

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service • 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.

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.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639
"I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ"

J. S. Bach

GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.
Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Congregation turns to face the processional cross.

GATHERING HYMN

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!
DUKE STREET

ELW 848

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.**

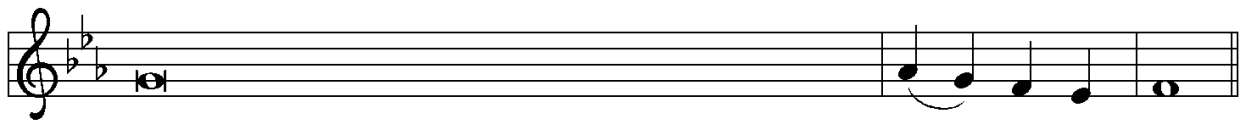
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



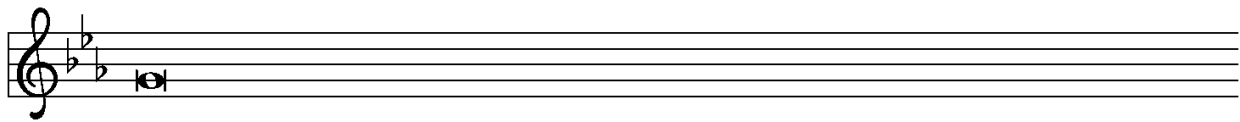
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



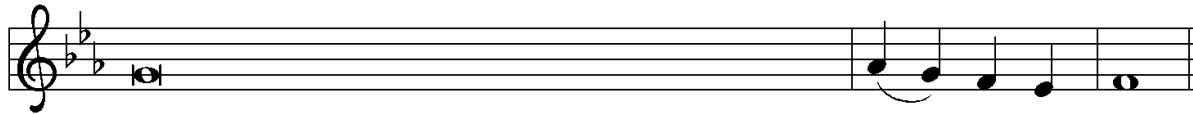
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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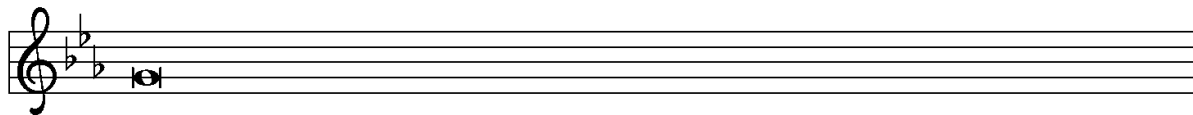
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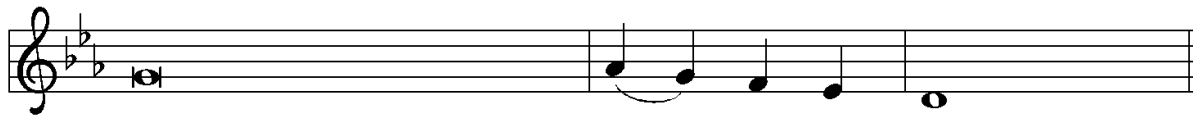
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have

sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So, Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

PSALM: Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 (*read responsively; sung response before and when denoted by “R”*)



You de - li - ver your peo - ple from their dis - tress.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took rebellious paths;

through their sins they were afflicted.

They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death’s door.

Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord

and you delivered them from their distress. R

You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love

and your wonderful works for all people.

Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy. R

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God’s grace at work in our lives.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the

passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which we were loved even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come God might show the immeasurable riches of God’s grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today’s first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have

not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Pastor Tina Melusky

FAITH REFLECTION

Sarah Green

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666

WONDROUS LOVE

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

Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, with some slurs and ties. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

PROPER PREFACE

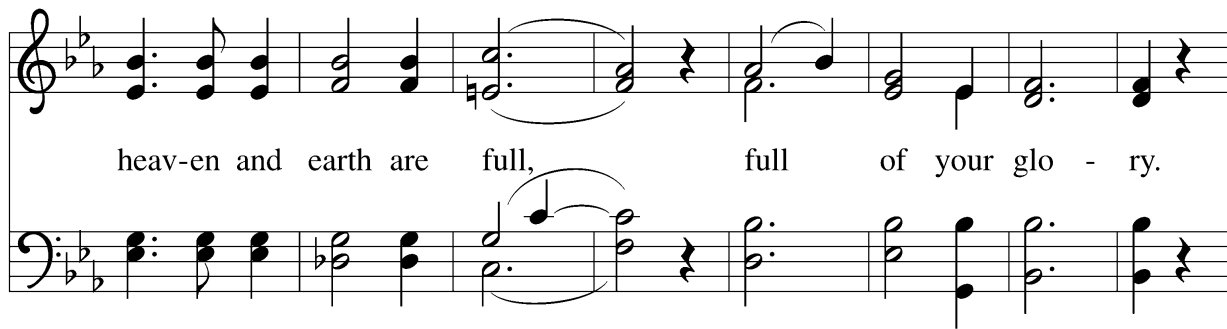
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

