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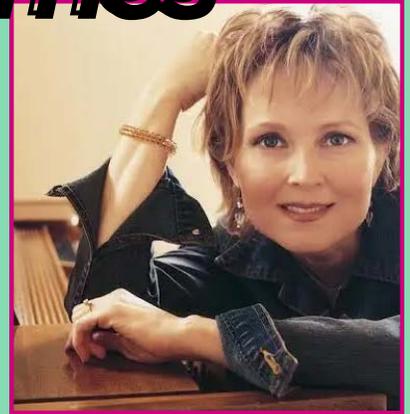
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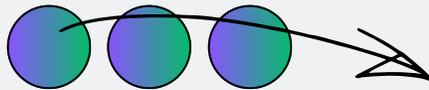


*Lamb of God, #550 in the Lutheran Service Book, was written and composed by Twila Paris.*

## March 22: Children Sing "Lamb of God"

by Abby Pilny

On Sunday March 22, 2026, Trinity's students will be singing in church. The hymn they will sing is #550 in the Lutheran Service Book that we use in church., called *Lamb of God*. It is a hymn about how Jesus has saved us from our sins and there is no reason for us to hide. It is based on scripture from John 1 and Isaiah 53. The writer of *Lamb of God* is Twila Paris, a Christian musical artist, known for her worship songs and Christian radio hits of the 1980s and 1990s. Twila recorded her first music album at the age of four. She's a really cool person, daughter of a songwriter mom and minister dad. Trinity's students have been working hard to learn and perfect this song, so make sure to bring them to church to sing on March 22.



## #March22-Don'tMissThis Trinity Easter Egg Hunt

by Juliana Rivera

Trinity Lutheran School has been having an Easter egg hunt for about eight years. This year's Trinity Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, March 22, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: The hunt takes place in the school field just north of the building. If it is raining, the hunt will be in the school gym. Younger children will hunt first, followed by the older children. The Easter story will be included as part of this fully supervised Egg Hunt. It is recommended to bring your own egg gathering basket or bag, though a limited number will be available if you forget one.

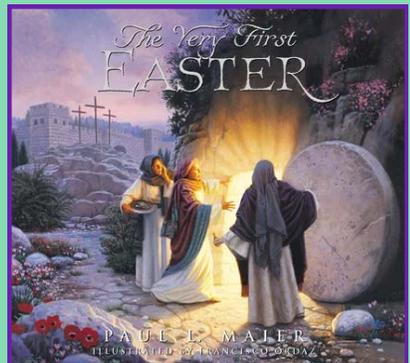
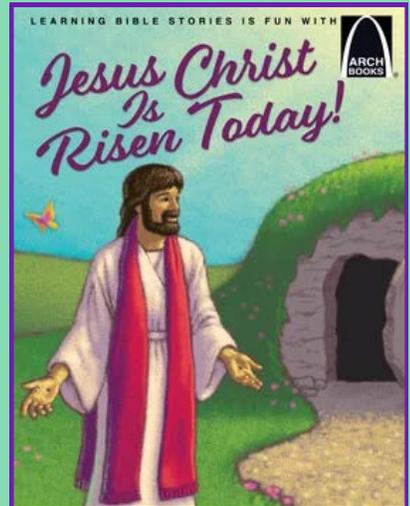
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INVITES YOU TO A  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**

SUNDAY MARCH 22  
11:00AM-12:30PM  
HUNT WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 11:00 AM  
TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL FIELD-  
1165 S WESTMORE-MEYERS RD, LOMBARD  
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IF IT RAINS, THE HUNT WILL BE INSIDE THE GYM.  
PLEASE BRING A BAG OR BASKET.

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## Easter Books with a Lifechanging Message



Consider adding a Christ-centered Easter book to the holiday basket.

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today* by Eric C. Bohnet and *The Very First Easter* by Paul L. Maier. Find these and other great family Easter books at Concordia Publishing House (<https://www.cph.org/>).



