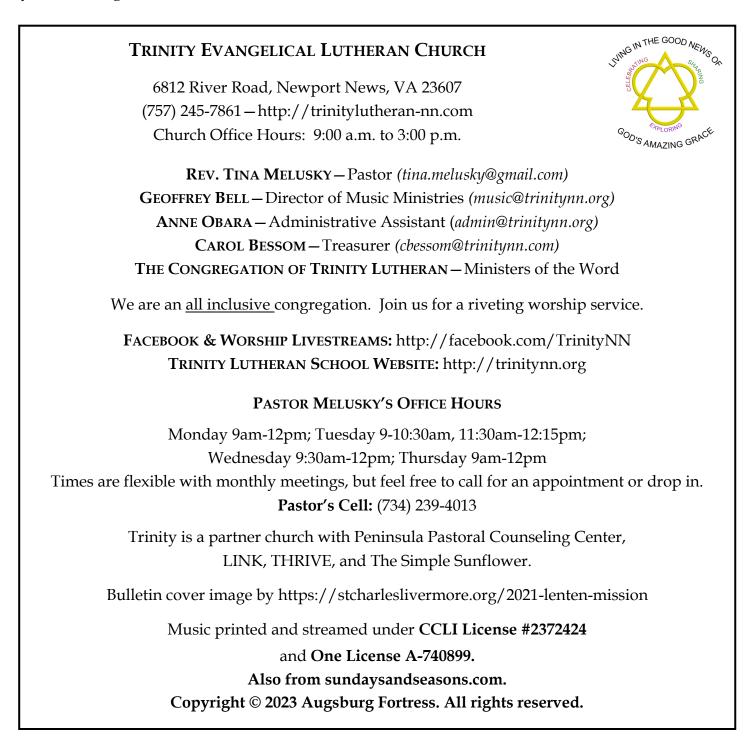


Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ as glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.



CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Palms

Jean-Baptiste Faure

GATHERING

All who are able may join Pastor Tina outside on the portico for the psalm, litany and prayer before processing into the sanctuary. Those inside may stand when procession from outside to inside begins.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-20

LITANY

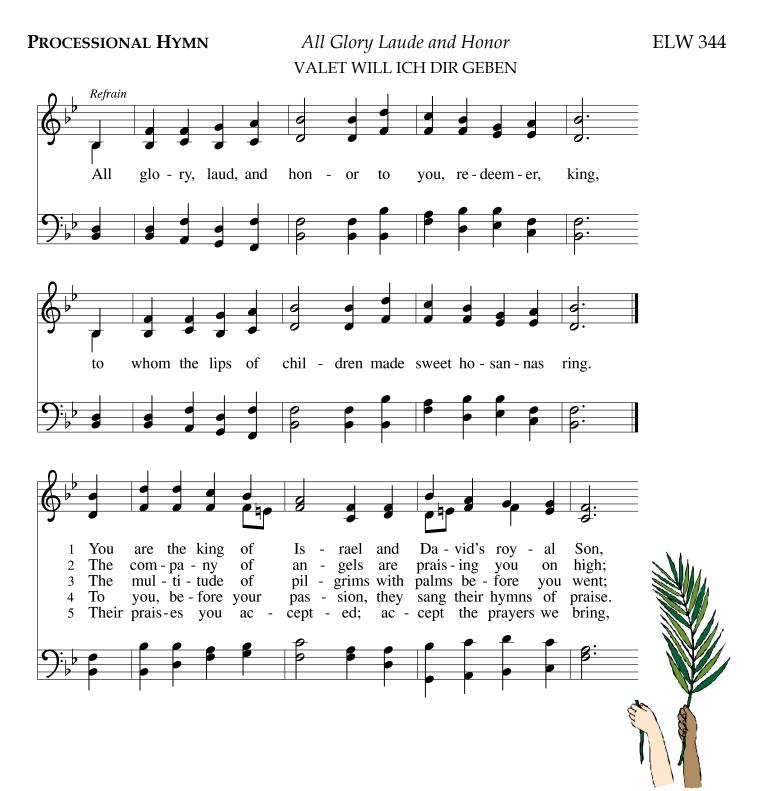
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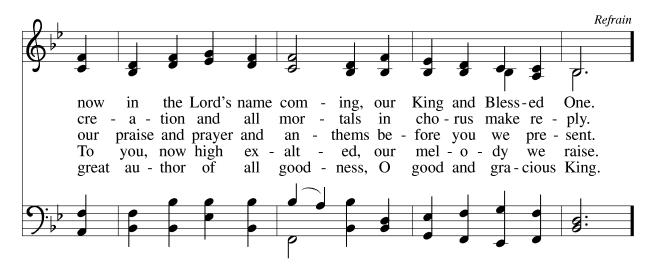
Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey.
Ride on in the cause of truth
And for the sake of justice.
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
And the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter.
You have loved righteousness and hated evil:
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David. **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



