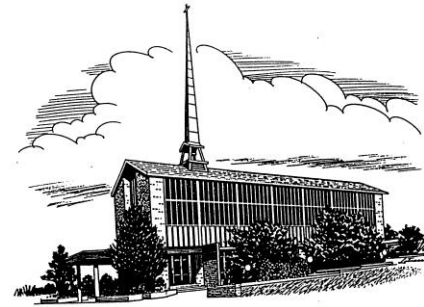


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THE PASSION AND THE PASCHA OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (EARTHEN VESSELS BY REV. STUCKWISCH)

Whereas Lent as a whole is chiefly catechetical and aims especially at the significance of Holy Baptism, Holy Week focuses the Church's attention on the Cross and Passion of her Lord as the first priority, and on His Sacrament of the Altar in its close connection to His Cross and Passion. As He accomplished salvation by the Tree of the Cross, so does He now distribute the Fruits of that Tree, His Body and Blood, in the Holy Communion. This dual focus on the Passion and the Sacrament is evident, not only in the proximity and close connection between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but in the way the narrative of the Lord's Supper figures prominently in the accounts of the Passion. The Sacrament interprets the Cross, and the Cross fills the Supper.

In general, Holy Week is marked by sober simplicity, quiet reverence, and a fasting from the Church's usual rejoicing. But the entire week, precisely in its focus on the Passion of our Lord, is kept in the confident expectation of His Paschal Feast. The fasting and prayers of Holy Week are undertaken in the remembrance of His Cross and in the hope of His Resurrection.

The emphases of Holy Week come into profound clarity in the sacred "Triduum," the Church's liturgical celebration of *the Three Days* — from the night when our Lord Jesus Christ was handed over to His voluntary suffering and death, until the first evening of His Resurrection from the dead, when He first appeared to His disciples in the Upper Room — that is, from Maundy Thursday evening until Easter Sunday evening. The Triduum is a comprehensive and concerted celebration of the Paschal Mystery, in which the Passion, Cross, and Resurrection of our Lord are held together in the Church's prayer and confession of Christ Jesus. Thus, Maundy Thursday anticipates and "leans into" both Good Friday and Easter, whereas the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord recalls and distributes the Fruits and Benefits of His Cross in His Holy Supper.

Maundy Thursday serves, on the one hand, as a bookend to Ash Wednesday, a culmination and completion of Lent. On the other hand, as the beginning of the sacred Triduum, it is already a participation in the Paschal Feast, especially by way of the Supper instituted on this night. The Lord's washing of His disciples' feet in the historic Holy Gospel for this day (St. John 13:1-15) is not only an example of Christian love for the neighbor, but first and foremost a demonstration of the Lord's enduring love for His own, and a depiction of their return to the significance of Holy Baptism through contrition and repentance, confession, and faith in His forgiveness of their sins. The penitential discipline of Lent thus finds its remedy and resolution here. The dust and ashes of sin and death are washed away by the Lord's Word of Absolution, and those who have been humbled by the Law are exalted by the One who humbles Himself, even unto death, in order to serve His disciples in love with His own Body and Blood.

Good Friday stands at the heart and center of the Triduum, as surely as the Cross and Passion of our Lord stand at the heart and center of the Christian faith and life. The whole day is marked by the Church's deepest humility and most solemn reverence. It is not that she mourns the death of Christ *per se*, but the sins of her own members and of the world for which He suffered and died. Accordingly, her sorrow does not lead her to despair, but to repentance and faith in the Cross of Christ. She gives thanks for His atoning sacrifice and lays hold of His redemption in the hearing of His Gospel – and in the eating and drinking of His Body and Blood.

The Good Friday Service is not a funeral for Jesus, not even in the sense that a Christian funeral is approached and “celebrated” in the hope and joy of the Resurrection. Good Friday and Easter belong together as one Paschal Feast, and so must the death of Christ be given its proper due as the Lord's decisive victory over sin, death, the devil, and hell — accomplished at the cost of His own Body and Lifeblood. He is not a helpless victim; yet, His suffering and death are fully real. There is a stark tension and a sober expectation inherent to the entire day and its observances.

Holy Saturday in its full scope is the inverse of Good Friday and the complement of Maundy Thursday, then also the onset of Eastertide as the day gives way to night. It marks and measures the transition from the depths of the Passion to the heights of the Pascha. So Holy Saturday is an eventful day, albeit mostly quiet. It is calm in its repose and Sabbath Rest, yet already full to the point of bursting with the sure and certain hope and expectation of the Resurrection.

The Great Vigil of Easter on the Eve of the Resurrection of Our Lord is the high point of the Triduum. It continues the observance that began on Maundy Thursday and passed through Good Friday, bringing it fully into the Paschal Feast and ushering in the Great Fifty Days of Easter. This transition is poignantly unfolded in the course of the Easter Vigil, which moves deliberately from darkness into light. In doing so, it celebrates the passage of Christ from death into life and the Church's passage through death into life with Him through Holy Baptism. The night begins with hushed anticipation, proceeds with heightened expectations, and finally crescendos in the exuberant celebration of the Eucharist. The cry rings out in the Church once more: “Alleluia!”

The Easter Vigil truly is a Christian “Passover,” that is, a celebration of the great Exodus that Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God, accomplished by His sacrificial death and brought to light in His Resurrection from the dead. All that the Lord God did for Israel in bringing His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land, He has perfectly fulfilled for all the baptized in His Cross and Resurrection. In Holy Baptism, His people have crossed the Red Sea out of slavery in Egypt and entered into Canaan through the waters of the Jordan River. As they die with Christ by their Baptism into His death, so do they also rise with Him and live with Him in newness of life. And in the Holy Communion, they eat and drink the true Passover Feast, since “Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7–8). His Blood covers His House and protects His Family from sin, death, and hell. His Body feeds and sustains His people on the Way as their true Meat, their Meal of Salvation, and as their true Manna from heaven in the wilderness of this world.

