



# TRINITY NEWS

For Family & Friends of Trinity Moravian Church

## LENT - EASTER 2025

### *From the Pastor:*

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Cross Walk! The first Walk happened in 1975 and was covered by the Winston-Salem Journal. It was a project of the youth fellowship led by the Rev Phil Bauguess. Joyce Carter recalled that Pastor Phil said, "Hey gang. What if we built and carried a 200lb cross through downtown Winston-Salem, into God's Acre, through Old Salem and finished at the end of Main Street at Bahnson?"

The youth were excited about the idea, and so they built the cross (still in use today) and planned the first Walk.

What they did not know that first year was that the Walk would become a tradition and impact thousands of people over the years. While the attendance varies (often dependent on the weather, we often have 150 to 200 walkers — folks of every walk of life.

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### **Holy Week Reading Services With St Philips**

Part of our Moravian Easter tradition is to meet each night of Holy Week (or Passion Week, from the Latin word *passus*, "to suffer") and read a portion of the events of that week in Jesus' life leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection. This year, we will be holding our Holy Week Reading services jointly with our sister congregation **St Philips Moravian Church**, which will greatly add to the experience! We sing stanzas of hymns that pertain to the readings, and use this time together to reflect upon the awesome events that were woven together by God to create the first Easter. We encourage you to set aside the time to meet with us each evening of Passion Week beginning on Palm Sunday to

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*The first Cross Walk in 1975!*

## From the Pastor

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Please make a special effort this year to join us for the Good Friday Cross Walk. We want to have a record turnout to celebrate this important anniversary! Plus, you may find the experience so powerful that you will come again and again — that's what often happens!

We'll have special t-shirts available, watch for the sign-up on our website and in our Facebook group!

Cross Walk — ***Be there!***

***-Pastor John***



## Day of Prayer Services for 2025

### March 26, 11:00 A.M.

Calvary Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Chris Thore. Coffee served at 10:00 P.M. This service will be in person only.

### April 2, 11:00 A.M.

Fairview Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Scott Venable. The service will be in person and include communion. The service will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

### April 9, 11:00 A.M. -

Konnoak Hills Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Jeff Coppage. The service will be in person and online: <http://www.khmoravian.org/> Select "YouTube Chanel" at the top of the page.

## Passion Week Reading Services -Continued from Page 1

share in this devotional experience. The Palm Sunday lovefeast service will be held in the Trinity sanctuary; other services will be either in the Rights Chapel or in the Reich Fellowship Hall (see schedule below).

***The Labyrinth will be available for meditation and prayer Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 6 pm—7 pm.***

### Maundy Thursday Communion

In recent years, we have held a special experiential communion service for Maundy Thursday in the Reich Fellowship Hall. In addition to the Holy Week Readings, we experienced Holy Communion in a different way. The participants were seated in tables of twelve, and they shared the elements with one another. It was a profound and moving experience, and we plan to use the same kind of service this year. We hope you will plan to attend!



### Good Friday Cross and Confession

Another recent development is our Good Friday "Cross and Confession" service, which will be held in the Reich Fellowship Hall. During the somber readings, each person will have a time to write a personal confession, and physically nail it to a large wooden cross. After the service, the confessions are burned, and the same cross will be covered with flowers for Easter Sunday.

