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# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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## *The Good News*

### LIFE AT TRINITY IN PICTURES



## ***From Our Pastor***

**“We Are Fools for Christ’s Sake...”** 1 Corinthians 4:10

My Dear Fellow “Fool for Christ’s sake...”

As we begin this month with April Fool’s Day, I am so happy to be reminded that we are “fools for Christ’s sake!” This sounds hilarious and funny. But, in all seriousness, we being “fools for Christ” keeps us grounded, humbled and God-dependent in all we say and do! The holy scripture adds :

***“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”*** 1 Corinthians 1:18

Our life mission depends on it! God’s reckless love redefined the meaning of life, death and everything in-between and the life after to all of us!

Jesus, our forerunner, dismantled the curse of death, took it upon himself. As” fools for Christ’s sake” we confess, “He was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He ROSE from the dead!” It is the POWER OF GOD!

This message and confession turns the tables, the meaning and reason of our lives! Death has no last say in our lives. It is there. But through Christ, we have victory! A Christ follower is never a loser!

This Lenten journey in Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord celebrations are here for you to come and celebrate. Mark your calendars and times of our corporate worship opportunities.

Let the “fools for Christ” say:

***“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!!”***



From your Pastor,  
*Johnson Rethinasamy*

## Deacon's Bench



In a few short weeks we celebrate Easter. The lilies, the trumpets, the joy!! We sing "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and thank God for His Son.

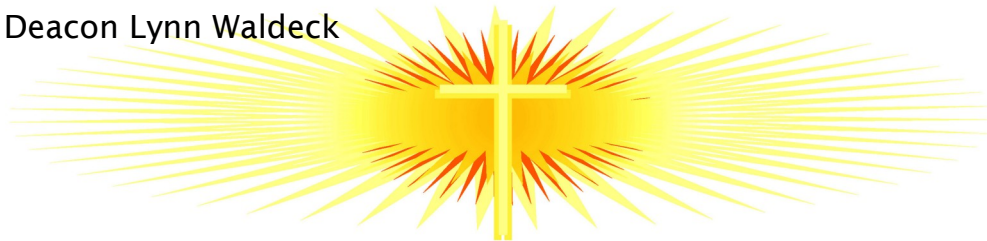


After a cold winter, the slow warm up of March and the seriousness of Lent, we are ready to celebrate. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. We should use this special time to recharge and renew and draw closer to God; to spend more time in prayer and worship. To think about the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. The flowers are starting to bloom and we can enjoy the warmth of the sun. We are ready! We celebrate with joy the SON. We thank Him for forgiving us and for loving us; for being with us Easter morning and each day of our lives.

Let us pray:

*Lord, we are so grateful that Jesus is alive. He is risen! He is our Savior, our risen Lord, and our King of kings. We praise and thank you. Let us keep that joy and hope on Easter morning and everyday day of our lives. Let us continue to find ways to share your Good News with those around us. We are thankful for everyone here at Trinity. For all of our volunteers that keep us going and growing. We are thankful for each and every one of you, for the support and friendship and fellowship that we have together. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior, Amen.*

Deacon Lynn Waldeck



**Your Deacons**

**Betsy Lazarek  
Donna Haines  
Lynn Waldeck**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship  
1st Holy Communion

Good Friday

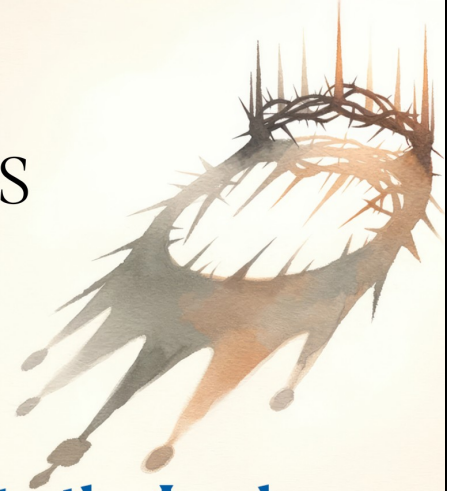
7:00pm Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday

6:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

7:00am Sunrise Service Outdoors  
9:00am Easter Festival Service  
11:00am Easter Festival Service  
Join us for fellowship in between services



**Return to the Lord,  
your God, for He is gracious and  
merciful, slow to anger, and  
abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2:13**

Join us each  
Wednesday  
evening at  
7:00pm  
for midweek  
Lenten worship:  
April 2, 9