# Palm Sunday

by Ariana Mehrazar, Keira Hager, and Aubriella Miranda

Palm Sunday occurs on March 29, 2026, which marks the Sunday before Easter and celebrates Jesus's triumphant, yet humble, entry into

Jerusalem. Christians celebrate this day by waving palm branches to symbolize the crowd's welcome of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem as recorded in Matthew 21.

According to the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey while people laid cloaks and branches on the road (like a red carpet). They did this while shouting "Hosanna," which means save us. Palm branches signify victory, triumph, and kingship. The donkey symbolizes humility and peace. The occurrence fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9, which foretold that the Messiah would arrive as a lowly King.

In Palm Sunday church services, the day begins with the blessing of palm branches, which in many churches, follows a procession. Many Christians take the blessed palm branches home as a sign of blessing—often crafting them into small crosses.

The palms blessed on this day are often burned to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday the following year.

Palm Sunday is a very important holiday. It celebrates the start of Holy Week, and there is a lot of symbolism. How do you plan to celebrate Palm Sunday?

## TRINITY'S PALM SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES ARE AT 9 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 29 & 6 P.M. MONDAY, MARCH 30.

# HOSANNA LOUD HOSANNA

a favorite traditional Palm Sunday hymn

selected by Floyd Turner

Hymn: **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, #443** Lutheran Service Book

Author: **Jeanette Threlfall, 1821-1880**

Tune: **ELLACOMBE**

Composer: unknown, but German in origin

Scripture: **Matthew 21:8-11**

Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

[from *The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem*]

About Jeanette Threlfall:

Miss Threlfall had a difficult childhood. Her parents died when she was young. Two separate accidents left her unable to walk, seriously disabled, and confined to bed. Yet she remained cheerful, writing poems,

hymns, and prayers

About Hosanna:

The word comes from Hebrew and means Save Us Now.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 443

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na. The lit - tle chil - dren sang,  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an - ex - ul - tant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing.

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang,  
 The vic - tor palm branch way - ing And cham - ing clear and loud,  
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er. The Lord of heav'n our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
 The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best,  
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bad - ding wait,  
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

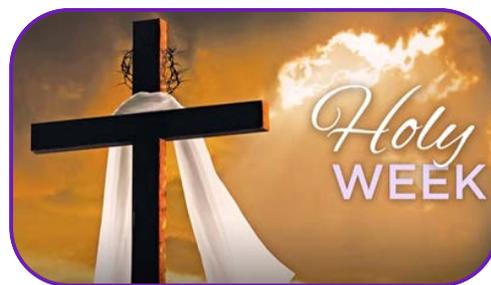
"Hosanna" is a Hebrew word of praise meaning, "save us now."  
 Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821-80, alt.  
 Tune: Anonymous (aka B.C.), c.17th; Helwig/B., Wittenberg, 1764; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1940  
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# Holy Week

by Ariana Mehrazar

@ResurrectionRocks

Holy Week is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter. This year that runs from Palm Sunday on March 29 to Easter Sunday on April 5, 2026. In addition to Palm Sunday and Easter, this includes Maundy Thursday [April 2], Good Friday [April 3], and Holy Saturday [April 4].



Palm Sunday celebrates Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, which is the event that begins Holy Week. Many worshippers commemorate this occasion by waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna," attempting to recreate the original crowd's cheerful welcome of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lent. The name is derived from the Latin word for "commandment" and honors Jesus's instruction to "love one another." Worshipers receive individual absolution, which mirrors Ash Wednesday's ashes. This service also remembers the Last Supper and Jesus washing His disciples' feet.

Good Friday is a somber service, celebrating Jesus's crucifixion and sacrifice for humanity's sins. It's a day of reflection and humility, marked by the absence of Holy Communion—as it represents the breaking of Jesus's body on the cross.

Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus's resurrection, which is a joyful victory over sin and death. Many people celebrate Easter by going to Church for the sunrise service, hunting for Easter eggs and even dyeing or decorating eggs.

Holy Week is an amazing and important time for prayer, repentance, and drawing closer to God.

**Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

## Why Easter? The History & Traditions



by Ariana Mehrazar, Keira Hager, and Aubriella Miranda

Prepare to hear the three glorious words, "He is risen"! These words are spoken on the joyous holiday of Easter. Every year, people throughout the world rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ on this holiday. This year Easter will occur on Sunday, April 5.