## Holy Week Reading Schedule—2025

**April 13 7 pm Palm Sunday Lovefeast @ TRINITY**

**Read pages 5-17 Acts of Saturday**

**April 14 7 pm Monday Night Readings RIGHTS CHAPEL**

**Read pages 19-37 Acts of Monday**

**April 15 7 pm Tuesday Night Readings RIGHTS CHAPEL**

**Read pages 38 - 54**

**April 16 7 pm Wednesday Night Readings RIGHTS CHAPEL**

**Read pages 55-80 (LOGOS Readers)**

**April 17 7 pm Thursday Night Readings REICH FLWSHP HALL**

**Read pages 80-94—HOLY COMMUNION**

**April 18 7 pm Good Friday Readings REICH FLWSHP HALL**

**Read pages 95 - 121 "In This Sepulchral Eden"**

**April 19 7 pm Great Sabbath Service @ Home Moravian Church**



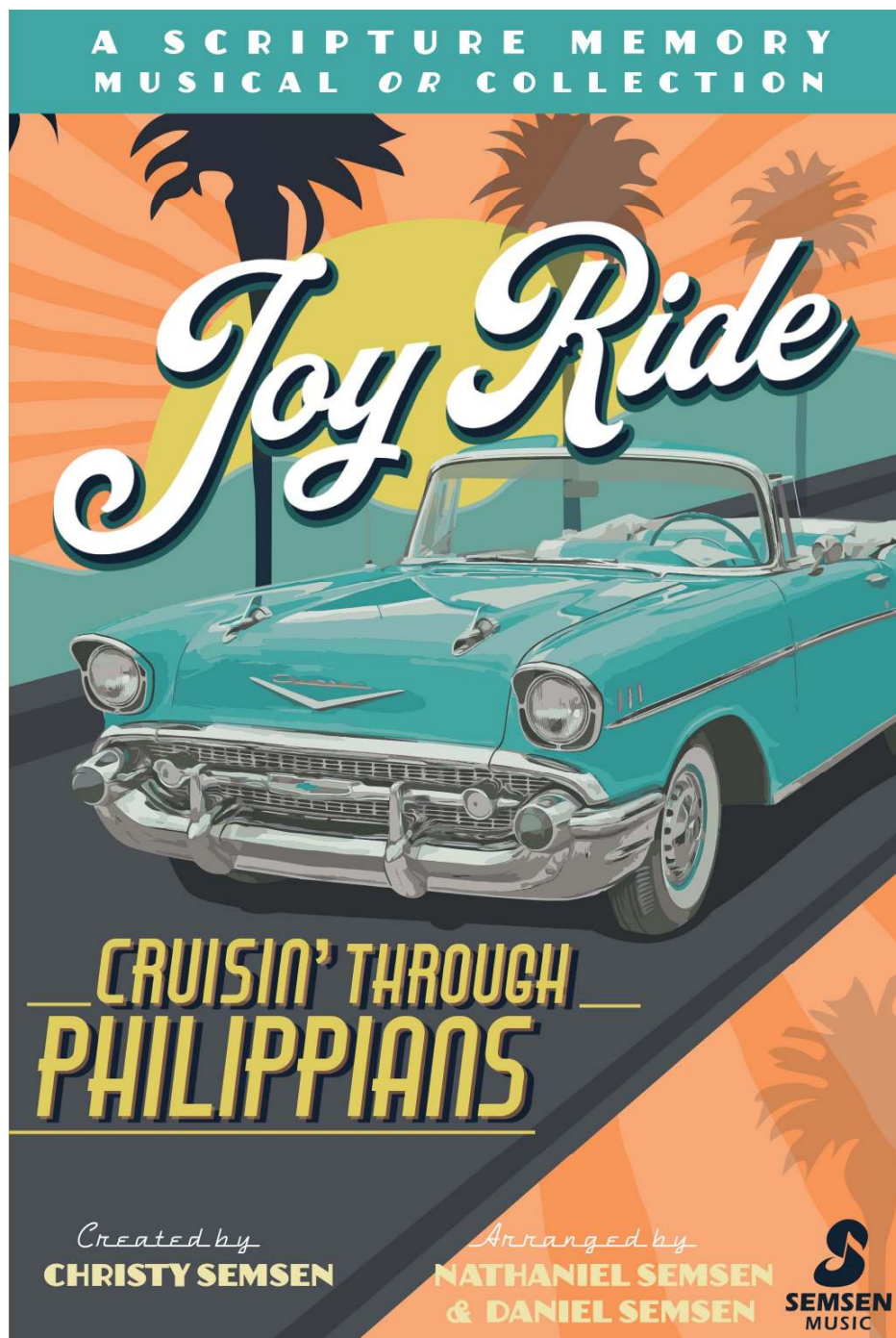
## Holy Hilarity Sunday!

