

April 13, 2025

Palm/Passion Sunday
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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR

The Elder-in-Charge – Jerry Falke
The Head Usher – Allan Urban
The Altar Guild – Debbie Winkler
The Organist – Daniel Krause
The Flowers – To the glory of God honoring Palm Sunday with palms and ..by Les & Debbie Schubert in loving memory of his brother, Ronnie.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON

The Elder-in-Charge – David Clifford
The Organist – Daniel Krause
The Acolyte – Jimmy Norment
The Head Usher – Wesley Boriack
The Finance Board – Ryan Brockenbush, Jeremy Brown, Tom Kleinschmidt, Clyde Lay Curtis Yurk, Victor Yurk
The Altar Guild – Connie Boriack, Sandra Cass
The Flowers – To the glory of God by The Confirmation Class in honor of their Confirmation this morning.

TO OUR VISITORS - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless your, and our, hearing of the Word of God. *** Would you please sign the GUEST REGISTER [please also include your address] in the NARTHEX before leaving the church?

OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE - PAGE 5 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

SILENT PRAYER upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear Your Holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

***THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION (at St. James)...Tatum Faye Fritsch, Jagden Ray Glover, and Lois-Ann Victoria Iselt!

**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –
PALM SUNDAY & THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory Our Lord Jesus rides in humble fashion – on the foal of a donkey – because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself, even to the point of death on a cross. (See *Philippians 2:5-11*) His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own

life. *“He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:5-6)* The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name “Barabbas,” “son of the Father.” *(See Matthew 27:15-17; 21)* It is at the Name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. *(See Philippians 2:10)* With the centurion who declared, *“Truly this was the Son of God!” (Mt. 27:54)* we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *(See Philippians 2:11) (lcms.org/lectionary-summaries)*

A READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: Today begins Holy Week – eight days in the life of our Lord upon which our salvation, faith and eternal life are based.

“What do you believe in the Second Article [of the Creed] about Jesus Christ?” Answer: “I believe that Jesus Christ, God’s true Son, has become my Lord.” The word Lord, or Redeemer, means the One Who has brought us from Satan to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and Who preserves us in the faith. This article explains how and by Whom we are redeemed. It explains how much it cost Him and what He spent and risked so that He might win us and bring us under His dominion. He became man, was conceived and born without sin, from the Holy Spirit and from the virgin Mary so that He might overcome sin. He suffered, died and was buried so that He might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owe, not with silver or gold, but with His own precious blood. He did all this in order to become my Lord. After that He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death and finally ascended into heaven and assumed the government at the Father’s right hand. He did these things so that the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and lie at His feet until finally, at the Last Day, He will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, and such. Yes, the entire Gospel that we preach is based on this point, that we properly understand this article as that upon which our salvation and all our happiness rests. *(Large Catechism, Article II of the Apostles Creed, Christ)*

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

The Divine Service of Christ’s Holy Passion begins with Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem amidst the laying down of palm branches before Him. The boisterous welcome that Jesus receives reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Him that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. The acclamation of the people, “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord” (Matthew 21:9) clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the Messianic King. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry “Crucify!” (Mark 15:13) This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His Triumphal Entry gives way to the somber remembrance of His Holy Passion. The extended reading from the Passion narrative sets before us all that our Lord did on our behalf as our Savior from sin and death. Therefore the Church is prepared to enter Holy Week – the most important week of the Church Year.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

PASTOR: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19)*

CONGREGATION: Amen.

P: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. *(Psalm 118:26)*

C: Hosanna to the Son of David. *(Matthew 21:9)*

COLLECT FOR THE PROCESSION OF PALMS

P: Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may always hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON – MARK 11:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

P: ^{11:1} Now when [Jesus and His disciples] drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the Name of the Lord. (*Isaiah 55:12*)

HYMN: ♪ 161 (FEDOR)/160 (ST. JAMES)

P: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. (*Psalm 118:26*)

C: Hosanna in the highest. (*Matthew 21:9*)

A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus’ Triumphal Entry and His Passion. The service continues with the Order of Morning Service on page 5 in the front of the hymnal – specifically, the confession of sins.

INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)

P: But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me!

C: O You Who are My help, come quickly to My aid!

P: Save Me from the mouth of the lion!

C: You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!

P: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

C: Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?

P: All who see Me mock Me; they scorn Me with their mouths.

C: They shake their heads; “He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him.”

P: “Let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!”