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

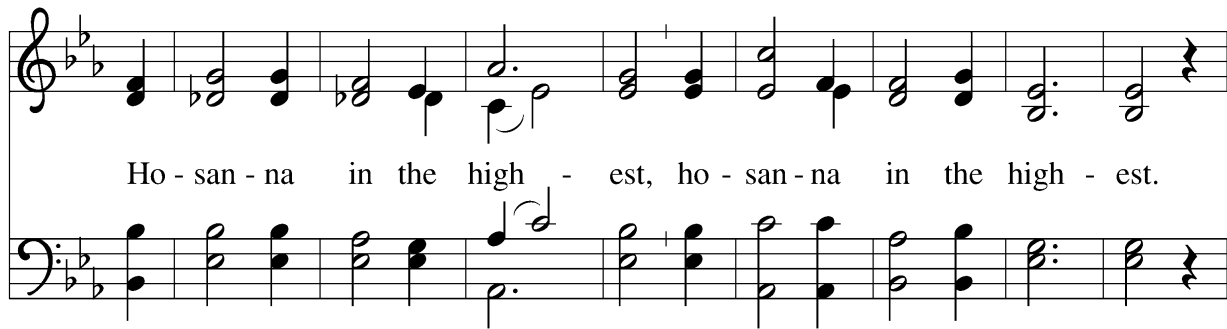
SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

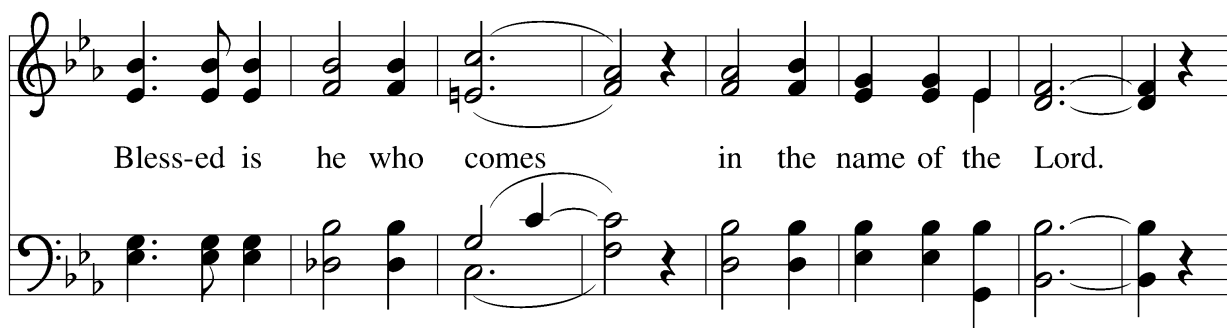
The musical notation for the Sanctus consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The notes are chords and single notes, with some slurs and ties. The lyrics are printed below the notes.



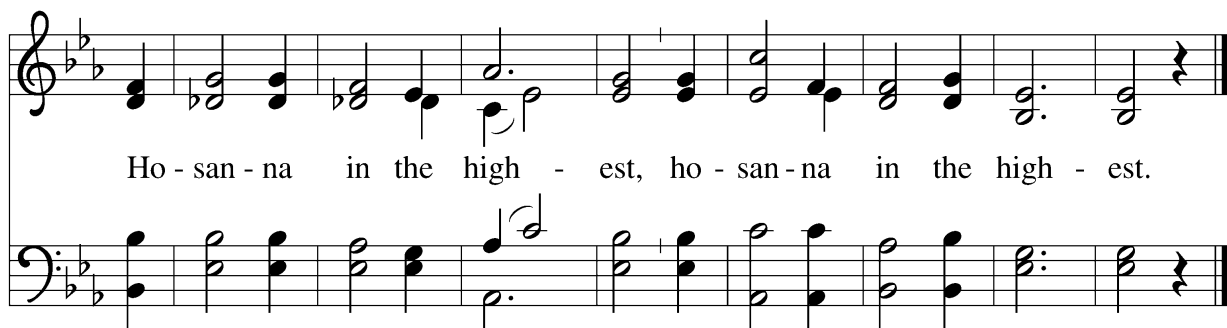
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all of its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

Amen.

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.

