

# T-N-T/TRINITY NEWS & TIDBITS

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The first thing we see in April during Holy Week is when we will meet in church at 6:00 PM for the Maundy Thursday service. This service is a meaningful and sobering prelude to the Easter weekend. It simply means we will focus on the Lord's Supper and what happens the night before Jesus was crucified. It is indeed a somber time but we need to be reminded regularly of what it cost God to save us. It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and

his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated: *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"* (John 13:34). This raised the definition of love to a new and higher standard. Jesus sacrificially met His followers' deepest need---that of new spiritual life and the forgiveness of sins. He even loved His enemies, and He calls us to show love to those who don't appear to deserve it. Just as Jesus loved sinners "to the end" (John 13:1) when He had nothing to gain from them, *so must we*. The Bible says that there was nothing attractive about sinful mankind that drew Him to love us. God loved us while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). Salvation is not only a wonderful gift that protects us from the penalty that we deserve Romans 6:23, the work of Christ also embues new life, grants spiritual strength, and motivates godly action in those who believe. The main question is are we observing Christ's new command to love--especially those who deserve it least? "Beloved, let us love one another. For love is from God, and whose er loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:7-8) Maundy Thursday was Jesus' Last Supper before His crucifixion and we reorganize what happened during the events of Maundy Thursday – that our Lord was betrayed, to be tried and crucified the next day on Good Friday.



Good Friday, also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, or Friday of the Passion of the Lord, is a solemn Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary (The Place at the Skull, or Golgotha). It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Holy Three Days. In the Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican traditions of Christianity, the Stations of the Cross Like we heard last year, and the Tenebrae Service of Shadows that we will hear this year, are prayed in the evening of Good Friday.



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We are glad that you have chosen to walk with us today. And we hope that God will move you to share your

**Welcome, visitor!**

**HAPPY EASTER!**

**COMMUNITY/SERVICE, GROWTH/OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**PENNIES FOR PRESCRIPTIONS.....RX Program, get rid of your pennies, put in jar for prescriptions:** Interfaith Outreach Services are still implementing this program for the elderly and for persons who can not afford to buy their medications. We have a jug to put change in on the counter in Fellowship Hall.

**USED EYE GLASSES .....**Yes! We still do collect eye glasses and cases. Sun-glasses are also needed. So don't throw your old ones away, recycle them and bring them to the church and put in the box for eye glasses. They will be delivered to Hayley's Eye Clinic

**FOOD BASKETS.....**Food baskets go Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, Interfaith Outreach and Faith Mission, So lets fill the food baskets to the rim. Let's help stamp out hunger in our neighborhood.

Sayings for you think about——

Easter falls on Sunday, April 5, this year and is one of the biggest holidays on the Christian calendar. For many people, it's a day spent gathering with loved ones for [Easter brunch](#), at church or [in prayer](#).

Easter is also when [Peter Cottontail](#) drops by to leave children baskets full of chocolate eggs, jelly beans and other seasonal treats.

Whatever you've got planned for the [April holiday](#), whether it be attending service or hosting an Easter egg hunt, with family and friends, remember “HE is RISEN!

“ ... on the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.” — The Apostles Creed

“Sweet April Showers do spring May flowers.”

— Thomas Tusser

“A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked.”

— Bernard Meltzer

“Put all your eggs in the one basket, and — watch that basket.” — Mark Twain

“Go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead.” — Matthew 28:7

## **LECTONARY LESSONS**

### **April 2, 2026: Maundy Thursday**

Service 6 p.m.

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31-35 The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

### **April 3, 2026: Good Friday**

Service 6 p.m.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42 On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read to its entirety from the Gospel of John.

### **April 4, 2026: Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday**

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10 Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

### **April 12, 2026: Second Sunday of Easter**

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Acts 2-14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31 The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his disbelief prompts another visit from the

### **April 19, 2026: Third Sunday of Easter**

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35 The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the questions of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and the breaking of bread.

### **April 26, 2026: Fourth Sunday of Easter**




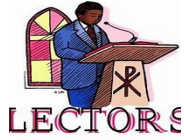
Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10 Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

<b>APRIL Volunteers</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Tellers: Gail Deason Erwin Soell</b>				
	<b>Cindy Pearce</b>	<b>Cindy Pearce</b>	<b>Cindy Pearce</b>	<b>Cindy Pearce</b>
	<b>Sally Krueger</b>			
	<b>Susan Hrciriki</b>	<b>Gail Deason</b>		
	<b>Susan Hrcirik</b>	<b>Jeff Ams</b>	<b>Gary Pearce</b>	<b>Darlene Craddock</b>

Trinity Members in Assisted Living: Hildegard Snyder, James Beegle, and Amber Ward. Cards sent to them would be appreciated. Share a bit of joy with them.

Do you have a birthday or anniversary or a “just because” coming up?? Put your name by the date of the occasion on the flower chart. Let’s fill the flower chart up this year.

<b>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</b>	
<b>Christopher Hillen</b>	<b>April 2</b>
<b>Kay Ames</b>	<b>April 5</b>
<b>Jon Krueger</b>	<b>April 8</b>



April showers!  
Bring May Flowers!

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 In Stitches 10 am	2 Maundy Thursday 6 pm YL 6 pm	4 Good Friday 6 pm	7
5 EASTER SS 9 am Worship 10:15 am	6 No Board ASG	7	8 In Stitches 10 am	9	10	11
12 SS 9 am Worship 10:15 am	13	14	15 In Stitches 10 am Council 6:30 pm	16 YL 6 pm	17	18
19 SS 9 am Worship 10:15 am	20 ASG 1 pm	21	22 In Stitches 10 am	23	24	25
26 SS 9:00 Worship 10:15	27	28	29 In Stitches 10 am	30 YL 6 pm		

*"The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in." ~ Peter Marshall*

*"If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."*

*~ 1 Corinthians 15:14*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# APRIL

## Word Search Puzzle



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### Find these words

(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)



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| GREEN     | RAINBOW  |
| BASEBALL  | TULIPS   |
| BUTTERFLY | EASTER   |
| PLANTS    | RAIN     |
| GARDENING | RABBIT   |
| EGGS      | GROWING  |
| CHICKS    | FLOWERS  |
| SPRING    | BLOSSOMS |



Draw your favorite April activity















