

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31ST**

**WEDNESDAY, 04/03**

9:00a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel  
5:00p.m. Supper at Immanuel (maid rites)  
6:30p.m. Lenten Midweek Service at Immanuel

**THURSDAY, 04/04**

1:00p.m. Immanuel LWML

**SUNDAY 04/07**

8:45a.m. Service at Immanuel  
10:00a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel  
10:45a.m. Service at Trinity  
7:00p.m. Men's Group at Immanuel

**TRINITY LUTHERAN, KNIERIM † IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, ROCKWELL CITY**  
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**TOGETHER, SOWING THE SEED OF GOD'S WORD. [Luke 8:5-8]**

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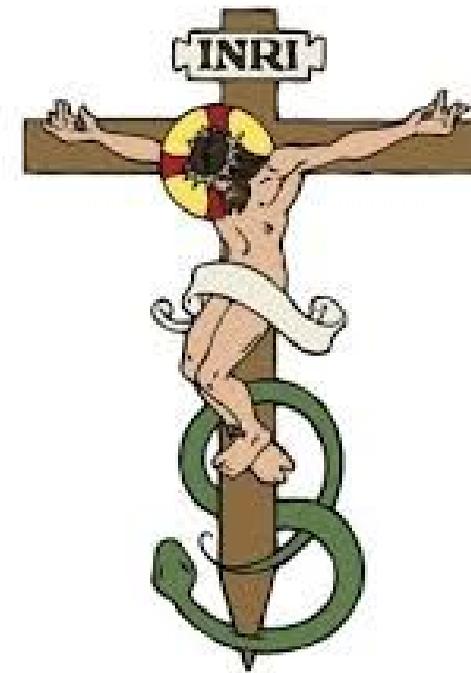
**THOSE WHO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS:** Griffin Reuter, Torie Andersen, Jason Hawkins, Audrie Weiss.

**THOSE WHO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARIES:** Norm and Vivian Bauer

**CONFIRMANDS:** Justin Hanks, Miranda Lindner, Dailyn Marine, Kylee Skramstad.

**SEMINARIAN:** Trae Fistler, at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

**THOSE MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT:** Lutheran Church-Haiti;  
Rev. Ryan McDermott, Rev. Jacob Gaugert, and Shara Osiro in Africa.

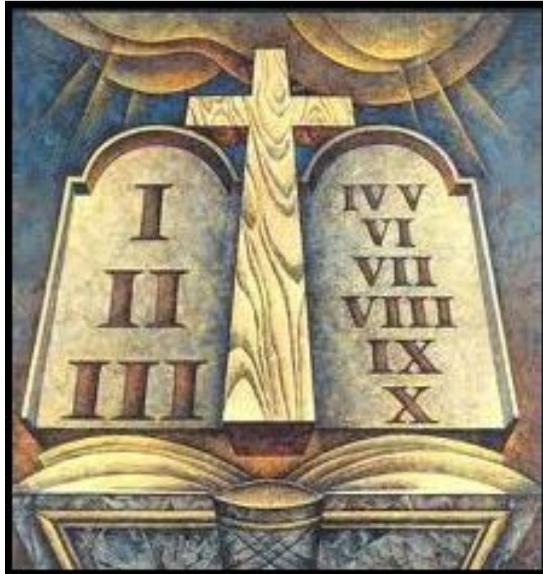


**BIBLE READINGS**

Monday + Luke 18:15-30  
Tuesday + Luke 19:1-40  
Wednesday + Luke 20:1-21:4  
Thursday + Luke 21:37-22:38  
Friday + Luke 22:39-71  
Saturday + Luke 23:1-25  
Fourth Sunday in Lent + John 6:1-15

### RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER:

As Missouri Synod Lutherans, we believe that the physical body and blood of Jesus is present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament of the Altar, as well as His true power to grant forgiveness, life, and salvation through this visible means of His grace. If you, as a guest of our congregation, do not believe in the Sacrament as we do, or belong to a different denomination other than ours, we ask that you respect our practice of *closed communion* by not communing. We ask that you speak with Pastor Dietrich before communing here for the first time.



### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Let us pray. Almighty God, all hearts are open to You, all desires are made known to You, and from You no secrets are hid; cleanse our minds and our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, living before You in righteousness and purity all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

You shall have no other gods before Me. What does this mean?  
**We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. What does this mean?  
**We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean?  
**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**  
Honor your father and your mother. What does this mean?  
**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**

You shall not murder. What does this mean?  
**We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**

You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean?  
**We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**

You shall not steal. What does this mean?  
**We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean?  
**We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. What does this mean?  
**We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**

Hymn

Jesus I Will Ponder Now

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You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. What does this mean?

**We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Your commandment.**

What does God say about all these commandments?

**He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."**

What does this mean?

**God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.**

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Having meditated upon the Ten Commandments let us confess our sins.

**I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.**

**I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.**

**My Lord's name I have not honored as I should.**

**My worship and prayers have faltered.**

**I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed.**

**There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.**

**My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**

**I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, all hearts are open to You, all desires are made known to You, and from You no secrets are hid; cleanse our minds and our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, living before You in righteousness and purity all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Commandment + **You Shall Have No Other Gods.**

What does this mean? **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

**Have I doubted God's Word and thus committed idolatry by seeking my highest good from other "sources"?**

**Which one was more important when I make my daily decisions: God or myself?**

**Have good times deluded me into thinking that I am in control?**

**Am I tempted to think that I have God and everything I need when I have money and earthly goods?**

**Have bad times caused me to despair and lose hope and trust in God?**

**Have I doubted God's love for me when I have money problems, loss of possessions, sickness, or injury?**

**Have I been discontent with what God has spoken of Himself in Jesus Christ and in the Scriptures?**

**Have I put my own notions or the notions of others above what the Scriptures say about God?**

**To trust in God above all things is to have faith. Have I thought or done things that have weakened or hurt my faith in God?**

**Have I denied the faith out of fear before acquaintances, relatives, friends, or those who believe differently?**

**I have God as my Lord over me. What contradicts Him in my life?**

**Does my self-consciousness, my pride, my sensitivity, my temper, my dissatisfaction, my laziness, my "rights," my boredom with my life contradict God in my life?**

**Is it noticeable to others that I am a Christian: baptized, redeemed, made holy, or have I been ashamed of my salvation?**

**Consider the things that you have done to weaken or hurt your faith according to the next nine commandments.**

**Remember that your flesh is weak with sin and the old man in you must be killed daily.**

The Second Commandment + **You shall not misuse the Name of the Lord your God.**

**What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

**Have I called God "Father" with delight? Have I used holy words or holy names in a light-hearted way? Have I used them in anger, in mockery, thoughtlessly, or for superstitious reasons? Have I sworn carelessly or falsely? Have I taken oaths frivolously or even lied under oath intentionally? Have I kept my vows (baptismal vows, confirmation vows, marriage vows)? Have I received the holy absolution or the holy sacrament of the altar unworthily (mindless of the gift and my need for it)? Have I listened to and read God's Word diligently? When the precious Name of Jesus is not used rightly, it is misused. Have I properly called on my heavenly Father through His only Son Jesus Christ and had faith that He hears and answers my prayer? Have I called on His Name wrongly through false worship? God is one, and yet there are three persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Have I desired to find salvation in any other name, but the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Have I wished that there were other paths to God outside of Christ, perhaps for the sake of others? Have I confirmed others in error and made conversion difficult for them by recognizing prayers to the gods of other religions as valid? Do I pray absent-mindedly or inattentively? Do I bring every worry, concern, and grief to God in prayer? Or do I neglect prayer altogether? Have I given thanks and praise to God for his promise to listen compassionately and unendingly to my supplications? Have I consulted astrologers, fortune-tellers, palm-readers, or spiritualists? Have I been led by superstitions? Have I been influenced by horoscopes? Have I done little or nothing to spread the Name of God? Have I supported preaching and the administration of the sacrament with my prayers,**