C: Do not be far from Me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. (*Psalm 22:1, 7-8, 11, 19, 21*)

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY FOR OUR LORD’S PASSION

P: O Lord God, heavenly Father, Who in Your fatherly grace did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him into death, even to the death of the cross for our sins: we implore you to send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, so that we may take heartfelt comfort in this grace, continue to avoid sin, and patiently bear whatever You appoint for our suffering, that through Your Son, our Savior, we may have eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

P: ^{52:13} Behold, My Servant shall act wisely; He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were appalled at Him – His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind – ¹⁵ so shall He sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

^{53:1} Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we

should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to His own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of My people? ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING OF THE SMALL CATECHISM (SEE HALF-PAGE INSERT)

EPISTLE LESSON – PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

P: ^{2:5} Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON – MATTHEW 27

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

C: 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

PASSION READING 1 OF 2: MATTHEW 27:1-2; 11-44

HYMN OF THE DAY: 🎵 171:1-5 (2ND TUNE)

PASSION READING 2 OF 2: MATTHEW 27:45-66

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 🎵 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY (CONT'D.): 🎵 171:6-9, 12 (2ND TUNE)

APOSTLES' CREED

FEDOR ONLY: A READING FROM “SACRED MEDITATIONS” – “THE FRUIT OF OUR LORD’S PASSION”

The Passion of Christ is our hope!

Consider, O faithful soul, the manifold fruit of your Lord’s Passion! Christ for us endured the bloody sweat, that the icy sweat of death’s agony might not disturb us. He willingly wrestled with death, that we might not fail in the last trying hour, and endured the severest anguish and sorrow, that we might become partakers of the eternal joys of heaven. He suffered Himself to be betrayed by a kiss, the token of friendship and good-will, that He might

forever destroy sin, by which Satan had betrayed our first parents under the hoax of a tender friendship. He suffered Himself to be taken and bound by the Jews, in order to deliver us, who lay bound in the fetters of sin and under eternal condemnation. He was willing that His Passion should begin in the Garden, in making an atonement for sin, because in the garden of Paradise sin had had its beginning. He submitted to be strengthened by an angel, that He might make us the companions of the holy angels in heaven. He is deserted by His own disciples, so that He might unite us to Himself the more closely, Who for our evil defection had been cast off by God. He was accused by false witnesses before the [Jewish ruling] Council, that we, Who have broken God's Law, might not be accused by Satan on the last day. He was condemned on earth, that we might be acquitted in heaven. He, Who committed no sin, kept silence before sinners, that we might not be struck dumb for our sins, when brought before the judgment bar of God on account of our sins. He suffered Himself to be struck on the cheek, to free us from the stings of conscience and the assaults of Satan; and to be mocked and insulted, so that the taunts and jeers of Satan are silenced before us. His face is covered, that He might remove from our faces the veil of sin, which hides God from our eyes, and leads us into guilty ignorance. He willingly submitted to be stripped of His garments, that He might restore to us the robe of innocence and righteousness, lost through our transgressions. He was pierced with thorns, that He might heal our sin-pierced hearts. He bore the burden of the cross, so that He might remove from us the awful burden of eternal punishment. He exclaimed that He was forsaken by God, that He might prepare for us an everlasting home with God. He thirsted upon the cross, that He might meritoriously earn for us the dews of divine grace, and prevent our dying of an eternal soul-thirst. He was willing to be scorched by the flames of divine wrath, that He might deliver us from the flames of hell. He was judged, that He might free us from God's judgment; condemned as a criminal, that we, the real criminals, might be acquitted; was smitten by impious hands, that He might deliver us from the devil's lash; cried out with bitter pain, to save us from eternal wailings; He shed tears upon the earth, that He might wipe away all tears from our eyes in heaven; He died, that we might live; He suffered the pains of hell, that we might never experience them; He was humbled before men, that He might heal our sinful pride; He wore the crown of thorns, that He might win for us a heavenly crown. He suffered for all, that He might offer salvation to all. His eyes were darkened in death, that we might live forever in the light of the heavenly glory; He heard the most bitter scoffs and taunts of wicked men, that we might hear the jubilant shouts of the angels in heaven.

Do not despair, then, O faithful soul! You have offended Infinite Good – God – by your sins, but an infinite price has been paid for your salvation. You must be judged for your sins; but the Son of God has already been judged for the sins of the whole world, which He took upon Himself. Your sins must be punished, but God has already punished them in the person of His own Son. Great are the wounds of your sins, but precious is the healing balm of Christ's blood. Moses, in the Law, pronounces a curse upon you – *“Cursed is anyone who does not do everything that the words of the Law command”* (Deuteronomy 27:26) – because you have not observed all things written in the book of the Law, to do them; but Christ was made a curse for you when He hung upon the tree. (See Galatians 3:13) The handwriting was written against you in the heavenly court; but that has been erased by the blood of Christ. (See Colossians 2:14)

Your Passion, then, O holy and gracious Lord Jesus Christ, is [our] last and only refuge! (An excerpt from Sacred Meditations, Johann Gerbard, Meditation VII: The Fruit of Our Lord's Passion, 1606)

OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 12-13]

OFFERING

ST. JAMES ONLY: CONFIRMATION HYMN – ♪ 337

ST. JAMES ONLY: RITE OF CONFIRMATION (SEE CONFIRMANDS ABOVE)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – LITANY FOR OUR LORD'S PASSION

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

P: God the Father in heaven,

C: have mercy.

