



# Trinity Tidings

APRIL 2024



*A newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church*

*63-70 Dry Harbor Road*

*Middle Village, NY 11379*

*Office – 718-335-7300*

Sunday School	Sunday 9:15am
Social Time	Sunday 10:00am
Worship Service	Sunday 10:30am <i>in person and on Zoom</i>

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church, founded in 1863 and confluent with Ascension, Glendale in 2011. We are a family of Christian believers called together by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to serving God and community. We are followers of the Lord Jesus; in our life together we seek the promise, the love, the peace and the hope, which are God's gifts to us as His people. Our doors and our hearts are open to you in God's name. We invite you to share with us the adventure of faith that unfolds each week at Trinity Lutheran Church. Our fellowship embraces many activities, to which you are most warmly invited.

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).  
Church Office: 718-335-7300, 9:45am to 2:45pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS:** Zoom meeting ID = 7183357300, password= 11379

Using a phone, dial +16469313860

When prompted enter the meeting id followed by # 7183357300#

When prompted enter the password followed by # 11379#

## CHURCH STAFF AND TEAM

The Rev. Donald Lemke, Interim Pastor  
Mr. Frank B. Auriemma, Jr, Minister of Music  
Mrs. Renee Robertazzi, Parish Secretary  
Ms. Doris Tegge, Sunday School Coordinator

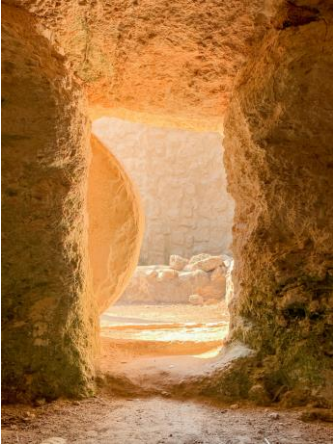
Mr. Vincent Mele, Sexton  
Dcn. Lois Jenkins, Synodical Deacon  
Dcn. Masayo Kagita, Synodical Deacon  
Ms. Masayo Kagita & Mr. Jeff Gardner, Worship  
Streaming Technical Team

Trinity Tidings is edited and published by Doris Tegge and Renee Robertazzi. We welcome articles and devotionals from our readers for the purpose of enriching our faith community. All articles and comments may be submitted to [information@trinitymiddlevillage.org](mailto:information@trinitymiddlevillage.org) or [administration@trinitymiddlevillage.org](mailto:administration@trinitymiddlevillage.org)

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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The Sunday School children have been singing a song called “Every Morning is Easter Morning”. It’s a catchy, upbeat tune and has a joyful message. Christians worship on Sunday because Christ rose on a Sunday and in Christian tradition every Sunday is a mini-Easter celebration. The good news of hope, love, and forgiveness is for every morning, all year long. Now that is something to sing about! As the song goes: “The past is over and gone! . . . Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good riddance! Hello, Lord, hello sun! I am one of the Easter people! My new life has begun!” (Richard Avery and Donald Marsh, ©1972 Hope Publishing Co.)

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## HOLY WEEK – PASSION WEEK – GREAT WEEK

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While growing up, the beginning of Holy Week started with Palm Sunday. It was mainly a Sunday when the common refrain was to give me a palm. We went to church to get some palms—a gimme!

As I grew older, Palm Sunday became known as Passion Sunday. We heard the reading of the Passion of Christ, introducing us to the death of Jesus. It was not intended to be a celebration but a reminder of how much was happening this week. It was a stark reminder of how bought-off we can be and, waving palms and throwing our coats on the road, claiming Jesus as king. We had our palms, and it was all good with the world. Passion Week became a stark reminder of the human proclivity to get lost in enthusiasm and passion until it gets too hard. But we did get our Palms.

Palm/Passion Sunday remains a Gimme Sunday, ending our Lent. Depending upon our age, we mark our week as Holy or Passion. The week marks how much our Christ will and has taken on for us. We celebrate Jesus the King and get our Palms. We deride Him for being anointed at dinner and, oh, Perfume on his feet even. At a later Dinner, He washes the guest's feet. Sharing a meal, sharing himself, unbeknownst to the guests, preparing to die. His friends fall asleep. The group's treasurer betrays him with a sign of affection. Arrested, Beaten, betrayed. Nothing Great about this week, blood, gore, and a grave. Yet the greatness is found in all that Jesus, our Christ, has done for us. Our Christ showed us that God brings heaven near to us. Greatness that walks with us as we are, reminding us that we are created to live and sometimes get a Palm.

Journey well! You are Blessed!  
Pastor Don Lemke

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## LOOK AT WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING AT TRINITY!