In recent years, Trinity has been participating in an old Orthodox custom – that of telling jokes the week after Easter. After all, the Resurrection was the biggest practical joke on the Devil that there ever was; and if you can't have a good belly laugh about life after the Resurrection, you've probably got the wrong end of religion!

So Sunday, **April 27** will again be Holy Hilarity Sunday here at Trinity, and there's no telling what to expect during the 11 am worship. Those of sour demeanor and inability to laugh at themselves had best stay home or visit another church that Sunday.

However, if you enjoy a good laugh at life and believe that God has a sense of humor – and that humor is a blessing from God – we'll save a pew for you on Sunday, April 27th!

If you have a favorite joke that you'd like to tell (or have told) during the service, please contact Pastor John. Jokes that are nasty, denigrate others, or would make Jerry Jackson blush are not appropriate. However, jokes on the devil have pretty wide latitude.



**Sunday, April 6th, 12:00 pm**

(a “dinner” theatre) in the Fellowship Hall.

A light Luncheon will be served before the show  
Free ticket required for admission to the program

There is no charge for admission

A love offering will be received

**PREVIEW: Wednesday Evening, April 2nd**  
(during Logos) at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall

## 50th Good Friday Cross Walk



1975 Cross Walk—courtesy of *Winston-Salem Journal*

Since 1975, the youth of Trinity Moravian have held a Cross Walk on Good Friday. **This will mark the 50th anniversary of the Cross Walk!** We will have special 50th Anniversary T-Shirts for walkers — please order yours inside this newsletter!

During the Cross Walk, a full-size wooden cross is carried in solemn and prayerful silence through downtown Winston-Salem, passing the Moravian God's Acre, and concluding at Salem Square with a liturgy of confession recalling Christ's crucifixion.

### Where To Gather

As we have for the last several years, the Cross Walk will start at LOAVES & FISHES, 657 West 5th Street, the Building across the street from the Downtown Library. Parking is available in the Centenary UMC lot next to Loaves & Fishes. Please arrive between 10:30 am and 11:00 am. The Walk will begin at 11:00 promptly. The route is about 1.4 miles in length. We walk slowly so that the walk will take 40 minutes or more; because of our alternate route to accommodate I-40 construction, it

may be a little longer. We conclude at Salem Square, where Walkers will be greeted by a Moravian Band, and together we will join in a Good Friday Liturgy of Confession.

We usually have between 6-8 people carrying the cross together at any time. Everyone who wishes to take a turn will have a turn. This is not a "reenactment," but a meditational prayer experience and silent witness.

ALL ARE WELCOME. We often have babies in strollers, walkers with dogs (MUST BE ON LEASH!), and even folks in wheelchairs. Those who do not feel that they can physically do the mile walk are welcome to join us at the end at Salem Square – and in fact we often have quite a crowd waiting there when we arrive! Walkers are advised to bring some bottled water, sunscreen, and hats! We will be escorted by two Winston-Salem Police Officers who will supervise street crossings. A church bus will be available to shuttle Walkers back to the parking lot on 5th Street after the Walk is concluded.



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*NC DHHS Kody Kinsley, Pastor John, and Undue Board Member Jose Penabad*

## Medical Debt Strategies in NC

In March, Pastor John and Debbie Jackman attended a meeting in Charlotte to hear about new strategies for eliminating medical debt in North Carolina. The meeting, held by the leadership of Undue Medical Debt, included a number of policy leaders and physicians who are involved in health care reform. Allison Sisson, the new CEO of Undue, outlined the progress that has been made and the challenges that we face in eliminating medical debt in NC.

