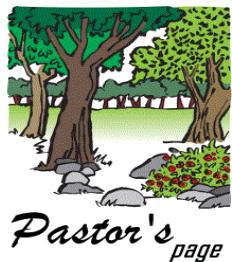


# News from the

April 2022



## Pews

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Easter has come upon us! The weather is starting to turn for the better, baseball season is starting, and spring is breaking out everywhere. On Easter, we will make a big deal about the Resurrection of Christ and celebrate it to the fullest. We will have two church services on Sunday instead of one. And we will spend the day with family doing whatever it is that you do when you and your family gets together. And then it will over.

It will seem as if it came and went by so quickly. Just like Christmas, there was a great build up and anticipation over Easter, but when it was over, it was over. But is it really over? Well, in our church year calendar, you may notice that there is an Easter **season**, not just a one day Easter festival. And why is that? Because it's not over!

Easter is the basis for your forgiveness because, in spite of dying with all of your sins, Christ was raised from the dead. The grave couldn't hold Him, and now it can't hold you. Easter is about life. It's about rebirth. It's about second chances. It's about **Jesus** and **His** life, and the life that He gives to you as believers.

And the reason it's not over is because the implications of Easter are yours every single day. You are a redeemed child of Christ every day. You have the certainty and promise of

eternal life every single day – not just **on** Easter, but **because of** Easter. The entire basis of your faith is God's unbreakable promise of everlasting life. You now have access to our Father God that you would not have had, because of Easter, and *that is true every day*, not just on Easter Sunday.

The truth is that there really is no such thing as an Easter "season", because Easter never ends. Christ's victory is your victory, no matter what your circumstances may be. In good times or in times of trial and pain, you have **Easter victory in Christ** – every day of the year! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Have a blessed April and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

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*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

John 14:6

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## Welcome

Mark your calendar for special services:

### Midweek Lent:

April 6, 2022 – 1\* p.m. (Central)

### Holy Week:

**Maundy Thursday Services:** April 14, 2022 – 1\* & 7 p.m. (Central)

**Good Friday Services:** April 15, 2022 – 1\* & 7 p.m. (Central)

**Easter Sunday Services:** April 17, 2022 – 7\* & 9 a.m. (Central)

No Monday evening service April 18

\* in-person and livestreamed services

**Bible Study on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.** (In person, in Sanctuary) Coffee & Fellowship has resumed after church services. We are studying the book of Acts. No Bible study on Easter Sunday.

Guidelines still in place for in person worship:

- ...Please wear face masks upon entry and exit into church if you are unvaccinated
- ...No mask is required while seated on the left side (lectern) of the sanctuary.
- ...Please leave masks in place if seated on the right (pulpit) side of the sanctuary.
- ...Please sit in alternating pews as marked
- ...Help yourself to the Order of Worship
- ...Offering plates are in the rear of the sanctuary.

The 9 a.m. Sunday service continues to be livestreamed on [Facebook](#) [@TrinityLombard](#) and on Trinity's website at [Trinitylombard.org](#).

### Regularly Scheduled in person services

9 a.m. Sundays

In person & live-streamed

7 p.m. Mondays

In-person only

### Facebook

If you missed joining Trinity online for church this (or any) weekend, you can still take part. Relive the Sunday morning services, find the orders of worship, along with easy to share video and audio versions of the sermons at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons>. You'll find recent online Bible study videos there too.

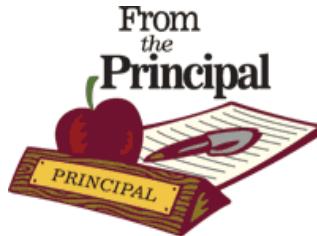
Sunday services and Wednesday evening Bible classes air live on Facebook

@TrinityLombard

(<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard/>)

and can also be viewed live at

<https://www.trinitylombard.org/>. Worship is online each Sunday morning at 9 a.m.



Trinity Lutheran School is always a busy place! In March it was extra busy as students and teachers celebrated Lutheran Schools Week.



What a perfect ending to Trinity Lutheran School's celebration of Lutheran Schools Week. Teachers served students breakfast on Friday...what a

delicious start to the day.