The first Easter occurred at the time of the Jewish Passover. That is what Jesus and His disciples were observing at the Last Supper, Over time these Christian beliefs integrated with older European springtime festivals celebrating renewal, including symbols like eggs and rabbits. **Fun fact: Easter is also called pasch or Resurrection Sunday!**

Easter is celebrated with eggs because they represent new life and rebirth, and symbolize the resurrection of Jesus. Easter has a great significance to Christians around the world! It follows the Lent season, serving as a wonderful and happy conclusion to the time of penitent reflection. After Adam's fall, we were cursed with death and disease, permanently separated from God. Everything looked hopeless for mankind. However, God sent his Son, Jesus, to die for us and became the ultimate bridge to the Father. Then our Lord raised Himself from the dead, giving us an amazing gift to celebrate every year. Now Christians everywhere can say "He lives!"

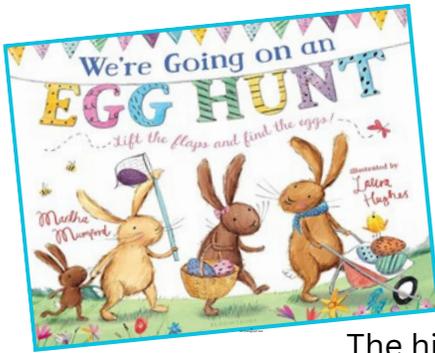
Get ready to celebrate Easter this year! We should all pray for the forgiveness of our sins, spread the Word of God to others who might not know the Savior Jesus Christ, read the Bible to learn more about Jesus, and be thankful, because Jesus died for our sins on the cross, so that we can go to Heaven and live eternal life with Him.

- Common ways that people celebrate Easter, include:
- Attending church, sunrise services
  - Festive holiday dinners
  - Dyeing and hunting for eggs
  - Exchanging chocolates
  - Receiving special treats from the Easter Bunny

*At Trinity Lutheran Church, the April 2 Maundy Thursday and April 3 Good Friday services are at 7 p.m. The 7 a.m. April 5 Easter Sunrise service is followed by Easter breakfast in the school gym, and the 10 a.m. Easter Celebration service.*

# Easter Egg Hunts: A Fun & Festive Tradition

by Bobby Hawn



Looking into the history of the egg hunt helps reveal the layers of tradition and joy behind this beloved Easter activity. Egg hunts are an important part of Easter tradition. It fills backyards, playgrounds, parks and many other places with the laughter coming from children enjoying hunting for hidden eggs. But what are the origins of this lovely Easter activity? Let's find out.

The history of egg hunts can be traced back to the pagan rituals celebrating the spring equinox. Eggs were and still are a symbol of rebirth and new beginnings. When Christians started popping up everywhere they adapted the tradition of these eggs for their celebration of Easter. Pagan rituals always had spring egg hunts involved. And these eggs also always had treats. This tradition eventually immigrated from Germany to America.

Today, these egg hunts are a tradition that a large number of Christians include in Easter festivities. Perhaps, you will enjoy an Easter egg hunt as part of your Resurrection celebration.

## Festive Easter Food

by Addison Mann and Addison Meredith

If you are invited to an Easter party and have no idea of what to take, here are some ideas. Main dishes you might expect to find at an Easter get-together include ham, pork loin, or maybe even lamb. Some popular sides could be deviled eggs, mac 'n' cheese, spring greens, roasted asparagus, and potato salad. If there is still room for dessert, delicious choices would be cookies, brownies, or a traditional lamb cake (baked in the shape of a lamb). One possibility that caught our eye (and made our mouths water) is a homemade carrot cake [see recipe below]. Hopefully we have given you some good inspiration. Enjoy your Easter get-together!