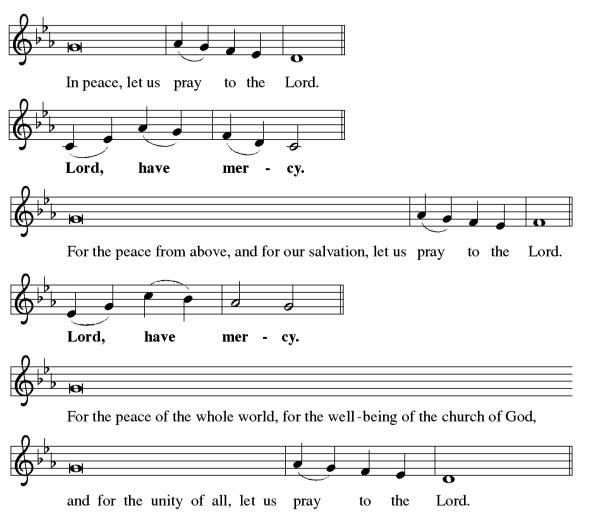


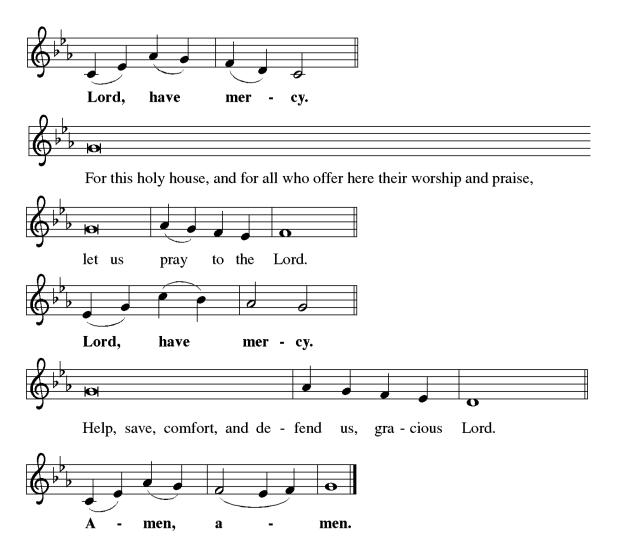
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**







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.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

PSALM 31:9-16 (read responsively)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;

I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

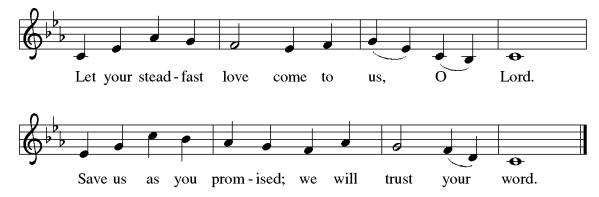
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of

you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

FAITH REFLECTION

Pastor Tina Melusky

Pastor Cheryl Griffin

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown LOVE UNKNOWN ELW 343



APOSTLE'S 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 the 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

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	Draw Nigh to Jerusalem	David H. Williams	
	Draw nigh to Thy Jerusalem, O Lord,		
	Thy faithful people cry with one accord:		
Ride on in triumph; Lord, behold we lay			
our passions, lusts, and proud wills in Thy way!			
	Thy road is ready; and Thy paths made straight,		
With longing e	expectation seem to wait the consecration of Thy b	peauteous feet,	
	And silently Thy promised advent greet!		

Thy road is ready; and Thy paths made straight, With longing expectation seem to wait.

Hosanna! Welcome to our hearts! For here Thou hast a temple, too, as Zion dear; O enter in, dear Lord, unbar the door and in that temple dwell forevermore.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord!

Blessed Is the One (sung twice) **OFFERTORY HYMN** ACS 929 **BLESSED IS THE ONE** Bless-ed is the who in who comes one comes the name, the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes in who comes in the name of the Lord. in the name,

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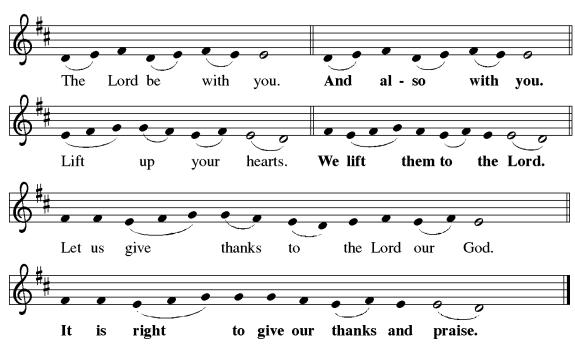


OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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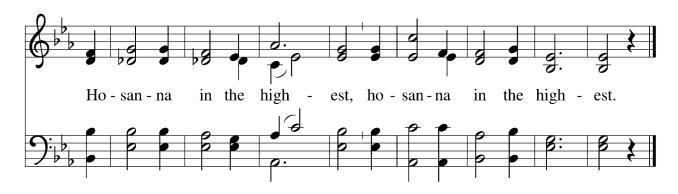
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS





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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

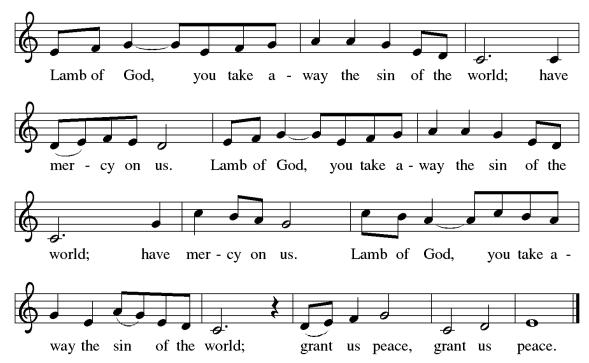
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

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.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

The Holy City Charles Adam Robinson, baritone Weatherly/Adams

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN	Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!	ELW 346	
THE KING'S MAJESTY			

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Fanfare and Toccata on *The King's Majesty* Robert A. Hobby

Special Note: Robert Hobby, who wrote today's postlude, will be presenting a hymn festival, here at Trinity, on September 29, as a part of our 125th anniversary celebration.







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Maundy Thursday - April 5, 2023

Worship at 7:00 p.m. with a service of footwashing, Holy Communion, and the stripping of the altar, all to commemorate Jesus' last meal with the disciples and his journey to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday - April 6, 2023

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Seven Last Words of Jesus at 7:00 p.m. with the reading of the Passion, along with musical reflection on the last words of Christ.

Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023

Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in the columbarium

Breakfast Reception at 8:45 a.m. in the social hall, folks are welcome to bring a dish to share.

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 a.m., kids will gather in the gym and then proceed to the playground, weather permitting.

Festival Worship at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

First Communion Celebration TODAY!: We are happy to announce that we are celebrating with Zachary Stoffa for his First Communion today. After worship, please join us for a brief cake and juice or coffee reception downstairs in our social hall. Congratulations to Zachary and his family!

Dedication of Lina Recupero's Scout Project: This morning, we rejoice with Lina in the dedication of her Eagle Scout project which is a stand-alone box to place easy, pop -top, non-perishable food into for those who are hungry in our community. The food for this project will be supported by Lina's scout troop for a month. Afterwards, Trinity will be taking over the supply request for food. Congratulations on your wonderfully thoughtful and nicely crafted project, Lina!

<u>Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Comments and Suggestions</u>: The RIC committee encourages everyone (member or not) to submit any questions or comments by filling out a form located on top of the wooden mailbox in the double glass door foyer, the narthex or the wall box nearest the wheelchair ramp door, OR by submitting your form online by going to this link: <u>https://forms.gle/B6xWHb4qx2Yk1B8s5</u>

<u>2023-2024 Church Directory</u>: The church office is now beginning to work on a 2023-2024 church directory. Please **submit any new information** to the office by calling Anne at 757-245-7861 or sending an email to admin@trinitynn.org. The deadline is April 10 for this information. Thank you!

COMMUNITY ...

Fundraiser for Law Enforcement: Greetings Trinity family! Erik Rummel here, and this year I will once again be participating in the Law Enforcement United Road to Hope. LEU's goal is to honor the fallen and remember the survivors. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization that raises funds to support law enforcement charities like Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), the Officer Down Memorial Page, and the Spirit of Blue Foundation. I can tell you that riding with surviving family members has really opened my eyes to why this work is so important. Trinity has been my greatest supporter in the past, and I'm hoping that you all will once again help me reach my

fundraising goal. If you would like to donate online, you can reach my page at : <u>memberplanet.com/campaign/leunited/ruff2023/erikrummel</u> . If you don't feel comfortable donating online, I'm happy to receive cash, checks, or whatever payment method you prefer. Please feel free to reach out to me at (757)652-8096 or by email at kdrerik@hotmail.com. I'd love to share some of the personal stories I've experienced over the years. Thank you all for your continued support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

<u>**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:**</u> On Tuesday, April 4, there will be a Bible Study starting at 10:30 in the church parlor, in person, and on Zoom.

Easter Egg Hunt: All Elementary Aged Youth are invited to come and hunt Easter eggs on Easter Sunday, **April 9**. We will meet in the gym and head out to **hunt eggs at 9 AM.** Make sure that you bring your Easter basket with you.

YOUTH

Sunday School for Youth Group: Come and before church (8:45 - 9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We are now watching *Thor Ragnarok*. Please join us!