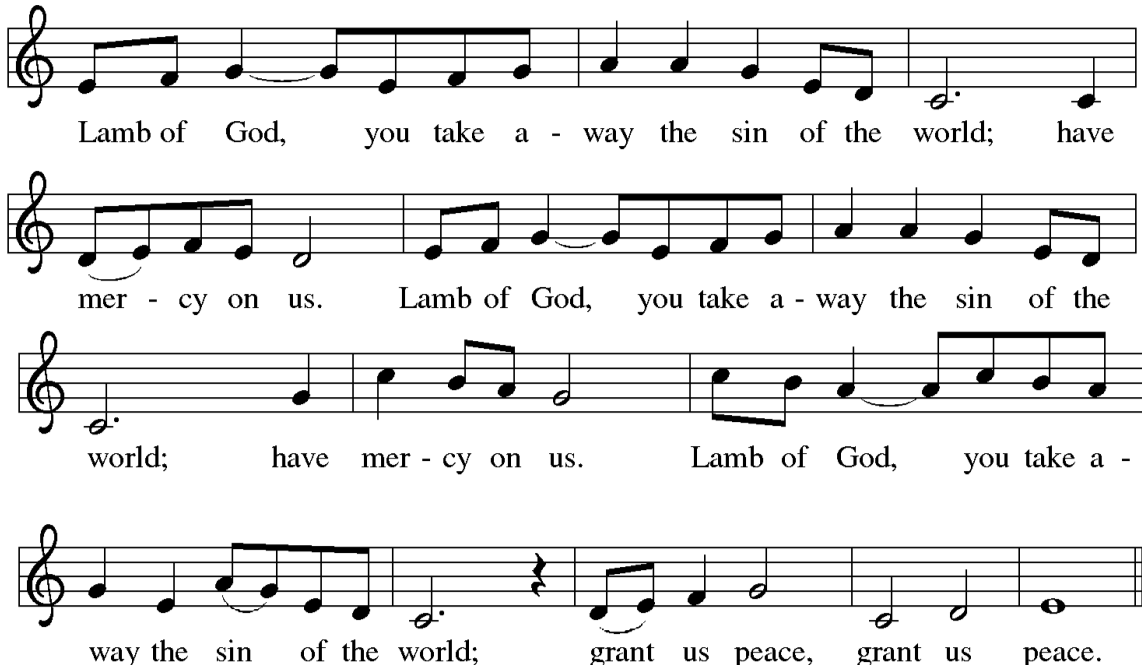
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a clear communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a purple 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 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*
NEAR THE CROSS

ELW 335

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

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.**

SENDING HYMN

Blessed Assurance
ASSURANCE

ELW 638

The assembly turns to face the receding cross.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

arr. Marianne Kim



Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Patrick Spisak
Acolytes	Karina Stevens
Lector	Misty Prussia
Ushers/Greeters	Dave Roselius John Lunsford
Camera/Livestream	Kelly Rummel



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN MUSICAL SERVICE

Our worship service on March 17 will be a special musical service centered around our journey of faith. We will hear scripture and reflections, sing hymns, and the Chancel Choir and Trinity Ringers will present several anthems reflecting on God's help and guidance through all of life's journey. Please plan to join us for this meaningful Lenten worship experience!

RED FOOD BOX: Thank you so much for your quick and generous response to the Red Box food appeal! Thanks to you, our siblings in the neighborhood will once again have something to munch on as they walk; and, more importantly, they are receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God!

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, Lucille Lebold, and Barbara Olson; Richard Anderson, Hampton Health and Rehab, Room 226. Doris Moeser, The Gardens at Warwick Forest, Rm. 602. Shut-ins at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family of Barbara Crane, long time member of St. Timothy Lutheran requested by Dottie Self; Lucia L. Solomon, requested by Bill Solomon; Jim Shook, Phil Shook's father; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail; Heike Ahlen, and the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) requested by Patricia Fielding; Matt Eggars (Sandy's nephew), requested by the Sniady family; Jessica Savage, requested by the Dail Family; Bill Wren and Don Harvey (father) and Anne Obara; Sherrie Strickland (cousin), requested by Wendy Mynoymany; and Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; The Family of Ann Frances Sekerke Bunn, a former member of our congregation and who passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; 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 wife, Elisabeth Bruce.

EASTER LILIES 2024



The cost for the lilies this year is \$14.00 per lily.

Please fill out this form completely (with your check or cash). Please either give it to the person at the table in the narthex, mail it in to the church office, Attn: Sharon Mathison, or scan and resend it to admin@trinitynn.org, or bring it by during office hours, 9-3, M-Th. **Sorry! No orders taken after March 18th.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Your Name (s): _____
(As you would like it in the bulletin.)

To the glory of God and in MEMORY of:

1) _____

To the glory of God and in HONOR of:

1) _____

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I am _____ taking home my lily or _____ giving it to Simple Sunflower.

Thank you for your order!

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The music is in a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the fifth staff is a double bar line.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran -omed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.