## Eye-Opening Mouth Watering Carrot Cake

### Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 ¼ cups vegetable oil
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup lightly packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 3 cups grated peeled carrots
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- ½ cup raisins

### Instructions

1. Position a rack in the middle of the oven. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease two 9-inch round cake pans, line the bottom of each with parchment paper, or grease and flour the bottom and sides of both pans.
2. Whisk flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon together in a medium bowl until very well blended.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk the oil, granulated sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla. Add the eggs, one at a time, whisking after each one.
4. Switch to a large rubber spatula. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl, then add the dry ingredients in three parts, gently stirring until they disappear and the batter is smooth. Stir in the carrots, nuts, and raisins.
5. Divide the cake batter between the prepared cake pans. Bake until the tops of the cake layers are springy when touched and when a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, approximately 35 to 45 minutes.
6. When cool, frost with a cream cheese or buttercream frosting. Decorate with piped orange and green frosting carrot shapes or trim with actually tiny carrots.

# NO SCHOOL : SPRING BREAK

by Alice Hensley and Addison Meredith

March 30- April 6 there will be no school, it's spring break! Trinity students in grades 5 through 8 have some big plans for their spring break. Here is just a sneak peek at the adventures they are going to take.



Jacob is going to go to his aunt's house.

Alice plans on playing outside and going to church!

Heidi will engage in Squishy and Needoh hunting, as well as playing Roblox.

Addison (5th) plans to be surprised (as she doesn't yet know what she will be doing).

Floyd is looking forward to having time to play Brawlhalla Rage, Fortnite Rage, Naruto: Shippuden Ultimate Ninja Storm 4 Rage, Call of Duty Rage, Minecraft, and get bored.

Gunnarr is going to Washington, DC. The Great American State Fair is set June 25 to July 10 as part of America's 250th birthday celebration, but Trinity's spring break falls during DC's National Cherry Blossom Festival in the nation's capital.

Keira is going to relax at home, go to some fun places, and enjoy the outdoors and her backyard.

Juliana is looking forward to going to the mall with friends and also playing Roblox.

Bobby must be tired, because he said that he is going to "basically, sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep, oh, and play the new Pokemon game, and then sleep more."

Josh plans to chill, play video games, and talk to Arian.

Arian was looking forward to sleeping a lot, but hopefully he will wake up to talk with Josh!

Ariana is going to spend time with her family and friends and also engage in sports.

Aubrey said that she plans to "play Roblox, buy more things that I don't need (but buy anyway), eat a lot of food with my friends."

Ava is going to play Roblox, sleep, eat, and go to the mall with her friends.

Abby is participating in her state gymnastics competition, and planning to go to the mall with her friends, and play Roblox.

Addison (8th) is going to fly to Boston for vacation.

Damian plans to continue reading Horimiya, a Japanese manga book series.



## National One Cent Day *by Ava Harrison*

On April 1st every year, we celebrate National One Cent Day. It's dedicated to the history and origins of the one cent coin commonly known as the penny. The penny has been part of American commerce or trade since the early days of our country. The first one cent coins were produced by the U.S. Mint in 1793. They looked nothing like today's pennies. They were larger than today's quarter, struck in copper, and had unique images meant to represent

ideals such as liberty and unity rather than specific individuals. Over time, the symbols changed and the size, composition, and artistry evolved too. National One Cent Day gives us a moment to notice how pennies reflect history, design, and everyday life. Unfortunately, after over 200 years of creating pennies, they have stopped producing them. Still, celebrating National One Cent Day can be as easy as researching the history of the penny or doing something fun to appreciate them and learn how this small coin has impacted our country.

# April Fool's History

by Heidi Johnson

April Fool's Day is an awesome holiday! It's not a big holiday but it's the perfect holiday to pull pranks (harmless ones), even if your tricks are little ones or if you go all out. Just remember to be safe!

April Fool's Day falls on April 1 each year and has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery.

April Fool's pranks are meant to be safe and harmless. The earliest recorded April Fool's Day prank was played in 1698. It was a humorous story published in a London newspaper that stated that the moon was visible from the Earth.

April Fool's Day can be cross-cultural. In Iran it is celebrated on the 13th day of the Persian New Year, which is usually close to April 1.

Whether you're playing pranks on your friends or just enjoying the lighthearted humor of the day, it's a time to let loose and have some fun.