Blessings,

Julie Messina

Principal

7th & 8th Grade Teacher

Trinity Lutheran School, Lombard, IL

[JMessina@trinitylombard.org](mailto:JMessina@trinitylombard.org)

630.627.5601 ext. 205

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

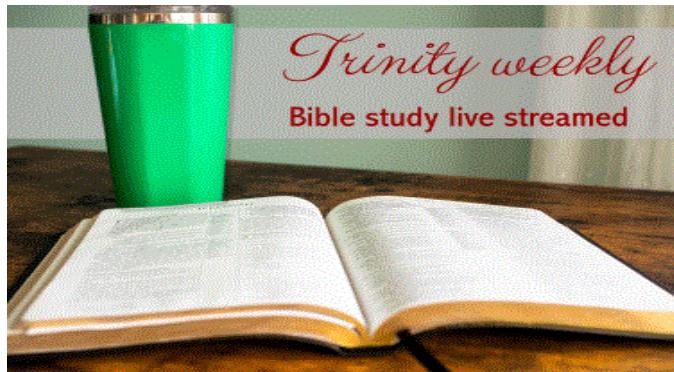
Ages 3 thru 8th grade

## Sunday School

Sunday School meets weekly in the parish hall following the Sunday church

services. No class on Easter Sunday.

All are welcome. Invite a friend to join you.



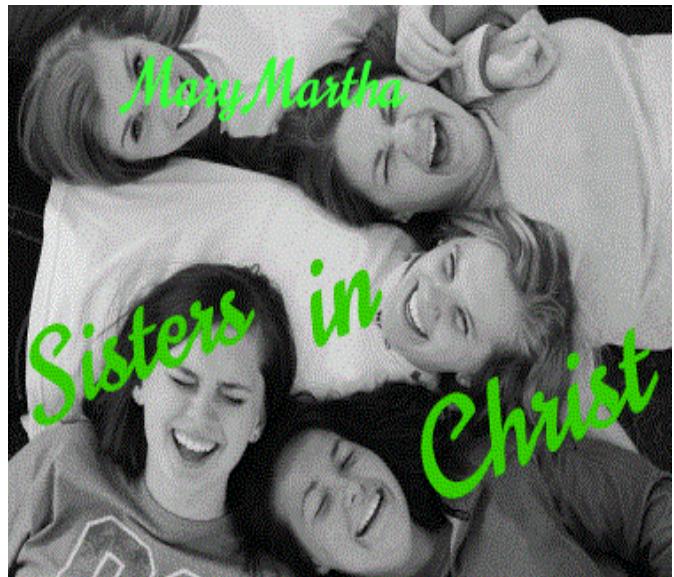
*Studying God's Word together is important!*

**Wednesday morning bible study** **in-person** is in the sanctuary 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with "Coffee &..." at 9:15 a.m., in the Parish Hall.

Pastor offers Online Bible Study, Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. LIVE on Facebook [@trinitylombard](#)

Pastor Wagner welcomes any of your Bible related questions. \*You can interact online as the study is going on. You can also view it on the internet at [TrinityLombard.org](http://TrinityLombard.org)

\* All are welcome to participate – live interaction is only through Facebook



Mary/Martha extends an invitation to all women to gather together to engage in either a Bible study, a project or simply fellowship.

The April, Mary/Martha gathering will be held on **April 7 at 6:30 p.m.** in the school gym kitchen. We will be putting together coffee carts and treats for a "Curbside Coffee" which will be shared with school parents as they drop off the students at school on Friday morning that week.

All women of Trinity are considered a part of Mary/Martha and LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission). There is no membership, just an invitation to gather together as sisters in Christ's name.

You are personally invited to come and enjoy a time of friendship.

To RSVP, for more information, or any questions, text or call Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764

# *Come and Celebrate What God has Done!*

Sunday, April 24,  
immediately following church  
in the Parish Hall  
Refreshments served!

The 175th Anniversary of The  
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
April 26, 1847–2022



## **Only Jesus: No Other Name**

**“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved”**

**(Acts 4:12).** With great delight, we give thanks for 175 years of fellowship and faithful confession in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; with even higher delight, we praise God for the glorious resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, the very Lamb of God, who was offered up for us and has taken away the sins of the

world. Our Synod exists to proclaim only Jesus — and not ourselves — as Lord. Our worship and the Church Year likewise are ordered to proclaim Jesus, that by believing we may have life in His name and no other. In this spirit, we are gathering together to commemorate this 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LCMS Synod and give thanks for the truth that it represents in its teaching. It does not overshadow our joy of Easter which we just celebrated with its proclamation that ONLY JESUS is our Savior. Only Jesus shall be our cause to gather each first day of the week, which by His resurrection has now become His day. God grant it that our Missouri Synod would continually confess in life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God!