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### ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on February 11, 2024. Pastor Don Lemke and Congregation President Lois Jenkins addressed the assembly. Each highlighted the importance of participation in and giving back to the community. Trinity does this in several ways: Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, and providing space for the Board of Elections for voting. It is important to support these programs. The Worship Committee reported that it is always trying to incorporate new music while keeping the old favorites. Worshipers are encouraged to use the “Trinity Survey & Feedback” forms available on

trinitymiddlevillage.org. An update was given on property matters. Trinity's heating and air conditioning systems are aging and in need of maintenance. People are encouraged to give to the Property Fund. The 2024 Spending Plan was adopted. Election of council members was held. As there were no new nominations, all present council members have agreed to continue in their roles.

### WORSHIPPING TOGETHER AT TRINITY



Holy Week commenced at Trinity with Passion Sunday on March 24. The Sunday School children joined others of the Trinity family in a palm waving procession within the church. Several members of Trinity participated in reading parts of the Passion relating events from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday, we gathered again to celebrate the institution of the Last Supper and receive the Holy Oils. Instead of washing feet, we all washed hands and then gathered around the altar table for communion. The altar was stripped bare in preparation for Good Friday. On Good Friday, we commemorated the crucifixion with a Tenebrae service. As the scripture was read, 8 candles were extinguished one by one until the church was left in darkness. Then we went home.

Easter Morning all was bright with flowers and light. We celebrated the Resurrection of Christ with lots of singing and Alleluias! The Sunday School kids were treated to an Easter Egg Hunt after their lesson. A warm welcome to all who joined us that day. Thanks to all who helped with their time, money, and talents. Especially: Pastor Lemke and the Worship Committee, Renee who prepares the PowerPoint slides and bulletins, Sandy who brought and arranged the flowers, Connor and Benjamin who served at the altar, Kaitlin and Sophia who helped during the service, all the readers for Passion Sunday, and Masayo and Jeff for live streaming. Let's not forget Debbie who made a delicious carrot cake for coffee hour.

### PANCAKE LUNCH

Bad weather prevented us from hosting the traditional Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. But the Boy Scouts are not to be deterred! The meal was rescheduled for Sunday lunch. The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Anthony Zalak, cooked and served.



IN CHARGE OF THE KITCHEN

## SPRING MARKET

The Spring Market and Rummage Sale was held on March 9. It was a great success. All available spaces were filled with vendors. There were refreshments, a basket raffle, and a 50/50 raffle. The downstairs rummage sale had a great day and generated more income than in all previous years. Thanks to all who donated time, goods and talents. Your support makes it possible to maintain our Trinity campus and to serve the community.



## CHRISM MASS

Deacons Masayo and Lois participated in a Chrism Mass held at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Pleasantville, NY on March 24. A Chrism Mass is a mass which includes the blessing of oils, called the Oleo Sacra, or Holy Oils. These oils are used to anoint at baptism, confirmation, ordination, and for the sick and dying. Three vials of blessed oil were brought back to Trinity and received at our Maundy Thursday service with a special liturgy. The oils will be used for anointing at Trinity. Please contact Pastor Lemke, Deacon Lois, or Deacon Masayo for more information.



## CLOTHING BOX DROP

The orange clothing collection box will be removed. Unfortunately, people have been leaving items outside of the box causing an eyesore. In addition, food has been found near the box which attracts rodents.

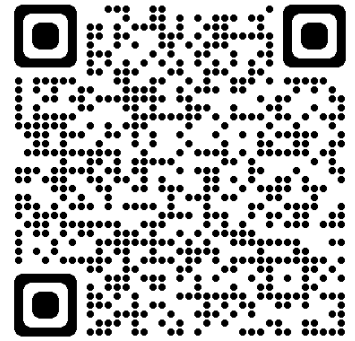


## SCOUT NEWS

Cub Scout Pack 106 had a wonderful winter season! On February 4, the Scouts joined Trinity Lutheran Church for a special Scout Sunday mass. Later that month they would also participate in their Pinewood Derby (where the scouts would create a wooden car to race) as well as the Trinity Pancake Mardi Gras Celebration. They are looking forward to the warmer weather and a wonderful Spring!

## E-GIVING

You can make your donation to Trinity from your phone, tablet, laptop, or computer using the [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) link. You can register yourself on [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) and set up automatic giving. Or you can give just one time. You can designate your contribution to different funds like Property or Memorials. [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) complies with the highest security standards of the financial industry, so you can be assured that your donation is safe. You will receive an email thank-you receipt for each donation. How easy is that? If you have any questions about using [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), please see Masayo Kagita or Doris Tegge. Try it right now!! Scan this QR with your phone camera.