## Clean (Not Mean) April Fool's Pranks

by Jacob Garcia

Here are some suggestions for April Fool's Day pranks: 15 clean - not mean - tricks that don't hurt anyone.

1. Place a Lego block on the seat of someone's chair.
2. Fill a mayonnaise jar with vanilla pudding and casually eat the whole thing with a spoon while others are watching you.
3. Slip something fun or unusual into a stranger's grocery cart when they aren't looking.
4. Add food coloring to milk or cream that's in a cardboard carton.
5. Add a voice activated sign to the office toaster, or door, or toilet handle.
6. Put googly eyes on everything in the fridge.

## TACO BELL'S BIG GOTCHA!

by Bobby Hawn

April Fool's Day is the time you play practical jokes on everyone, sometimes to tease people, sometimes just to get a laugh. Taco Bell played one of these practical jokes on a lot of people during 1996. Here are the details:

Taco Bell announced with an advertisement that they planned to buy the Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell is a national monument that is on public display in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Constructed in 1751, the bell was ordered to be made in honor of the 50th anniversary of William Penn's Charter of Privileges. The bell holds a significant place in America's history. Therefore, it is very understandable that the fact that this random food chain planned to purchase this landmark caused quite a bit of an uproar.

Taco Bell replaced full page advertisements in seven national newspapers announcing that not only would they be buying the Liberty Bell, but they would rename it as the Taco Bell Liberty Bell. Almost immediately after the advertisement was announced the National Park Service was flooded with calls from people who disapproved of the purchase.

Not everyone disliked this prank. A White House spokesperson said that the Taco Bell Liberty Bell was only the beginning and indicated that there were other corporate purchases of public landmarks. National Park Service officials, charged with the care and custody of the Liberty Bell, were shocked and blindsided. They no idea why this was happening. Eventually Taco Bell came clean about the prank and confessed that it was an elaborate April Fool's ruse. This prank is regarded as a marketing triumph. The ads cost Taco Bell \$300,000 yet generated \$25 million in free publicity. Thirty years later, The Taco Bell Liberty Bell joke is still spoken about 30 years later.



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# GAGS, PRANKS, AND PRACTICAL JOKES FOR APRIL FOOL'S DAY

by Gunnarr Tully

There are many April Fool's Day gags, but here are my top ten practical jokes for you to try. By the way, try to find all the uses of "creep" in this story.



## Number 10: The Alarm Clock Trick

*Items you will need: alarm clock*

Step 1: Wake up at 5 a.m., then slowly creep into your parents' room.

Step 2: Take the alarm clock, and quietly turn the time back an hour.

Step 3: Creep quietly back to your bed.

## Number 9: The Water Flower Trick

*Items you will need: fake flower that shoots water (available at novelty stores or magic shops)*

Step 1: Fill up flower with water, then when you get close to someone, squirt water at them.

## Number 8: The Pot of Water Trick

*Items you will need: a pot, water*

Step 1: Fill the pot with water.

Step 2: Carry the pot upstairs, find a position by a balcony, overhang, or window.

Step 3: When someone walks below you, trickle the water, then... SPLASH!!!

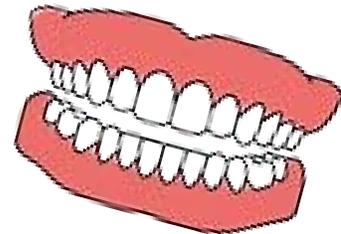
## Number 7: The Chompers Trick

*Items you will need: fake dentures or teeth (available at novelty stores or magic shops)*

Step 1: Insert the dentures in your mouth.

Step 2: Walk up to someone and say you think you have a toothache.

Step 3: Then push out the dentures using your tongue.



## Number 6: The Fake Letter Trick

*Items you will need: pen or pencil, piece of paper, envelope, stamp*

Step 1: The day before April Fool's, write your letter...

Dear [name of your mom or dad],

I am your long lost [brother or sister, your choice]. I am so excited to meet you and I am currently at [pick a nearby location that you would like to visit like an ice cream shop or bowling alley]. Please come soon, I'm waiting for you here all day.