conversations, and tithe? **THE THIRD COMMANDMENT** Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. Have I neglected the reading of the Bible thinking that hearing it on Sunday is enough? Do I let other daily activities take precedence over prayer and meditation on God's Word? Have I kept every day holy with the reading and meditation upon God's Word? Has the hearing and reading of God's Word become boring and meaningless to me? Have I despised the preaching of His Word by not coming to church as regularly as I should? Have I let my mind wander when I am at church and become distracted by my thoughts? Do I despise the reception of Holy Communion by not coming to receive it or by receiving it with no thought of the great price Jesus paid for my sin on the cross? Have I been an unfaithful witness to others in our congregation by my absence from or inattention in the Divine Service? Have I gone to church only out of habit, or because I was forced? Do I get bored with the sermon, the holy liturgy, or the celebration of the sacrament, when I should know that the Lord Jesus is present and wants to speak to me through them? Did I also reflect on the service and the sermon after it was over, or did I forget it all as soon as it was over? Does my attendance to the Divine Service suffer because of my other weekend activities? Do I needlessly despise worship services that are offered during the week, not taking the opportunity to pray publicly with other members? Am I ready to learn from the sermon and make progress in Christianity? Have I destroyed the blessing of the Divine Service for myself and others with frivolous criticism? Have I stopped to consider that God will one day ask me what I have done with my Sundays and whether I have taken His Word and His Divine Service seriously? Have I observed the "penitential seasons" of the church year (Advent, Lent, Holy Week, days of humility and prayer) with requisite seriousness? **THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT** Honor your father and your mother. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents or other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them. For children: How have I behaved toward my parents? Have I been loveless, unfriendly, unthankful, rude, rebellious, disobedient, or full of pride? Have I hurt their feelings? Have I wished them evil or harm, despised them? Have I left them alone in danger, in sickness, in old age? Have I thanked them with my words and deeds? Have I helped them? Have I prayed that God would give my parents the strength, knowledge and desire to do what is best for me,

even if I don't like it? Have I loved and honored those people whom my parents have chosen to instruct me, my teachers and professors? Have I shown the proper respect and obedience to the civic leaders who have been given their position by God to govern this country, state, and city? Have I been hypocritical to my superiors and defamed them behind their backs? Have I prayed earnestly for the well-being of the leaders of government? Have I placed myself above the law, thinking it sometimes doesn't apply to me, perhaps when I know better? Have I treated my parents and other authorities as representatives of God for my sake? For parents and superiors: Have I protected those entrusted to me from bad influences? Have I provided for them in all external things? Have I made time for them? Have I made time to think about them? Have I been a good example for them? Have I been impatient, hot-tempered, rude, or unfair? Have I shown preference to someone? Have I prayed for the Lord to guide my words and actions? Have I become exasperated and wished that I did not have children or responsibility for those whom God gave me? How have you behaved toward your pastor or the church? Have you prayed for your parents, your superiors, and your pastor? **THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT** You shall not murder. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need. Some people imagine that because they have not killed anyone with their own hands or caused someone to die, that this commandment has been kept. However, there are many other ways to hurt and harm your neighbor or in other words "kill" your neighbor. Have I hurt or harmed my neighbor by physical hitting or by destructive words? Have I murdered my neighbor's reputation by speaking harmful words about him? Have I acted as though my neighbor is a treasured gift from God? Simply leaving my neighbor alone does not fulfill this commandment. Have I helped my neighbor in every physical need, or only when it was convenient, if at all? Have I passed up the opportunity to do good to my neighbor? Have I allowed hunger, temperature, or loneliness to kill my neighbor out of my laziness, comfort, indifference, or on purpose? Have I prayed for my friends and enemies alike, that nothing evil or bad would happen to them? Have I held grudges? Have I forgiven when I should have? Have I attempted to commit suicide or else tried to physically harm myself? Have I failed to help prevent my neighbor from committing suicide or hurting himself? Have I considered euthanasia to be an acceptable option for others, if they are really suffering, instead of leaving their life in God's hands? Do I

overeate or drink too much? Have I encouraged or not aided my neighbor when he eats or drinks too much? Do I smoke in excess or allow my neighbor to smoke to his physical detriment? Have I neglected to properly care for animals, and thus been a poor steward of God's creation? For rulers: Have I neglected to use the sword instituted by God to punish evil and protect innocent lives? **THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT** You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other. In this commandment God requires cleanness of me, even in thoughts and desires, and if I be unmarried, He requires the conscientious preservation of my body and my soul for the duty of marriage or for an unmarried life of service to Him. Have I despised God's gift of sexuality by looking at other people around me for selfish pleasure? Do I look at others with indecency and lust? Have I spoken in a crude manner about sex or made light of the intimacy that God has given to a husband and wife? Have I injured my modesty with my behavior: my eyes, offensive clothing, looking at obscene pictures, or by listening to or telling crude jokes? Have I seduced myself or others to unchaste things? Have I striven sincerely for purity of thoughts, of speech, of body and of soul, or not striven at all? Have I considered my body as a temple of the Holy Spirit through holy Baptism? Do I pray, turn away, and fight against temptations? Have I done unchaste things with myself or with others? If single, do I consider my unmarried state as coming from the hand of God? If married, have I made time for my spouse? Have I refused the blessing of children due to selfishness or a desire for comfort? Have I desired to break my marital fidelity? Have I actually broken it? Do I harbor intentions or have I even consented to divorce? Have I been concerned for the soul of my spouse? Have I condoned homosexual relationships and failed to address it as a sinful act? Have I had sexual intercourse with a man or woman who is not my spouse? Have I read, viewed, or listened to immoral, suggestive or pornographic books, magazines, pictures, movies, music, dances, plays, or internet sites? Have I neglected to encourage others to be faithful to their spouses in the fear of God? **THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT** You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions or get them in any false way, but help and support him in every physical need. Have I been discontent with what God has or has not given me? Have I approved of stealing in certain situations, perhaps if my neighbor stole from me first? Have I stolen by neglecting to help take