## MUSIC FOR PALM SUNDAY

I've written often about upcoming choir music, particularly for Christmas and Easter. This month I would like to highlight the music that Trinity Choir will sing on Palm Sunday, April 13 this year. The music that they will sing is the "Benedictus" from "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" by Welsh composer, Sir Karl Jenkins (b. 1944). The full Mass contains 13 sections, this is the twelfth. The text, in Latin, is one that we sing each week in service – "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!" The title of the mass, *The Armed Man*, is taken from the title of a 15<sup>th</sup> century French song, which includes the words, "the armed man is to be feared." The original song is featured at the beginning and the end of the mass, but not in the Benedictus section. The entire mass was written in memory of those who lost their lives in the Kosovo wars of the early 1990's. It is a piece, as a whole, that speaks against the tragedies of war.

When we arrive at the Benedictus section, the mood of the mass changes, and there is a ray of hope. The hope of a time where there is no more war, only peace, a time that only Christ can bring us. The entire mass has been described as a classic of the choral literature, and the Benedictus itself declared one of the most beautiful pieces composed in the last fifty years. The music was recorded after the initial performance and was released on CD for the first time on September 10, 2001. The next day, September 11, 2001, the world was left in shock, as the horrors of that day unfolded in the United States.

The music for the Karl Jenkins' Benedictus, particularly in Europe, was picked up as a musical theme for the coverage of the events, and as such, has been linked with these events. Its message of hope and peace resonated with the listeners.

The Benedictus opens and closes with a short, beautiful melody in both the orchestra and choir, in the middle section, jubilant Hosannas burst forth in the music, as if all heaven itself were coming down to earth.

We hope that the Benedictus will enhance your worship on Palm Sunday this year. I have included a link so that you can listen to this piece of choral music, and encourage anyone curious to listen to the rest of *The Armed Man Mass* by Sir Karl Jenkins.

<https://youtu.be/5KdLTxOD1KM?si=m1km6nZAcuJsEeUz>

Henry DeVries,  
*Minister of Music*



## Early Childhood Center Update

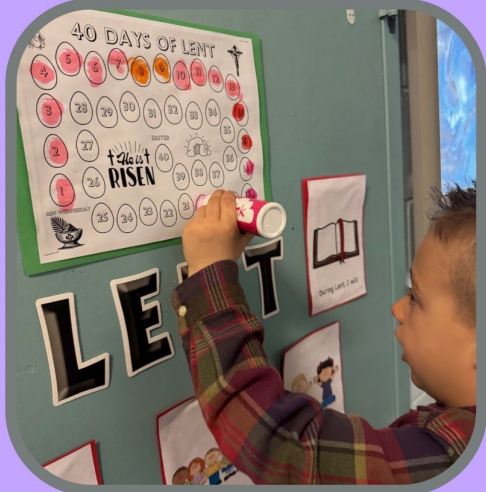
As we prepare our hearts for Easter, ECC is excited to announce our Lent countdown! Each day, our children will color an egg, marking the days leading up to the momentous occasion of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. This Lenten season provides a wonderful opportunity for our children to reflect on their promises to God—attending chapel, saying their prayers, and striving to be good individuals.

We will celebrate Easter in school with our Easter programs on April 14, 15, and 16! ECC families are warmly invited to partake in Easter BINGO, engaging crafts, a delightful Easter Egg Hunt, and a chance to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

As we embark on this meaningful journey, let us remember the words of 1 Peter 1:3- "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

We look forward to celebrating this joyous season together!

Seleena Seemangal,  
ECC Director



### ECC'S COUNTDOWN TO EASTER!



During Lent, I will  
go to church.



During Lent, I will  
say my prayers.



During Lent, I will  
be the best  
that I can be!

## Trinity Lutheran School News

Dear Trinity Families,

As we transition into the spring season, I am grateful for our church and school community. May this spring bring a renewed sense of energy and optimism, as we look forward to Easter and celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

Our next big fundraiser is Wingo, which is scheduled for Friday, May 2. You can get involved in a variety of ways. We are always in need of monetary donations or themed baskets. If you are willing to contribute, please do not hesitate to contact me. Be on the lookout for additional information, as the date approaches. We hope to see everyone there for a fun filled evening of fellowship and raffle prizes.



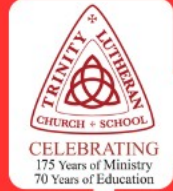
In His Service,  
Jennifer Forte  
*Principal*



### EASTER LILIES

Easter Sunday is approaching fast and if you would like to order an Easter lily to decorate our altar in celebration of Jesus' resurrection, please fill out a memorial envelope and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

**Cost is \$20.00 and the deadline for orders is Sunday, April 13.**



# CELEBRATE SUMMER 2025

Trinity Lutheran's Celebrate Summer offers an affordable program for children in a caring Christian environment.