Love [whatever name you come up with for your new "aunt" or "uncle"]

Step 2: Hide the letter in your family's mailbox.

Step 3: On April Fool's Day, retrieve it from the mailbox and show to your parents.

Step 4: Convince them to go meet the mystery relative.

Step 5: When you arrive there, fess up, but suggest that as you are already there, you might as well enjoy it!

## Number 5: The Dead Mouse Trick

*Items you will need: a fake mouse*

Step 1: Conceal the mouse in your hand and when close to someone, discreetly drop it on the floor.

Step 2: If they don't notice it, you can point and say, "Ew, what's that?"

## Number 4: The Spider Trick

*Items you will need: a fake spider*

Step 1: After your parents go to bed, creep into their bedroom and then place the spider in or on their slippers.



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### Clean (not mean)...continued from page 6

7. The old raisin in the toothpaste trick. Just push a raisin into the neck of the toothpaste and squeeze a bit of the toothpaste up so you can't see it in there.
8. Dirty toilet. Partially melt a chocolate bar and leave it on the toilet seat.
9. For moms and dads - the sleep mask. Before your spouse wakes up, put a Halloween mask on yourself and snuggle up close to them.
10. Shark in the toilet. Print a photo of an open shark mouth, lightly under the toilet seat.
11. Sticky note hug. Hug a friend or family member close and send them on their way with a note stuck to their back that says, "I twirl for applause."
12. Fake family. Replace family photos around your house with photos of strangers or celebrities.
13. The silly string sneeze. Get a can of Silly String and land a big fake silly string sneeze on someone.
14. Spider in toilet paper. Unroll a toilet paper roll a few times. Using two-sided sticky tape, tape a small fake spider on the toilet paper and roll it back up.
15. Spider in pocket. Drop a fake spider into someone's jacket pocket.

### Gags, Pranks... continued from page 7

#### Number 3: The "You're Fired" Trick Items you will need: phone

Step 1: Text this to your mom or dad this:

Mr. or Mrs. [your dad or mom's last name],  
I have emailed you to say that you are hereby  
fired, standby for further notice.

By the way, I was just joking, April Fool's!!!

#### Number 2: The "I've Gone Deaf" Trick Items you will need: nothing

Step 1: Whenever someone talks to you, say,  
"What did you say? I couldn't hear you at all."  
Repeat this step for as long as you want to.

#### Number 1: The Whoopie Cushion Trick Items you will need: a whoopie cushion

Step 1: Inflate the whoopie cushion.

Step 2: Put it on a chair, then wait until someone  
sits on it.

I hope you enjoyed these family friendly pranks.  
Did you find all the uses of the word "creep" in  
this story? If you did, congratulations! You just  
earned yourself \$100,000,000 and a free cruise  
to the Bahamas. You will get a letter soon!

By the way, gotcha! Happy April Fool's Day.

**APRIL  
FOOLS  
DAY  
PRANKS**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**  
following 9 a.m. church service  
in Trinity's Parish Hall

**Trivia Fun - Prizes**  
**Pizza - Salad - Dessert**



Help raise funds to purchase  
**FAITH ALIVE STUDENT BIBLES**  
for Trinity Lutheran School & Church  
these child-friendly Bibles are given to  
students entering 3rd grade  
(or above)

**COLLECTING FREE WILL DONATIONS**

## Trivia4Bibles & Pizza

On Sunday, April 26, 2026, following the 9 a.m. church service, join us for Trivia4Bibles. It will be a fun lunch and game time in Trinity's parish hall.

Participants will enjoy trivia with prizes, pizza, salad, snacks, and beverages, and make a free-will donation to help purchase quality child-friendly Faith Alive Student Bibles from Concordia Publishing House. These currently cost \$35 each. Each year these Bibles are gifted to Trinity Lutheran School students as they enter 3rd grade, and to new students entering above 3rd grade, and Sunday School students, grades 3 and above who attend schools other than Trinity.