## Things Jesus never said:

- “listen to your heart”
- “be true to yourself”
- “trust your gut”
- “feel good about who you are”
- “happiness is what matters”
- “just be a good person”

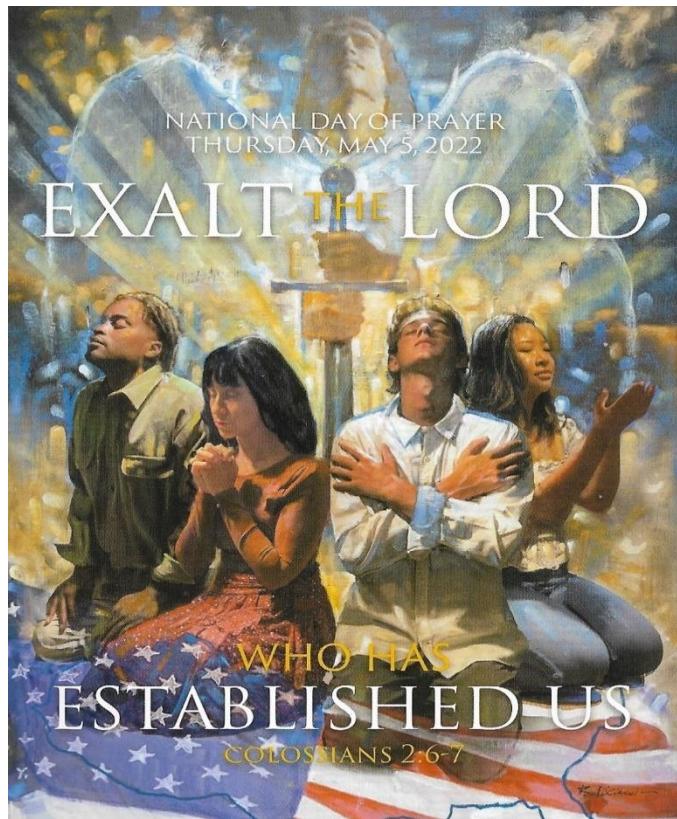
## Things Jesus actually said:

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

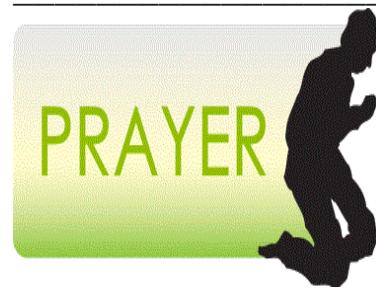
Luke 9:23

## TRINITY OBSERVES THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people.



Join together with Trinity Lutheran Church and School at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, to lift up our nation in prayer, as well as giving thanks for our country, our families, and our freedom. Praying together as one, we believe that God hears our prayers. There will be written prayers that will be offered up, as well as individual prayer opportunities.



*"Trusting  
in God's  
Timing"*

Being in a season of waiting or uncertainty, it can be difficult in our flesh, to fully trust God. We may say we trust Him, but when things do not go as planned, we begin to panic and try to take hold of God's steering wheel. Let us remember this message below, that we may not lose our focus on God, but trust Him every step of the way.

(The words quoted below are from LWML Mustard Seed Devotions - posted March 18, 2022)

"It has been said there are two ways to open a flower bud. You can force the petals apart and, in doing so, destroy the flower; or you can leave it alone until slowly but surely, God unfolds it. God's ways are not our ways. Nor is His time our time. But our comfort lies in the fact that His time is based on the true wisdom and knowledge of a God who not only knows us, but loves us.

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time (1 Peter 5:6)*

### Walking with my Lord

Help me, O Lord, to patiently bear all things and trust that Your timing is always best. For Jesus' sake and in His name I pray. Amen."

Mustard Seed: [Living in Faith](#). Author: Rev. Darold Reiner. 15/30 ©2007 Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 801 Seminary Place Ste. L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. [Home - Lutheran Women's Missionary League](#)

May you be refreshed in His goodness and grace.