**Six Week Sessions** are available for Children age 2 through those entering 3rd grade.

**PROGRAM HOURS:** 8 AM - 1 PM

**\*9AM-12PM FOR 2 YEAR PROGRAM**

PROGRAM FEE  
**\$300**  
PER WEEK

## ACTIVITIES:

- ORGANIZED SPORTS
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAMS
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
- WATER PLAY
- ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
- MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

**10% OFF**  
WHEN REGISTERED  
BEFORE APRIL 15TH

For More information:

[trinityli.org/celebrate-summer](http://trinityli.org/celebrate-summer)

\*A \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit is due upon registration



### The BUTTERFLY, A Christian Symbol

The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.



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# EASTER EGG HUNT



APRIL 19  
2025

Free  
Entry

10am  
Bring your  
own basket

Trinity Lutheran Church & School  
40 W. Nicholai St, Hicksville NY

**REGISTER NOW!**



[www.TrinityHicksville.org](http://www.TrinityHicksville.org)





# Wingo Help Needed!

Wingo is Trinity's largest PTFA fundraiser of the year. It is scheduled for May 2nd. It is a night filled with games, raffles, and fellowship together. Here is how you can help.

- Donate any unused, new items that you may have. We can use those to create raffle baskets.
- If you are interested in donating a themed basket, all donations are welcome.
- Monetary donations are also appreciated!

Questions?: Email Jennifer Forte at [Jforte@trinityLI.org](mailto:Jforte@trinityLI.org)



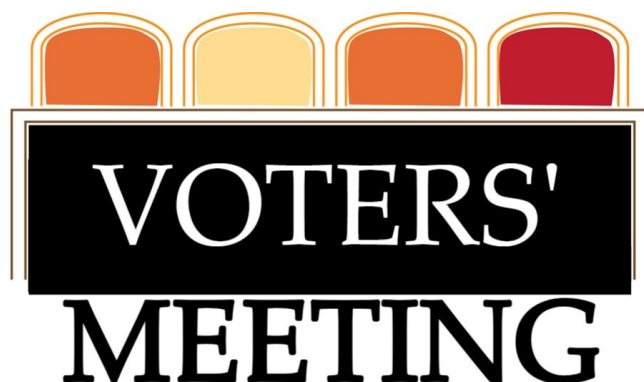
We had a very successful Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on March 1. Over \$1,300 was raised, including about \$400 from raffles. Thank you Denise Miller, our chairperson, for spearheading the event! From the organizing, execution and tireless efforts to get local outside vendors to donate, this entire event was quite an undertaking. We also want to thank the people who made monetary, food and raffle donations and the helping hands provided by our members and the Boy Scouts. And of course a round of applause to our highly talented Jazz Band (Wayne Hoerberlein, Paul Viole, Binny Samuel and John Hoefling). Nice entertainment! Please check our LWML bulletin board and the Trinity Facebook page to view some photos of the festivities.

We just had an updated count that a total of 71 quilts were delivered to the New Life Center by Dolores Sartor. Thank you Dolores for delivering the entire batch of finished quilts to the Center! And a big thank you to everyone who participated with this project for needy mothers.

Our next planned event is the in-house High Tea on May 17. The theme is “Serve the Lord with Gladness.” This will be the first time since Covid where we will have this event in person. Please be on the lookout in the coming weeks for details in the bulletins.

We wish you and your families a blessed Easter, filled with faith, hope and joy as you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Margherite, Robyn, Kathy, Tina, and Faye*



## **Mark your calendars!**

There will be a Voters' Meeting held on Sunday, April 27 following the 9:00am worship service. Please note that there will be only one worship service that morning.

## Comfort Dog Ministry



## Comfort Dogs are on the Move in April

- 3/30/2025 - Immanuel Whitestone
- 4/6/2025 - Bristol Massapequa
- 4/6/2025 - Bristol Bethpage
- 4/7/2025 - Arbors Islandia
- 4/8/2025 - Central Island
- 4/9/2025 - Calvary Preschool
- 4/10/2025 - Alzheimer's Foundation
- 4/10/2025 - Somerset gardens
- 4/13/2025 - Coffee Hour
- 4/14/2025 - Arbors Jericho
- 4/15/2025 - Bristol Westbury
- 4/16/2025 - Day Break
- 4/19/2025 - Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/21/2025 - Central Island
- 4/22/2025 - Bristol Westbury
- 4/24/2025 - Alzheimer's Foundation
- 4/25/2025 - Massapequa Brownies
- 4/28/2025 - Arbors - Jericho
- 4/29/2025 - Redeemer St Johns Brooklyn