# Lutheran Schools Week

by Joshua Camiola and Addison Meredith

Let's  
Make  
a Joyful  
Noise PSALM 98:4



The first week of March was a fun one for Trinity! It was fun and activity filled, as Trinity celebrated Lutheran Schools Week. Monday, students wore their PJs for Pajama Day, and older students read to the little children. It was Spiritwear Day on Tuesday, and as a special treat we watched movies. The elementary and middle school students chose between watching *Zootopia* or *Miracle*. Preschool classes enjoyed a showing of *Veggie Tales: The Three Little Pigs*. On Wednesday, everyone dressed up nicely for church. In the afternoon, Pastor Wagner and Mr. Baerenklau took the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> class on a field trip to Panda Express for Trinity's Dine to Donate benefit. Thursday was Crazy Hair and Hat Day and also featured a student favorite: Breakfast by Teachers Day. The menu included scrambled eggs, sausage, french toast sticks (some cinnamon!), juice, milk, fruit, and cereal. Friday was Grandparents Day. Students welcomed their grandparents and special friends with a special chapel service featuring a musical drama, *Life is Good*. Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade presented the story and all the students sang. The 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade sang a fun song named, The O.T. Rap, featuring Old Testament Bible Heroes. As Friday was an early dismissal day, we ended a busy week with an activity packed morning.





**Trinity's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were asked to write a brief essay in support of Lutheran Education. Here is what they had to say.**

*by Heidi Johnson*

I love getting the chance to learn, especially about God. I'm so thankful to go to a Lutheran School with a church that we get to go to every Wednesday during the school day. In my opinion I find it fun to get to go here five days a week! Getting up in the morning is sometimes a struggle for me but when I'm here it makes me glad that I came because I get to see my friends and learn about subjects and learn to recognize things I didn't before! One of my favorite subjects of all time is math. I find it so fun because I'm good at it! I love the feeling of getting a problem right or when I can easily get it done in my head. How I came here was God guiding me. I was sitting in my car stopped at a stoplight and I heard the bell ringing. I told my mom and found my way here. I'm glad my mom was able to send me here and I'm so grateful to have been able to get recently baptized here too! I'm glad I get to be in sports here. I love running so I'm glad they offer that!! Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." and I think this school does that!

*by Gunnarr Tully*

Proverbs 22:6 says to, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod wants Christ to touch all parts of our educational and spiritual life. And that is what distinguishes Lutheran Ed from public schools. In public schools, they do not teach about God. So, that is what really distinguishes Lutheran ones. Also in the Missouri Synod, we train a child to do the right things. Both in education and in God. This is also our mission to have children become lifelong learners in Christ and never depart from God even when they're old.

*by Floyd Turner*

I believe that the reason for Lutheran education is so that people learn about God for their future and know what's right and wrong. Another reason for it is so they can spread the Gospel and make disciples of all the nations. The main reason might be to let them learn of Jesus. And they need to learn to let their prayer rise before them. They get to learn that God is the King of Kings. They learn that everyone are the kids of His kingdom. They learn to trust Jesus with their whole heart. They get to know that they are Jesus's little lamb. We shall fear the Lord who is present in His sanctuary. They learn how the Bible is a precious divine book. They learn how majestic is Jesus's name. They learn how He is born as the Divine Child. We learn to fear and love God. We learn to praise the Lord with Hallelujahs. But we have no fear for we are His little flock. In the Bible we learn we are like the sparrow, God cares for us, and we sing about it.

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# Harry Has Returned!

by Addison Meredith

Finally, the anticipation is over. Harry Styles' new album *Kiss All The Time. Disco, Occasionally* is out at last. After a three year long break from the spotlight Harry has come back, and better than ever. The album's single "Aperture" seemed like a good start for Harry, because he said it has a 'say yes to everything' philosophy and aims to capture a 'let light into everyone' s life' ideal. The singer allegedly wrote this song after seeing LCD Soundsystem (one of my favorite bands) live in Berlin. The new album has 12 tracks (in order): Aperture - American Girls - Ready, Steady, Go! - Are You Listening Yet? - Taste Back - The Waiting Game - Season 2

Weight Loss - Coming Up Roses - Pop - Dance No More - Paint by Numbers - Carla's Song. This release is a no-skip album, and there is a song for everyone. Styles hits all the emotions with sad songs (Paint by Numbers), hype-up songs (Dance No More, Pop, and Ready, Steady, Go!), love songs (Coming Up Roses) and many, many, more. Each song feels like it's taking you to a different world. None of his selections on this album bring up faith or could be considered religious, as he is not a religious singer. However, Styles was raised as a Christian. This album is truly a work of art and is unlike anything he has previously done. It is wonderful to see an artist step out of their comfort zone and come back stronger than ever after three years. I strongly recommend you give this album a listen. It's worth your time!