P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: God the Holy Spirit,
C: have mercy.

P: Jesus, Son of the living God,
C: have mercy.

P: From all evil,
C: O Jesus, deliver us.

P: From sudden, unprepared, or evil death; From the snares of the devil; From anger, hatred or ill-will; From everlasting death,
C: O Jesus, deliver us.

P: By the mystery of Your Incarnation; By Your most holy life and conversation; By Your most bitter Passion and death; By Your three-times-repeated prayer; By Your agony and bloody sweat; By the spitting upon Your holy face; By the false judgment given by Pontius Pilate; By the shameful stripping of Your garments; By Your purple robe of mockery; By Your bonds and wounds; By Your sacred body, struck and torn; By Your most unjust condemnation; By Your painful crown of thorns; By Your bearing Your own cross; By the cruel straining of Your sacred limbs; By Your dread crucifixion; By the anguish You did suffer; By Your prayers and tears; By the insults You endured; By the shedding of Your most precious blood; By Your suffering the total wrath and condemnation of God for our sins, in our place, enduring for us the punishment that we, by our sins, justly deserved; By the love which You had for us to the end; By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C: O Jesus, deliver us.

P: We poor sinners implore You to hear us:
C: O most loving Jesus.

P: From having other gods than the one true God; From blasphemy of Your Holy Name in our thoughts, with our mouths and in our lives; From neglect of Your Presence in the Divine Service and not hearing Your Word or receiving Your Sacrament; From disobedience, malice, slander and impurity; From sloth in our vocation; From discontent with our stewardship; From greed, envy and covetousness; From all sin:

C: O Jesus, deliver us.

P: That being dead to sin, we may live unto righteousness; That we may not glory except in Your cross; That we may take up our crosses daily and follow You; That Your blood may cleanse us from dead works to serve the living God; That looking on Your example, we may follow Your steps; That being partakers of Your sufferings, we may be also partakers of Your glory:

C: We implore You to hear us, O Jesus.

P: We poor sinners do implore You to hear us, O Lord God. And to rule and govern Your Holy Christian Church; To sustain and uphold all Christians in the world; To preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word, and in holiness of living; To put an end to all schisms and causes of offence; To bring into the way of truth all who have erred, and are deceived; To beat down Satan under our feet; To send faithful laborers into Your harvest; To accompany Your Word with Your Spirit and grace; To raise up those that fall, and to strengthen those who stand; And to comfort and aid the weak-hearted and distressed:

C: We implore You to hear us, O Jesus.

P: To behold and support all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; To protect all who travel by land, air or water; To preserve all women with child; to protect all unborn children and infants unto Baptism; To strengthen all who are ill and recovering: _____; To set free all who are innocently imprisoned; To keep all who are suffering for Your Name's sake; To defend and provide for all orphans and widows; And to have mercy upon all people:

C: We implore You to hear us, O Jesus.

P: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts; To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth; And graciously to hear our prayers:

C: We implore You to hear us, O Jesus.

P: Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,
C: Have mercy.

P: Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,
C: Have mercy.

P: Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,
C: Grant us Your peace. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

FEDOR ONLY: HYMN – ♪ 150

CONCLUDING COLLECTS

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the almighty God, Who for our sake humbled Yourself by taking on the form of a servant, we implore You to govern us by Your Holy Spirit, so that we may not be offended by Your lowliness but heartily believe that by Your obedience unto death on the cross You have redeemed us from the wrath of God and from eternal death, and that You keep us steadfast in the faith and Christian humility in order that we may finally be exalted with You and be made partakers of Your glory, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: FEDOR – ♪ (FEDOR) 173 [Sung to 175, 1st Tune]; 334 (ST. JAMES)

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	45	36	17	\$1,456.00
St. James	60	36	4 8	\$1,443.00

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	20,846.00				
Actual	36,888.00		2,340.00		14
Last Week	1,091.00		365.00		

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	38,122.00			38,122.00	
Actual	24,668.25	165.00	60.00	24,893.25	14
Last Week	1,443.00			1,443.00	