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# Jr. Youth

**6TH THROUGH  
8TH GRADE**



**Mar. - APRIL 2025**

## Quick Calendar

Trivia Night  
Friday  
March 14th  
6:00pm

LI Nets  
Basketball Game  
Friday  
March 28th

For questions  
regarding FUEL  
please email  
[youth@trinityli.org](mailto:youth@trinityli.org)

## Upcoming Events

### TRIVIA NIGHT

See Flyers for More Information.

This is a family style fundraiser for our Sr. Youth, NOT a drop-off event.

### LI NETS

See Flyer for More Information.

Come just us at the Coliseum and watch the LI Nets! Kids will get to participate in a High Five Line down on the court to welcome the players into the game.

This is NOT a drop off Event.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!**  
**FOR THE SR. YOUTH GROUP**  
**HELP US GET TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING!**

Sunday, April 6th  
9:30am - 11:30am  
\$8 - Adult  
\$5 - Child

**PANCAKES BACON SAUSAGE**

**ENDURE**

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



# Easter



**FOOD  
DRIVE**

We will be collecting the following items for  
Lutheran Social Services-New LIFE Center  
and our Blessing Box for Easter.

- Red or Black Dried Beans
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Spam
- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Sugar/Flour
- Pudding/Jello
- Cookies
- Canned Fruit
- Napkins
- Pancake Mix/Syrup
- 1-2 lb. Bag or Boxed Rice
- Coffee and Tea
- Parmalot Milk

Also, we will be sending grocery store food cards to those who are  
in need for Easter. If you would like to help, please send in grocery  
store or Target cards (attention Lynn) or you can send in a donation  
for us to purchase cards.

Please mark it for food baskets.

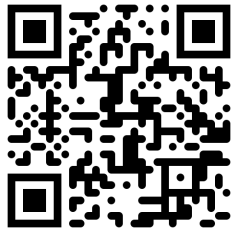
## Good to Know Info!

### LIVE STREAM and MULTI-CASTED WORSHIP SERVICES

Our live streamed worship services are simultaneously streamed to both YouTube as well as Facebook. Therefore, you can choose to watch the Live Stream on either site. Trinity's channel on YouTube is @TRINITYHICKSVILLE The Direct link to the live stream on Facebook is [FBLive.TrinityHicksville.Org](https://www.facebook.com/FBLive.TrinityHicksville.Org) The Direct link to the live stream on YouTube is [YTLive.TrinityHicksville.Org](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTLive.TrinityHicksville.Org) We hope this additional platform will accommodate the many assorted devices in use. "Like & Subscribe!"

**TRINITY QR CODES** QR codes (or Quick Response codes) are two-dimensional codes that you can scan with your smart phone. The code contains information, usually a site address, and once you scan it, the code connects you with a resource on the web. Below are Trinity's two codes, one is for a direct link to our church website and the other code will take you to Trinity's PushPay screen for making your offering or giving a monetary gift. Give them a try!

[Trinity Website:](#)



[Trinity Giving:](#)



**SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING ON HIATUS** Trinity's Service of Prayer and Healing held on the first and third Thursdays of the month will be on hiatus for the upcoming Lenten season. Please join us on Wednesdays for our midweek Lenten services in lieu of these twice monthly worship opportunities. The Service of Prayer and Healing will resume on Thursday, May 1.

**BOOTH HELP NEEDED FOR TRINITY'S LIVE STREAMED SERVICES** Are you looking for a way to serve at Trinity behind the scenes? Do you enjoy working with technology? This might be right up your alley! We are in need of additional both techs to make sure the live streamed worship services run smoothly. You will be trained, so don't be afraid to get involved. If you are interested and/or have questions, please contact Donna Haines at [dhaines@trinityhicksville.org](mailto:dhaines@trinityhicksville.org) or at ext. 229.

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

Newsletter submissions and articles for the May 2025 edition of *The Good News* are due to the church office by noon on **Thursday, April 24, 2025.**

**Thank you!**

### ***Worship Schedule***

Sundays 9:00am Traditional  
Live Streamed on  
Facebook and YouTube  
In Person

Sundays 11:00am Contemporary  
Live Streamed on  
Facebook and YouTube  
In Person

Sunday School 9:00am  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month  
South Asian Fellowship

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