## SPRITUAL REFLECTIONS

### **EASTER - A TIME OF HOPE**

Easter Sunday/Resurrection Day has passed but we are still in the season of Easter. Like springtime, it's the time of Redemption and Hope. With the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, there is hope of victory over death. With hope, faith and love we pursue our Christian mission. Hope enables us to believe in life everlasting. This Easter Season and Spring is a time for rebirth and new beginnings. We at Trinity look forward with hope to a most successful Church year, outpouring in stewardship, welcoming the stranger, and love in all God's Church, our community and the world. Brothers and sisters in Christ God's love is:

- E**verlasting
- A**ffordable
- S**teadfast
- T**imeless
- E**ndless
- R**eassuring

A most Blessed and Joyous Easter to all.  
Muriel Davis



## “SIR, WE WISH TO SEE JESUS”

*“Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” (Jn 12:20-23 ESV)*

Because “Philip” is a Greek name, those Greeks who came to Jerusalem to worship approached him. They did not ask for an interpretation of some difficult Hebrew text or explanation about some temple ritual. They simply wanted to meet Jesus and have a personal encounter with Him. John’s Gospel does not say if those Greeks were able to actually meet with Jesus. But their coming signaled to Jesus that the time has come for Him to fulfill His mission of redeeming humankind from sin.

The persons that we meet, people at work, in school, the marketplace, or even at church, may be in the middle of some personal struggle. Maybe they are facing a major financial loss, a lingering illness, or a broken relationship. We need the Holy Spirit’s help so that we are able to “sense” their need and help them as we are able.

We want to help and we will help. But more importantly, we want the person to meet Jesus by telling them Who Jesus is. We want them to meet Jesus who dared to touch a leper and healed him. We want them to meet Jesus who forgave the woman caught in adultery, restored her dignity, and gave her a second chance in life. We want them to meet Jesus who wept when his own friend Lazarus died but raised him from the dead. We want them to meet Jesus who stilled the huge waves and strong winds, overturned the tables of unscrupulous money changers and yet tenderly took a child into His arms.

We want them to meet Jesus who was lifted up on the Cross and died, but who rose from the dead on the third day for our sake. By God’s grace through faith in Him, Jesus opened the Way for us to have eternal life with our loving God. “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” May we be instruments of our Lord as He draws people to Himself so that they, too may inherit eternal life.

**Prayer:** Dear Father, we thank You for giving Your Son Jesus who offered His life on the cross so that we can be restored into eternal fellowship with You. Help us to show Jesus to people we meet through our words and our deeds. In His Name. Amen.

**Reflection:** What nationality or ethnic group do you belong to? What does it mean for you that *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus?”* (Gal. 3:28)

Rev. Emmanuel Natividad Ilagan

## PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, AND FELLOWSHIP

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### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

We are a small group of women from various churches that meet every 2nd Friday of the Month. Bring a sandwich and we'll provide coffee and tea and something sweet.

### TRINITY WEEKDAY PRAYER GROUP

Monday through Friday, 12:15pm – 1:15pm, on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/7183357300> password = 11379

### MORNING TRINITY BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DON LEMKE

Bible study resumes on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We are studying verses that Contradict, Condemn or Confuse.

Thursdays, 10:30am, on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/7183357300> password = 11379, Dial-up +1 646 558 8656.

### WESTERN QUEENS CONFERENCE PRAYER MEETING

Wednesdays, 7:00pm, on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/6370126621> password = 062145

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BIBLE STUDY WITH HOWARD COHEN, BILL GATI AND DONNA KUHNER

Tuesdays, 7:30pm, on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/2729059246>, Dial-up +1 646 8769923

### DAILY PRAYER LINE WITH DCN. INGRID COMPTON

Monday through Friday, 6:00am, Phone# 605-468-8820, access code = 1885702

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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### TRANSITION TEAM

The process of calling a permanent pastor to Trinity requires the formation of a Transition Team. We need people to participate in this effort so that our congregation can move forward. No previous experience is required. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office or email [information@trinitymiddlevillage.org](mailto:information@trinitymiddlevillage.org)

### TRINITY WORSHIP

Volunteers are needed each Sunday to read the lessons in person or on Zoom.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Eucharist, usher, and deliver communion.

Contact Lois Jenkins at [council-president@trinitymiddlevillage.org](mailto:council-president@trinitymiddlevillage.org)

### FINANCIAL

Support needed to continue ministry is estimated at \$3,500 per week to cover salaries, insurance, utilities, and repairs. Please be generous.

Income from community use of the fellowship hall is becoming an important source of income for Trinity. Anyone interested in using the Trinity campus space should contact the office or email [administration@trinitymiddlevillage.org](mailto:administration@trinitymiddlevillage.org)

### PROPERTY

Please consider making a special donation towards the repair and maintenance of the Trinity campus. There is currently water damage that needs to be repaired.