Blessings,  
Board of Evangelism

## Lutheran Women in Mission



*Mite boxes support ministries world-wide!  
Here are some of the National grants:*

### 2021–2023 Mission Grants

16. [Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp](#) — Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado, \$25,000
17. [Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru](#) — La Mision Luterana del Peru, **\$56,750 — PAID IN FULL**
18. [“Ends of Earth” Scholarships](#) — Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries, \$50,000
19. [Sharing Jesus’ Love in India](#) — Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000
20. [Mission & Outreach to the Least of These](#) — Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community, \$51,356
21. [Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus](#) — Belize Mission Society, **\$100,000 PAID IN FULL**
22. [Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone](#) — Lutheran Bible Translators, **\$70,000 — PAID IN FULL**
23. [Showing God’s Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico](#) — God Cares About You Mission, **\$98,000: PARTIAL PAYMENT of \$49,000**

Each month we will highlight one of the grants approved at the last LWML convention.

**April Focus:** We put the spotlight on.....

LWML Mission Grant #16 for the 2021–2023 biennium, **Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp** — Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado, \$25,000



Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) shares both God’s grace and the glory of His creation. Many families in metropolitan Denver are unable to fully finance camp tuition or provide

transportation to LVR where their children would experience God’s Word in daily devotions, watching skits, singing, and worshipping around a campfire. This grant will span two summers when LVR will partner with Lutheran churches in Denver to arrange sign-up, transportation, and scholarships for 50 children from the inner city, so they could have this mountain-top



camp experience. Research shows that the day-to-day challenges of camp activities are very transformational, giving children tools to overcome real-world challenges when they return home.

LVR strives to share God’s grace and glory in His creation. In the forest, away from daily life and cell phone coverage or other technology distractions, campers get to connect with God

and each other. *John 4:19 We love because He first loved us.*

Please join LWML in supporting this mission grant. Your mites can be contributed toward the grants at any time.

- Use an LWML Mite box for cash or checks (Mite boxes are located on the back table in church) you can put the whole box in the big mite box and take another box.

Or

Make a check out to Mary Martha and designate it for LWML and put it in the basket for contributions.

### NID LWML Convention Grants for 2021-2023

**Twenty-five percent** of all of the LWML mite contributions made, go to each local District. For our area it is the NID (Northern Illinois District). A separate convention is held in each district, in addition to the National Convention. Each district then votes on the submitted grants for that convention year.

**Focus for April for NID grants:**



**Goal: \$18,000 paid: \$8774.31**

**DR. WILLIAM H. GRIFFIN COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD PANTRY** has been a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church on Chicago's south side since 2008. This mission serves about 300 people through its food bank, clothing bank, and several outreach events throughout the year.

## **NID 60<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**

**SERVING THE CHURCH:** From the perspective of the "Runner up".



*Convention Floor with President Harrison on the left standing and Pastor Kellerman in the center seated.*

Maybe 6 months ago, someone asked me if I would be willing to be an alternate delegate to the Northern Illinois District's 60<sup>th</sup> Convention. I said sure, essentially consenting to be the runner-up. In other words, to serve only if Miss America was unavailable, and indeed not expecting to serve.

Well, March 11, 2022, rolled around I did get the call to represent TLC at the convention. There was some sadness in this service because it meant, I would not be able attend Pastor Heimsoth's funeral. But knowing where he is, is a great joy, even if I could not say goodbye.

So, our Pastor, the Reverend Steven Wagner, drove me to Concordia University (River Forest). We registered, were handed

an electronic voting device, and walked to the Chapel of Our Lord for opening Worship. It was thrilling to be a part of that congregation. Masks were off, so the singing was strong. When the worship leader called out: ***We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One*** the whole congregation thundered back...***HE WAS DELIVERED UP TO DEATH; HE WAS DELIVERED FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE***, chills ran up and down my spine. It was as if I had been granted a vision of what was to come, only it was happening in real-time. I heard Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison speak for the first time. The Convention theme was, "*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly*" from Colossians 3:16.

The agenda for two days included voting, bible study, video presentations, singing, eating, discussions, an offering, and committee reports and recommendations. I got to vote twice for Lori Solyom, though she won election only once. Thanks be to God I did my part! NID President, the Rev. Dr. Allen Buss, ran the Convention with great aplomb. (FYI, and this was fun: Pastor Kellerman from our linkage church, First Bethlehem, is the District Secretary and when introduced, President Harrison whistled wildly in greetings to Pastor Kellerman's introduction.)