care of my neighbor's property, possessions, or earnings? Have I been lazy at work or school and not fulfilled my duties in a faithful manner? Do I accept pay even when I have not done a satisfactory job or not done the job at all? Have I been stingy with paying those who work under me? Do I demand unreasonable payment for poor work? Have I stolen information by plagiarism or cheating at work or school? Have I overcharged for the goods that I sell? Do I simply sell for my own gain, not caring for the needs of my neighbor? Have I wasted food by over eating or taking more than I should eat? Have I cheated on my taxes, or not reported income to the state? Have I supported my neighbor by all means available to me? Have I kept something that was borrowed or found? Have I damaged another person's property? Have I given offerings, as I was able, for the needy, for collections, for the church, and for missions? Have I kept stolen property for myself? **THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way. Have I spread rumors about my neighbor? Have I spoken poorly about my neighbor to other people? Have I murdered my neighbor's reputation by passing on harmful information even if it is true?—Just because something is true does not mean that you can spread it. It must be true, not harmful to someone else, and beneficial to others. Have I told lies about my neighbor or to him? Have I given true witness to the truth, or have I lied in court or to other authorities such as parents, teachers, or policemen? Have I celebrated upon hearing hurtful news? Have I defended the reputation and feelings of my neighbor even when I do not like him? Do I look for the bad in someone instead of seeing the good? Have I kept the private sins of others secret when they have confessed and repented of them, or helped him to confess them? Have I explained all things in a way that is complimentary to my neighbor? Where a sin is public, have I testified publicly against it, thereby giving faithful witness to the truth? Have I lied to harm someone? Have I lied to help someone? (That too, even if unavoidable, is sin.) Have I been nosey with the secrets of others? Have I cast doubt on the honor of others? Have I listened to gossip or even passed it on? Did I protect others and their reputation when I was able? Have I had the courage to privately show my neighbor his errors, which I have observed, before I spoke about it with others? **THE NINTH COMMANDMENT** You shall not covet your neighbor's house. What does this mean? We should fear and love



**The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.  
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.  
Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.**

**Epistle Reading**

**Ephesians 5:1–9**

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7Therefore do not associate with them; 8for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true.

God has spoken.  
Thanks be to God.

**The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. 15But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," 16while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. 17But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. 18And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; 22but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. 23Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking

rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first." 27As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" 28But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Here ends the Gospel of Our Lord.  
**Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn**

**Speak O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth**

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**Sermon**

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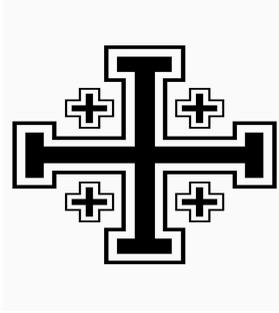
**Communion Hymns**

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**Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; toward those who repent of evil. [Joel 2:13]**

**LENT  
Wednesday, Midweek Services  
March 27 and April 03, 10  
Immanuel at 6:30pm Supper from 5-6:30pm**



**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday + Confirmation Sunday, April 14**

**Maundy Thursday at Immanuel at 6:30pm April 18**

**Good Friday at Trinity at 6:30pm April 19**

**Holy Saturday at Immanuel at 6:30pm April 20**

**Easter Sunrise at Immanuel at 7:00am April 21**

**Breakfast at 8:00am**

**Easter Service at Trinity at 10:00am**