### FUTURE MINISTRY

Donations continue to be needed to support our technical ministry. This includes sound and video equipment, streaming, WIFI, and online hosting. The technology enables Trinity to reach out to a wide range of people.

### STEWARDSHIP

In addition to worship service offerings, donations can be made online by clicking the DONATE button on [trinitymiddlevillage.org](http://trinitymiddlevillage.org) or going directly to [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly)

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### STACEY'S PANTRY

48-08 91<sup>st</sup> Place, Elmhurst

Saturdays, 8:00am – 10:00am

Contact 917-533-1679 or [stjacobuspastor@gmail.com](mailto:stjacobuspastor@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/Staceyspantryelmhurst/>

### FOOD MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES – ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

119-15 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Ozone Park

Thursdays 3:00pm-4:00pm, sign up by Wednesday.

Contact 718-845-8770 or [foodin11420@gmail.com](mailto:foodin11420@gmail.com)

## ON THE CAMPUS

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### AA

AA continues meeting on our campus on Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:30am (open discussions) and Tuesdays (beginners) & Thursdays (step meeting) at 7:30pm. All meetings are in the lower level Education Center. Pray for their ministry of healing.

### BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout troop 106 meets Fridays 7:30pm in the Education Center.

### GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout troop 04633 meets Fridays in the Education Center.

Girl Scout Daisies meet Monday afternoons in the Parish Hall

### CUB SCOUTS TROOP 106

Cub Scouts meet Fridays from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the Education Center

Email: [Communications.pack106@gmail.com](mailto:Communications.pack106@gmail.com)

Website: <http://cubscoutpack106.weebly.com/>

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Anyone interested in using the Trinity campus space should contact the office or email [adminitration@trinitymiddlevillage.org](mailto:adminitration@trinitymiddlevillage.org) No one must use the space without clearance from the church office.

## TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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Rev. Don Lemke  
Dcn. Lois Jenkins - President  
Dorothy Russo - Vice President  
Lillian Hoffmann - Treasurer  
Doris Tegge - Secretary

Joyce Beaudoin  
Sandy Boos  
Rich Eichinger  
Muriel (Didee) Davis  
Dcn. Masayo Kagita

Nancy Keicher  
Bill Muller  
Cyndy Rooney  
Karin Spykerman

A copy of the council minutes is available on request. Email [information@trinitymiddlevillage.org](mailto:information@trinitymiddlevillage.org)

## MEMORIALS

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In loving memory of **Paul Pfadenhauer** by  
The Firneis Family  
Lillian Hoffmann  
Henrietta & Erwin Markisch

In loving memory of **Dorothy Sloane** by  
Lillian Hoffmann

## PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW

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**Q: How do we know when to celebrate Easter?**

**A:** *Easter's date is determined by the cycles of the moon. Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. In 2024 the spring equinox was March 19, the full moon was March 25, so Easter was March 31. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ's death and resurrection occurred at the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first full moon following the spring equinox.*

If you have a question of general interest, please submit it to [information@trinitymiddlevillage.org](mailto:information@trinitymiddlevillage.org)



TRINITY TIDINGS BOOSTERS

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 Pastor Leo E. Longan  
 Rev. Paul J. Pfadenhauer  
 Dorothy Rentel  
 Kathleen Treiling  
 James J. Tuohy

*Easter Story*

S C B M N E J E S U S C H R I S T  
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 GOOD FRIDAY  
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 JUDAS  
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 MARY  
 MIRACLE  
 PASSOVER  
 PENANCE  
 PENTECOST  
 PRAYER  
 REDEMPTION  
 REJOICE  
 RESURRECTION  
 RISEN  
 SAVIOR  
 SON  
 THORNS  
 TOMB

**MOTHERS' DAY AND FATHERS' DAY MEMORIALS**

**Trinity** will be publishing **Mothers' and Fathers' Day memorials** this year. If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please return the form, with a \$1.00 donation per name. Submit the form directly to the church office or place it at the ushers' station. Deadlines are Sunday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** for Mothers' Day and Sunday, **June 9<sup>th</sup>** for Fathers' Day, respectively.

**Please make check payable to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.**

**MOTHERS' DAY – deadline May 5<sup>th</sup>**

In Honor of : \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**FATHERS' DAY – deadline June 9<sup>th</sup>**

In Honor of : \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_



**PENTECOST GERANIUMS  
MEMORIAL FLOWERS  
MAY 19, 2023**

If you would like to place a geranium in the church to honor or memorialize a loved one, please return the form, with a \$10.00 donation. Submit the form directly to the church office or place it at the ushers' station.

**Please make check payable to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.**

In Honor of : \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for Order: May 12, 2024**

*After Pentecost, geraniums will be planted around the outside of the building to beautify the church.*