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THIS WEEK

TODAY

*Palm/Passion Sunday will be celebrated at both Holy Trinity and St. James and The Rite of Confirmation at St. James
 +Elders after the service at both Holy Trinity and St. James
 2:30PM: Voters (Holy Trinity)
 6:30PM: Voters (St. James)

WEDNESDAY

3:40PM: Week Day School
7:00PM: Joint Lenten Vespers (at St. James)

THURSDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

10:00AM: NO Joint Bible Study (at St. James)...due to Holy Week
7:00PM: Joint Maundy Thursday Communion Service (at Holy Trinity)

FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

12 NOON: Good Friday Service (at Holy Trinity)
7:00PM: Good Friday Tenebrae Service (at St. James)

+Pastor's Day Off

NEXT SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

6:30AM: Easter Sunrise Communion Service (at St. James)
8:30AM: Easter Communion Service (at Holy Trinity)
*Easter Breakfast following the service (at St. James)
+Easter egg hunt (at both St. James and Holy Trinity)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++**We remember in our prayers:...** at Holy Trinity...*Charles Winkler, Frank Newkirk, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;*... at St. James...*Charles Hartfiel, Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Darvin Drosche, Lillie Mae Boettcher, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Gloria Evans* [mother-in-law of Randall Sullivan (St. James)], *Stefanie Raines* [wife of Lucas Raines (St. James)], *Diane Sommers* [sister of Janet Frosch (St. James)], *Zachary Hartfiel* [nephew of Charles Hartfiel], *Tim Faske* [relative and friend of St. James members], *JoAnne Meyer* [mother of Pastor Meyer], *Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], and *all of our sick and shut-ins*.

*****TURKEY AND DRESSING**...Holy Trinity would like to express their THANKS to everyone who helped and participated in our Turkey and Dressing dinner last Sunday making it a **HUGE** success!!! Thank you again!

+++**Thank you:** Thanks to everyone who contributed to the St. James sock and underwear drive! We collected a good number of items and dropped them off at Serbin for Orphan Grain Train to pick up. Thank you for making this possible!!!

***St. James...would like to once again express their **THANKS** to Clay Carter Plumbing for their recent donated work to our church!

+++**Easter Lilies**...we would appreciate your donation of an Easter lily (or more) for our upcoming Easter services! **At Holy Trinity**...please bring yours anytime following the Good Friday service. **At St. James**...orders will be taken with each Easter lily being \$15.75. Please find the order form included in the bulletin, fill it out, and return it with payment to either Peggy Raines or Sandra Lay by this Friday, April 18. Make checks payable to Lexington Country Greenhouse.

*****HOLY TRINITY**...the Building Restoration Committee will **NOT** meet today due to the Turkey Dinner!

+++**Easter Breakfast:** St. James LWML will be hosting Easter breakfast following the sunrise service. We are in need of donations for pastries and baked goods to help make the breakfast a success. Please drop off your donations by Easter morning. Thank you for your help!

*****Noodle Making and Fundraiser:** St. James LWML expresses their **THANKS** to everyone who

- donated flour/eggs, helped, and purchased noodles!!! Thank you for your support!
- +++**St. James**...we have Confirmation and Easter cards on display on the table in the hallway, as well as a variety of cards available individually or by the box...see either Ruth Meyer or Sandra Lay!
- *****SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS AND THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**... Our Sunday morning Bible study prior to the Divine Service – for the season of Lent – will take a look at how our Lord Jesus’ hands served us in His earthly ministry all the way to the cross. It is entitled “The Hand of the Lord.” For our Thursday morning Bible study, we will be journeying through the Book of Acts.
- +++Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer’s book, “**Truth Notes**”, as well as her other books [*Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Hope Alone, and Stand Alone* (\$12.00)]. This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God’s timeless truths in a changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!
- *****ST. JAMES**...how about **YOU!** We are looking for **Sunday School teachers** to teach either every other Sunday or just once a month. **YOU** can do it..just contact the church office!!!
- +++**QUILTING UPDATE**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!
- *****THE FLOWER CHARTS**...are posted in the Narthex at both Holy Trinity and St. James...sign up for birthdays, anniversaries, or “just because”.
- +++**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Dylan Iselt, 15; Dorothy Schimank, 15; Charles inkler, 15; Ryan Brade, 16; James Dodd, 16; Hannah Castell, 19; Ericka Iselt, 19;...St. James-Kim Bexley, today; Tim Meyer, today; Emma Beard, 16; Jeremy Brown, 19.
- *****ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...St. James-Seth & Courtney Jenke, 14; Russell & Tina Biehle, 19.