Belize was voted to be the District's mission focus. I didn't know English was the official language of Belize. And because it is located just south of Mexico, travel dollars would be efficiently spent compared to traveling to Bulgaria, I'd consider a missionary trip down there, especially in the winter.

Another fascinating vote was to encourage Bible reading throughout the NID in connection with the 175 Anniversary of the founding of the LCMS. And of course, someone voted against it...as the District was encouraging us to read the Bible twice through in a year. I can't say I have ever done that.

Our NID is embarking on a program for Pastors and Church workers entitled *Word, Wellness, Witness*. A Two-Part Convention Essay, *Let the Word Dwell*, was delivered by Pastors Bruzek & Yonker. (Pastor Yonker charged me to relay his greetings to Janet & Lester Schumacher, members of our Trinity congregation.)

Then there was an area of Lutheran Vendors. I collected Lutheran swag as well as pens for my 95-year-old father. The opportunity and need in the room was huge. Thanks be to God we serve a huge God.

The Convention ended with a Q & A session with President Harrison. He was asked to comment on the spiritual condition of Chicago. President Harrison noted the vast majority of LCMS Congregations in the District were in the suburbs with fewer in the city and noted the situation would not change until the Suburban Churches reached out into Chicago. As a member of the Board of Evangelism, we have a relationship with Pastor Kellerman and First Bethlehem. We need to seek God to find what he would have us do.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Lustrea, \*Elder, Usher, Board of  
Evangelism, Faithful Servant  
\*added by editor



## Shining Bright:

Serving Others with Joy and Faith

### ZONE 6 RALLY

#### Calling all women to come learn more about the Lord's mission in Northern Illinois

Featuring Pat Braun PHD & Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner NID Nurse

visiting with Lutheran Schools in Chicago & Israel. Also serving Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation, a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. Learn how SUPERHEROES are being developed right here in Chicago Lutheran schools.

When: **Saturday, April 23, 2022**

Registration: **8:30-9 a.m. Coffee and Continental Breakfast**

Business Meeting: Elections and District Report

Devotions: Pastor

Ingathering: Boxes of Band-Aids

Goal: 80 boxes for 80 years of LWML

**Zion Lutheran Church 204 S Grant Street Hinsdale, IL 60521**

To RSVP, for more information, or any questions, text or call either Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764, or Hannah Solyom at 630.363.4338

## Reminder...Trinity Lutheran Church 2022 Commitment Drive: March 6 through April 3

Trinity asks you to prayerfully consider your level of giving as we recognize that, *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..."* (James 1:17)

We are seeking the answers to the following questions.

Your answers will be confidentially processed by one or two members of Trinity's Board of Stewardship for the sole purpose of anticipating and estimating congregational giving for the coming year.

- What is your weekly gift commitment to Trinity for the year running from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023?
- Are you answering as an individual, or on behalf of a couple, or a family with more than two adults?
- Would you like to receive a boxed set of offering envelopes?
- Would you like help in becoming an online giver to Trinity?

Please respond via email to [mycommitment@trinitylombard.org](mailto:mycommitment@trinitylombard.org), or mail My Commitment, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd, Lombard, IL 60148, or place in the offering plate. Your commitments will be confidentially processed with anonymous totals used for budget purposes.

...  
Blessings in Christ,  
Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Stewardship

*Recipes coming from the Pews* – Recipes or suggestions about food from our “church family” are welcome. If you have anything you’d like to contribute, please feel free to text, or email your ideas or your requests.

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## Recipes Passed Down

**Tasty Recipes is an online blog for easy dinner ideas — the ones perfect for busy nights where you don't want to spend hours in the kitchen, but still want something more substantial than, say, a PB&J.**



### Ingredients:

for 6 servings

- \* 1 lb chicken breast, cubed
- \* Salt & pepper, to taste
- \* 1 lb broccoli florets
- \* 8 oz mushroom, sliced
- \* 3 tablespoons oil

### Here's how to make it:

1. In a large pan on medium-high heat, add 1 tablespoon of oil. Once the oil is hot, add chicken, season with salt and pepper, and sauté until cooked through and browned. Remove cooked chicken from pan and set aside.
2. In the same pan, heat 1 tablespoon of oil and add mushrooms. When the mushrooms start to soften, add broccoli florets and stir-fry until the broccoli is

tender. Remove cooked mushrooms and broccoli from the pan and set aside.