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by Jacob Garcia

by Alice Hensley

I believe that if you are Christian, you should send your child to a Christian school. If you send them to a public school, they will get harassed. Always remember Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Lutheran schools have higher standards than other schools. They can teach who Jesus is and we can learn that Jesus died for our sins. We can learn that Jesus was visited by three kings that had traveled a long way and an angel told shepherds that the Christ was born. God sent His only Son to Earth and He said that heaven is open to anyone who repents. God is always with you and me until the end of our lives. Jesus rose on the third day after dying on the cross. At Trinity the teachers will be nice and not mean to you.

by Addison Mann

**Trinity is fun. It's my third year here and I love it. I don't want to leave and I don't think God would want me to leave either. I love learning about things I did not already know. If I were you, I would want to join us at Trinity. We are filling baby bottles with money for moms having children that don't have a home or food.**

There are amazing things happening at Trinity Lutheran School. We've been putting money and change in baby bottles so that moms expecting babies don't have to be in the cold. We want them to have a nice home. And we know that Jesus loves them like they love you, like He loves everybody else. And I like that I learn about different school subjects like math, reading, spelling, social studies, grammar, and journalism. I love this school and you will like it too if you are here. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." [Proverbs 22:6] We always have fun and you should always have fun if you want to. The Bible also says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." [Proverbs 3:5] That Bible verse tells us that we have to follow Jesus if we need help with something.



Trinity's 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students sang *The O.T. Rap* as part of a special chapel service on Grandparents Day.

**Trinity students raised \$611 for Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries' Illinois maternity home by filling baby bottles with their chapel offerings!**

**HA!  
HA!**

**Q: What do you call a fake noodle?**

**A: An "impasta!"**

**Q: Why do bees have sticky hair?**

**A: They use honey combs!"**

Friday, March 20 -

**Hot Lunch: Pizza**

Sunday, March 22 -

**Students Sing in Church Service, 9 a.m.**

Sunday, March 22 - **Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m.**

Tuesday, March 24 - **Hot Lunch: Mostaccioli**

Friday, March 27 - **Nachos for \$1**

Sunday, March 29 - **Palm Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.**

Monday, March 30 - Monday, April 6 - **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break**

Thursday, April 2 - **Maundy Thursday Church Service, 7 p.m.**

Friday, April 3 - **Good Friday Church Service, 7 p.m.**

Sunday, April 5 - **Easter Sunday Church Services, 7 a.m. Sunrise & 10 a.m. (Easter Breakfast, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.)**

Monday, April 6 - **NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday**

**dates**  
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**Remember**  
**UPCOMING**  
**EVENTS**

## Easter Seek and find



Tuesday, April 7 -

**School Resumes, 8:15 a.m.**

Tuesday, April 7 -

**Hot Lunch: Pizza**

Wednesday, April 8 -

**Chapel, 8:30 a.m.**

Thursday, April 9 -

**Social Studies Fair, 6:30 p.m.**

Friday, April 10 -

**Hot Lunch: Hot Dog**

Monday, April 13 - **Nothing Bundt Cakes orders due**

Tuesday, April 14 -

**Hot Lunch: Mac 'n' Cheese**

Thursday, April 16 - **Dine to**

**Donate, Culver's, Lombard, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, April 21 -

**Hot Lunch: Tacos**

Wednesday - Friday, April 22 - 24 - **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip**

Thursday, April 23 -

**Nothing Bundt Cakes pick up**

Friday, April 24 - **Hot Lunch: Pizza**

Sunday, April 26 - **Trivia4Bibles, following 9 a.m. church service**