There was a policy presentation by Kody Kinsley, former Secretary of NC DHHS. Who was the architect on the Governor's plan to use HASP funds to entice hospital systems to sign on. Our efforts have brought attention to the subject and opened many doors; where five years ago, hospital CEOs would not even talk about the subject, there has been a significant change and those same leaders are now actively participating in debt relief conversations and actions. A number of retired doctors asked about overall challenges to changing the hodge-podge US health care system. Undue Medical Debt

board member Jose Penabad discussed the challenges and new opportunities for relieving medical debt for the poorest North Carolinians and also the new energy around changing the health care system.

One thing that was clear in this meeting was that our Debt Jubilee Project has made an enormous difference — both in directly relieving debts but also in drawing media attention to the issue. Undue CEO Allison Sisson introduced

Pastor John and Debbie (representing Trinity) as the “Rock stars of medical debt relief!” When reviewing all of the campaigns that have happened in NC, our Jubilee projects account for more than 25% of all the debt relief projects in the state—and the Jubilee has inspired many others to get on board, as well as spurring governmental change in the area. Pastor John continues to be in conversation with state leaders on the issues.

## Meditational Labyrinth

Trintiy's Labyrinth hasn't been out since COVID, and we are excited to be using it again. Rural Hall Moravian Church borrowed the Labyrinth and had many of their members try “walking the path.”

The Labyrinth will be set up in the Reich Fellowship Hall during the first part of Holy week, and will be open from 6 pm—7 pm before our evening services on Palm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We have guides for how to use the Labyrinth as an aid for meditation and prayer. Give it a try this year for Holy Week!



## Great Sabbath Service

The Great Sabbath Service of Music sponsored by the Salem Congregation Churches will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 7:00 PM at Home Moravian Church with conductor Amanda Schumpert: ***The Seven Last Words from the Cross***, by Theodore Dubois. This music was presented at the first Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship in 1925, the year it transitioned from a community Love-feast to a service of music.



## Easter Hospitality

This year, volunteers from Trinity will host the Hospitality Station on Easter Morning, serving coffee and sugar cake before the Easter Sunrise service on the west side of Salem Square near Lot 63. If you would like to help, speak to Greg Gentle.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the little children will be held after worship on Palm Sunday, April 13. There will be a light lunch (pizza) followed by a variety of games and the egg hunt on the lawn! In the event of bad weather, the egg hunt will be held indoors. This is a really fun event for the little ones—but



just as much for the parents and grandparents!

## 253<sup>rd</sup> Easter Sunrise Service

The 253<sup>rd</sup> Salem Congregation Moravian Easter Sunrise Service will begin in front of Home Moravian Church on April 20, 2025 beginning at 6:00 AM with the Reverend Reed Lawson, pastor of Christ Moravian Church officiating. The massed band from the Salem Congregation churches will be accompanying the service and playing antiphonal tunes as the service processes to "God's Acre" for the conclusion of the service. A hospitality area (staffed by Trinity volunteers) will provide sugar cake and coffee and will be set up in front of the Belo Home at 455 S. Main Street prior to the service.

Members of St. Philips Moravian Church and some other brothers and sisters will gather at the historic 2nd St. Philips Cemetery (at the corner of Cemetery and East Salem Avenue) to take part in the service from that significant section of the graveyard. We expect much larger participation there this year, and will include shots from this section in the TV broadcast/webcast.

The entire Easter Sunrise service will be streamed live on the internet and broadcast live on television over WXII-Channel 12 and on radio over WSJS AM 600khz. Special thanks to the staffs of WXII and WSJS for their support.

After several years of "hiatus," the bands will again do rounds the night before. So don't be surprised to be awakened by a brass chorale in the middle of the night!

For more information on the service, parking areas, and video links, visit

[www.moraviansunrise.org](http://www.moraviansunrise.org)

## Easter Worship

At 11 am on Easter Sunday, we will gather in the sanctuary for our celebration of the Resurrection. The great Easter Liturgy will be combined with special music and a special children's message. Pastor Jackman's sermon will ask how the resurrection becomes reality in our lives today! Child care is available during the service.