3. Add 1 tablespoon of oil to the pan and sauté garlic and ginger until fragrant. Add the remaining sauce ingredients and stir until smooth.
4. Return the chicken and vegetables to the saucy pan, stir until heated through.
5. Serve with hot rice or noodles.
6. Enjoy!

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## Updates & .....

### Welcome to the Lord's family.....

*Luke 18:15-16 <sup>15</sup>“Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”*

**Zachary George Luka** the son of Eric and Jessica (nee: Eggert) Luka, was baptized on March 20, 2022. His sponsors are Sarah Seely and Emily Hetzner.

God bless the parents, grandparents and sponsors as they raise this precious child to know his Savior Jesus.

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## Directory of Info:

### Midwest Center for Hope & Healing: Christian Counseling - a few steps away

Would you or your family benefit from Christian counseling? Whether you struggle with stress and anxiety, are trying to overcome depression

or substance abuse, or think you might need support while coping with the loss of a loved one, or if you are dealing with financial strains, infidelity, or communication issues in relationships, you do not have to feel alone. Midwest Center for Hope & Healing offers a full range of in-person and teletherapy counseling services.

Trained and experienced licensed counselors are available with offices at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard, Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, and in Oak Brook. Call 630.560.1100 or visit <https://mchhcounseling.com>

### THERE IS HOPE...

If time alone leaves you struggling with feelings of depression, guilt, grief, anger or regret and there's an abortion in your past, **Word of Hope** can help. Word of Hope offers confidential counseling, support, resources and referrals for anyone dealing with the after-effects of an abortion. If you or someone you know is suffering from grief over an abortion, call 888.217.8679 or email [info@word-of-hope.org](mailto:info@word-of-hope.org). It's caring and completely confidential.

### ONGOING GIFTING OPPORTUNITIES:

God's blessings to benefit the kingdom work of Trinity Lutheran Church and School...

- o **Empower Illinois** – a gift made to Trinity Lutheran School through this Invest in Kids program can earn you a 75% Illinois tax credit
- o **Amazon Smile** – select Trinity as your designated charity and a small percentage of everything you buy comes back to Trinity
- o **Shop with Scrip** – gift cards purchased physically or online return varying

percentages to Trinity, while you get the full face value of what you spend

If you have questions or need assistance in making charitable gifts to Trinity, please reach out to Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org) and the Board of Stewardship can connect you with a variety of helpful giving resources



1200 Roosevelt Rd #114  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
630.493.1340

Caring Network has been used by God to save many thousands of lives!

Their goal: We work to honor and glorify Jesus Christ, the author and creator of life, by bringing His love and compassion to abortion minded women and equipping them to choose life – both physical and spiritual.

"For God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."  
John 3:17

You can give to them directly or through your offering envelopes..



**The need is great and it's ongoing.**

**However, between now and Easter, we hope to help fill the food pantry shelves to overflowing, because the need continues to grow. What better time to show our love and gratitude to**

our risen Savior than by answering His call to help our neighbor. We ask, once again, that you make an extra effort to help. Canned goods, staples, such as any pasta, breakfast cereal, crackers, etc.

Thank you for your continued support in restocking the Pantries at St Pius – St Vincent DePaul, York Center and First Bethlehem. Reaching out in this tangible way to show the love of Christ is a blessing to many who have been struggling. Hours for the pantry at St Pius are:

### Pantry Hours

Mon and Fri 9 a.m.-noon

Wed 12:30-2:30 p.m.

2nd and 4th Sat 9-11:30 a.m.

Ron and Dawn Tyler continue as faithful caretakers of our food pantry and will be more than happy to pick up your donations if bringing them to church is a problem for you. *“And they know we are Christians by our love”.*



All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted if possible by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to get proofread and approved by

Pastor by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Thank you.

Send to [vinjud60@yahoo.com](mailto:vinjud60@yahoo.com)

Articles of interest are welcome, as well as suggestions.

Questions ... call or text - Judy Cuchetto (630)698-2208 at any time.

## THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

### 1. Admit you are a sinner.

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”*  
(Romans 3:23)

No one is good enough to go to Heaven on his own merit.  
No matter how much good we do, we still come short.

### 2. Realize the penalty for sin.

*“For the wages of sin is death...”* (Romans 6:23a)  
Just as there are wages for good, there is punishment for wrong. The penalty for our sin is eternal death in a place called Hell.