Easter Egg Hunt HELP: The Youth group will meet at 8:45 A on Sunday, April 9, to hide Easter Eggs for the younger members of the congregation. All hands on deck will make for an easy egg hunt.

ITEMS POSTED ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

- 1. Reconciling in Christ Spotlights:
- 2. Thrive's Most Needed Items for the Month of March & other info.
- 3. VA Synod ELCA Synod Assembly Call
- 4. List of Ushers for March
- 5. Numerous thank you letters for donations made through the TEAM Foundation
- 6. List of Reformation Lutheran Church concerts for their concert series
- 7. Flier for Responding to Gun Violence conference

- 8. Flier for Hampton Roads Social Justice conference
- 9. Bishop's Statement on Anti-transgender legislation

PRAYER LISTS

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Pending Surgery: Jessica Savage (Mar. 31st for breast cancer); **Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); **Shut-in at Home:** Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; **Recovery At Home:** Bonnie Carlson, Gloria Stoffa and Butch Klapperich..

PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family and Chloe Koenig, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia), requested by Patricia Fielding; Shirley Krause, requested by Anne Obara; Matt Eggar, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt), requested by the Wessler family; Barbara Smith, requested by the Lunsfords; Nicholas Grainger (nephew), requested by Laura Davis; the family and friends of Daniel Hickman (cousin of Pastor Tina), requested by Pastor Tina; Susan Koehlinger (Laura's mother), requested by Laura Jay; Jonathan Blank (Pastor Tina's Brother-in-law) requested by Pastor Tina; the family and friends of James Newsome (Bill Solomon's son-in-law), requested by Bill Solomon and the family and friends of Pete Johnston.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; **Bryan Hunt**, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; **Eric Lindfors**, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; **Tyler Obara**, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; **Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley**, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; **Michael Titus**, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and **Elisabeth Bruce**.

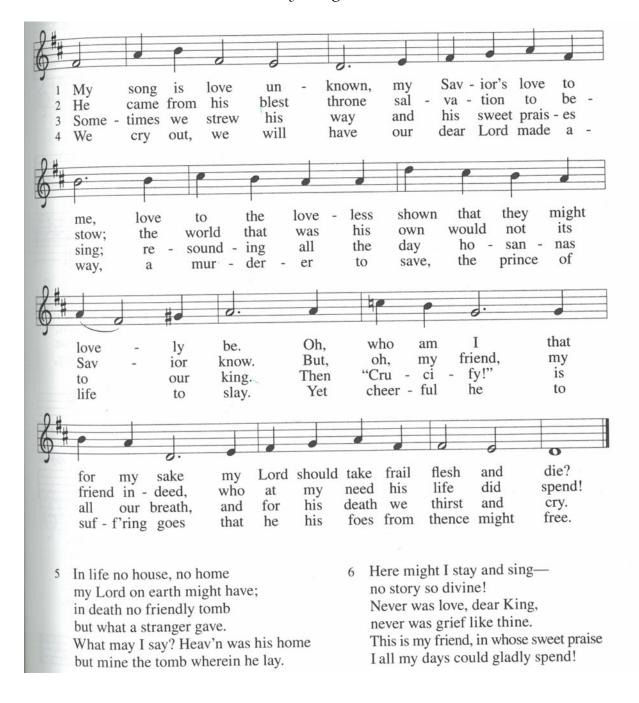
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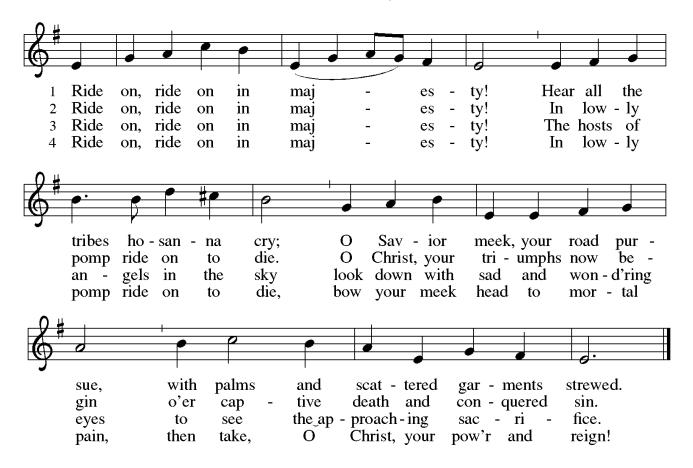
Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Shawn Murphy
Acolytes	Elliott Jay
	Karina Stevens
Lectors	Lauren Hill
Ushers/Greeters	John Lunsford
	Anne Obara
Altar Guild	Karoline Ardis
	Steve Quist
Camera/Livestream	Cliff Obara





RIDE ON, RIDE ON



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