PRESCHOOL

The preschool is now enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year.

We have openings for ages 2-5.

Visit www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com for more information. Schedule a tour today! Please help us spread the word.

God's Blessings,
Breenna Smith, Director
Trinity Lutheran Preschool



Can watch on DirectTV Channel 377 Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM

April 2025

April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

A New Covenant

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Sermon Text: Luke 20:9-20 Readings: Psalm 126; Luke 20:9-20

April 13

Palm Sunday

Palms to Passion

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Sermon Text: John 12:13b Readings: John 12:12-19; Luke 22:1-23:56

April 18

Good Friday

What Does This Mean?

Rev. Craig Muehler (Guest Pastor) Sermon Text: John 19:17-30 Readings: Psalm 22;

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19:17-30

This program will be released on Good Friday on our digital platforms:

WorshipAnew.org - Mobile App - TV Streaming on Roku, Apple TV, Google TV,

Amazon Firestick - YouTube – Facebook

April 20

Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen

Rev. Thomas Eggold

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20 Readings: Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

April 27

Second Sunday of Easter

I Believe...

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Sermon Text: John 20:28 Readings: Psalm 148; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1- GREG DOWNES
- 2- SARA SAMFORD
- 4- MEVELYN FEAGLEY
- 8- MADELINE SIGHTS
- 10- THEODORE GLOWINSKI
TRISHA LETTERMAN
- 26- LISA KECK
- 27- NANCY KORFF
- 30- KATHY BUMB
MARK SCHLUMPF



JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

Thanks to the Board of Elders, Board of Outreach & Board of Stewardship for hosting the March Lenten Dinners.

Thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, & visits during my recent stay in the hospital. I greatly appreciated them.

Many blessings to you all, Lyle Plank

O SING TO THE LORD

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their milestone birthday/anniversary in March

SHARON STEVENS – 93rd

DON FEAGLEY – 90th

TERRY & GLENNA REININGA – 51st

During the month of March, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **SHIRLEY ZINN, RON KORFF, KATHY COOMER, LYLE PLANK, LISA KECK, TODD KORFF, RICHARD & MARY DENNIS, WAYNE WATHEN, NEAL WATHEN, AL & GLORIA**(Heritage room 96) **ARENDT, ARLENE HARTMAN, MARGE DAVID, and DON & ALICE KECK**(both-Heritage room 145)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, March 1.....	11
Sunday, March 2.....	48
Ash Wednesday.....	42
Saturday, March 8.....	10
Sunday, March 9.....	62
Lenten Service.....	36
Saturday, March 15.....	15
Sunday, March 16.....	41
Lenten Service.....	29
Saturday, March 22.....	17
Sunday, March 23.....	56

BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL

25
Voter's Meeting
22
30

WHAT'S COMING UP

NEW ADDRESSES: If you or someone you know from the church has a new address or phone number, please let the church office know. Thanks Trisha

CALENDAR IN THE OFFICE: There is a calendar in the office for all the events that are happening at the church this year. If you know when things are happening during the year, they need to be put on that calendar.

FOR SARAH'S AND ALL SARAH-ELIGIBLE LADIES: The Sarah Bible Class meets on Thursdays at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. They will begin to study the book of Isaiah. Fellowship, Coffee and Treats begin at 10:00 AM. All Ladies are invited to attend. Bring a Friend.

TRE-ORE AT ST PAUL'S: St. Paul's Lutheran Church will again be hosting a Tre-Ore Service on April 18 – Good Friday from Noon to 3:00 PM. Our own **PASTOR GLOWINSKI** will be participating. Watch the bulletins for more details.

VISITING THE SHUT-INS: How would you like to visit our fellow members who can't come to church? We would love to have a few dedicated people to visit the shut-ins. If this is something you would like to do, please let us know.

GREETERS: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church for anyone who would like to be a greeter in 2025. Please consider helping before each church service. If you have any questions, please contact **KATHY BUMB**.

FLOWER CHART: The Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex of the church. This is where you may sign up to put flowers by the altar during certain times of the year. The first person signing up for a particular date, selects the color and type of flowers. The cost is **\$35.00**, and the Altar Circle will take care of the ordering of the flowers and announcement in the bulletin of the significance of the flowers. When your month approaches that you selected, the member of the Altar Circle for that month will contact you for your information. Questions?? See **LINDA RAE KORFF** or call at (812) 477-4078 or cell (812)459-4078.

Please join us for dinner & worship as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel:

MIDWEEK OF LENT 4

Dinner by Board of Youth(Soup) at 6:00 PM
Barabbas, John 18:33–40

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5

Dinner by Board of Parish Fellowship(Baked Potatoes) at 6:00 PM
Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–16

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13 – DIVINE SERVICE II at 9:30 AM

HOLY WEEK MONDAY

APRIL 14 with COMMUNION at noon

HOLY WEEK TUESDAY
APRIL 15 with COMMUNION at noon

HOLY WEEK WEDNESDAY
APRIL 16 with COMMUNION at noon

MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY
Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30

GOOD FRIDAY
John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

THE VIGIL OF EASTER
Nicodemus, John 19:38–42

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18

EASTER MONDAY
APRIL 21 PRAYER with COMMUNION at noon

EASTER TUESDAY
APRIL 22 PRAYER with COMMUNION at noon

EASTER WEDNESDAY
APRIL 23 PRAYER with COMMUNION at noon