### 3. Believe that Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose again for you.

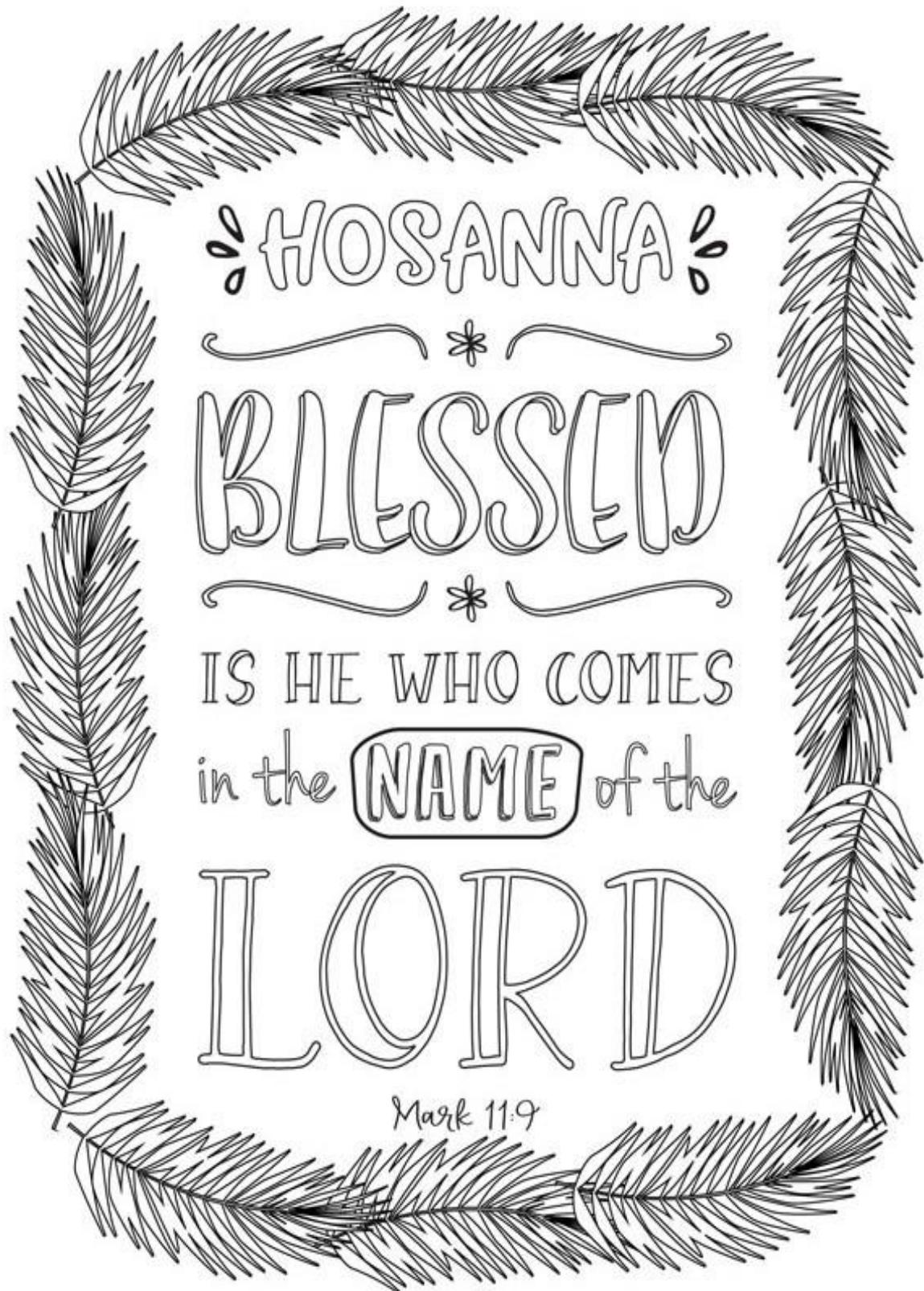
*“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”* (Romans 10:9)

### 4. Trust Christ alone as your Saviour.

*“...But the gift of God is eternal life though Jesus Christ our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23b) *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* (Romans 10:13)

Eternal life is a gift purchased by the blood of Jesus and offered freely to those who call upon Him by faith. Anyone who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved forever.

Being saved is a one time event.



Mark 11:9