**The Lord is risen!**

**The Lord is risen indeed!**



## Inquirer's Class

Where does the Moravian Church come from? What does the Moravian Church believe and teach? These are questions that new members, or those considering joining the church, may be asking. Pastor John Jackman will lead a two-part class especially for those who want to know more about the Moravian Church—or maybe veteran members who want a refresher!

These classes will give an overview of the general history of the Christian church, where the Moravian Church fits in with other denominations, and how our unique but historically important denomination came to be.

Pastor John will also explain how the modern Moravian Church is organized, how major decisions are made, and explore our vision in this post-Covid time.

Classes are scheduled for Sunday, April 27 & Sunday, May 4 at 9:45 am. Please contact Pastor Jackman if you are interested in participating.

## Confirmation Classes

Pastor Jackman will also be organizing CONFIRMATION CLASSES for children/young adults who have not yet confirmed their faith. Usually (but not always) this is for 12-14 year olds. There will be a series of classes (day and time TBA) where the youth will gather to study the Moravian Catechism and attain a basic understanding of Moravian Christian teachings. Parents, please contact Pastor Jackman directly for more information.

***Did you know that the Moravian Church is one of the oldest Protestant denominations in the world?***

# YOUTH LOCK-IN



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The youth will have a LOCK-IN sleepover on Friday, April 4 at the church. They have an exciting program planned and a number of fun activities. For more information, speak to **Robert Myers or Julie Riggins**.

## Thank You!

Dear Trinity Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers, calls, cards, and food you provided our family during mom's final months and after her passing. She loved this church deeply and she loved all of you as well. We are so thankful to be a part of such a loving church family.

God Bless You All,

**Frank, Mike, Lisa and Jeff**

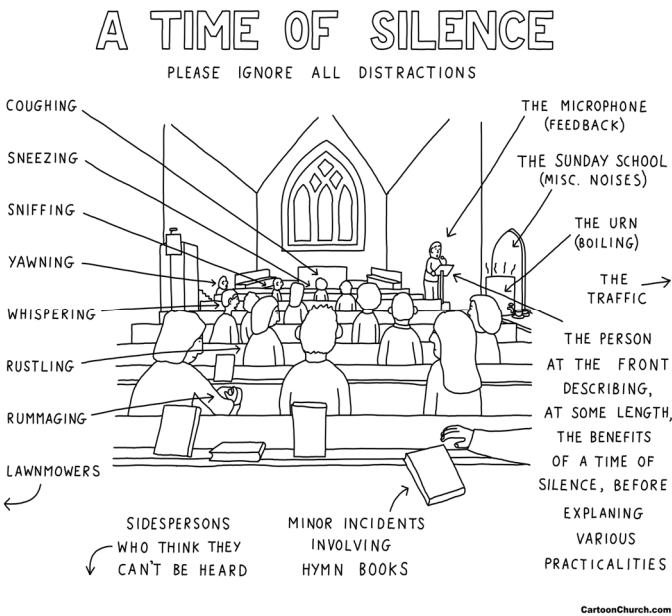
## Cross Walk Fiftieth Anniversary T-Shirts!

If you would like to order a Cross Walk Fiftieth Anniversary T-Shirt, sign-up sheet will be available at the Usher's Station in church, and we will have an order form online on our website and linked in our Facebook Group.



Worship Schedule

March 23	11am	Ele Risdon Baptism
March 30	11am	Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp Preaches
April 6	11am	"Costly Perfume"
	Noon	Puppet Dinner Theater
April 13	11 am	Palm Sunday Worship
	7 pm	Reading Service/Lovefeast
April 14-18	7pm	Reading Services
April 19	7pm	Great Sabbath Service (at Home Moravian Church)
April 20	6:15am	Easter Sunrise Service (at Salem Square)
	11 am	Easter Worship
April 27	11 am	Holy Hilarity Sunday



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*In non-essentials liberty,*  
*In essentials unity,*



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