

April 2021

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen! Jesus lives!

Jesus entered the tomb and came out, much like a High Priest entered the Holy of Holies in the Jerusalem temple to offer the blood of the sacrifice. It was the place where God was thought to be present. The High Priest didn't stay in the room. He eventually came out and announced that the sacrifice had been made.

You and I will one day be placed in a grave. And although there is fear and trepidation associated with that thought, it marks the time when our bodies enter an earthly Holy of Holies (that's really what a grave is if you think about it) as a sign that our souls have entered the true and eternal Holy of Holies of heaven. After all, we are all priests of God by virtue of Baptism into Christ Jesus. We are washed, cleansed, and robed with righteousness.

But just as Jesus exited the tomb, so will we. This will be the time when the eternal Holy of Holies has come to earth. New Jerusalem will descend from heaven. The dwelling place of God is with humanity forever. It has no temple because the Lord is the temple. We will enter the Holy City to be with our Lord forever.

There is so much to say about Easter, but this will be plenty to ponder for now. I pray that it blesses and comforts you in the Lord Jesus. May our God richly and truly bless and keep you during this Easter season!

Pastor Hoag

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Holy Week & Easter

April 1, 2021 - Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m.
April 2, 2021 - Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m.
April 4, 2021 - Easter Sunday Services 8:00 a.m. In Person with communion
10:30 a.m. Livestream & In Person with communion

April 2, 2021 - Good Friday Cross Walk - The community Cross Walk will be virtual this year. It will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page and on our website.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.



Updates from Council President, Bob Blecke.

Spring has arrived, clocks have sprung forward, and we are back to a nearly-normal service schedule! While requirements to mask and distance remain with us for the time being, we can at least gather and worship. Let us all pray that this virus and our societal response to it can be put to rest before too much more of this year slips away. But we must remain patient, and be sensitive to those among us for whom these changes are either too slow or too fast. All of us have unquestionably been impacted by it, but the risk it represents to each is unique and personal. Please keep this in mind in the days ahead.

As we all re-engage our faiths in a more personal and tangible manner, I would urge all of you to consider taking it to the next level, namely, getting involved in more than worship at Trinity. Your time and talents are a unique gift, ones that can serve congregation and community while providing friendship and fun. Think about it. Talk to one of your council members and see what's available to you.

God's richest blessings to each and every one of you, and a very Blessed Easter.

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Thank You!

Ginny DeCarlo would like to thank everyone for their birthday wishes whether they were in a card, phone call, or on the Zoom Party. She would like to especially thank Pastor Hoag and Dan Bay for the birthday video, and Janell McDonald for helping get the word out about the Zoom Party! Again, thanks to everyone for making her birthday special.



Confirmation – Sunday, May 2nd at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The following young adults will be received into membership through Confirmation: Dante Berkey, Cody Grady, and Kylie Trautvetter. We wish them God's blessings and congratulations on the completion of their studies. Please welcome them into our fellowship and keep them in your prayers.

To the Parents of the Second Year Confirmation Class:

Your child will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

The class will wear white robes and red carnations. Boys will be provided with a black clip-on bow tie for the occasion. Boys should wear a white dress shirt with a collar.

All students will need to be measured for their robes between now and March 15th. Please measure your child at home and send the information to me by email. Remember to measure him with the shoes he will be wearing that day.

The robes will need to be pressed by the parents and brought back on Confirmation Day, and the class will put them on at church before the service. You will be notified when the robes are here. They will leave the robes at the church following the service. If you wish to

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take personal snapshots, please plan to do it at church. **(REMINDER - NO PHOTOS MAY BE TAKEN DURING THE SERVICE.)**

Individual photographs can be taken after the service. A Professional photographer **will not** be available this year.

We also need your check made out to Trinity Lutheran Church for robe rental. The cost for the robe rental is \$28.00 per person. The rental fee should be paid on or before the robes are picked up. Checks should be left in the office in the envelope on the counter in the office. The envelope will be marked Confirmation Fees. Thank you for your cooperation.

ALL CLASS MEMBERS ARE TO BE AT THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN 9:30 A.M. ON CONFIRMATION DAY.

If you have any questions, please, phone me or Judi Donovan at the church office, 485-6973.



Bible Classes – everyone is invited, and welcome to attend.

The following Bible Classes are being held in person and online. If you would like to join either of these classes, please send Pastor Hoag an email at douglashoag@gmail.com.

Wednesday Morning – meets from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Evening – meets at 7:00 p.m. (There will be no Bible Class on Thursday, April 1st)

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This is a fundraiser for the Youth Group. These cards are the same gift cards that you can purchase from retailers, including over 300 brand-name grocery, department stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, home improvement etc. We order the gift cards at a discount and you pay face value for the gift cards. Next Scrip Cards order will be April 11th at noon. Pickup will be the next weekend. Direct any questions you might have to Angie at minett411@yahoo.com or (815)228-4902. Order forms are on the hallway table outside of Pastor's office. You may place your order/payment in the gold envelope which is the old church office. Pre-ordered gift cards will be available for pick-up the weekend after the order is placed.



Trinity Pre-School – Registration for Fall Pre-School is now open. Please tell your friends and neighbors. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$65.00 per student. School year beginning September 2021 the tuition per month will be \$115 for two-day students and \$145 for three-day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2021. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.



Blood Drive – Will be held on April 13th in our church parking lot between the hours of 3 pm till 7 pm.

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SOCIAL MINISTRY

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of Trinity are invited to join our committee. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the church office at 815.485.6973.



St. Matthew's Outreach:

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF FOOD OR CLOTHING ITEMS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S. They are fully stocked and have no room for any more donations.

Thank you all for your support of St. Matthew's.



Chancel Guild: The April Meeting of Chancel Guild will be on April 3rd at 9:00 am to setup for Easter. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.

Work Schedule for April:

April 1 – Sally Jackson / Denise Buchanan

April 2 – Denise Buchanan

April 4 – 8:00 am – Jennifer Mudrock / Denise Buchanan

10:30 am – Jennifer Mudrock / Kay Purnell

April 11 – Wendy Kaun / Lois Dobbs

April 18 – Lois Dobbs / Judi Donovan

April 25 – Judi Donovan /Jennifer Mudrock

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ALTAR FLOWERS: A new 2021 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted. You can find it in the glass case hanging on the wall across the old office. If you would like to reserve a weekend for 2021 in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding anniversary, or in celebration of God's blessings, please fill out a sponsor sheet. Sponsor sheets are located on a hook attached to the glass case housing the calendar. **Please do not fill in the calendar. Fill out a sponsor sheet and put it in the Chancel Guild mailbox in the general office.** Flowers are \$30.00 for both arrangements. If you would like a weekend already spoken for, it is sometimes possible to share the cost and arrangements with permission from the person already sponsoring. Chancel Guild members would like to thank those of you who sponsored a weekend this past year. We appreciate your efforts to help us enhance and beautify the altar area. If you have any questions, email Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or call her at (815) 485-9017.

Flowers left in the gym will be disposed of after 1 week.

Flower List for April:

April 4th – Michael & Emily Perkins in Honor of Easter and in Memory of Emily's cousin, Luke Yeske

April 11th – Marnean Briese in Memory of Edward Ashley

April 18th – The Oldendorf Family in Memory of Ken Oldendorf

April 25th – Dunc & Allene Bachmann in Memory of Their Daughter, Sheri Sievert



Easter Lilies - Chancel Guild would like to thank the following people who purchased flowers to decorate the Altar Area this year: Biff & Debbie Aiken, Denise Buchanan, Ginny DeCarlo, Janet DeForest, Lois Dobbs, Bob & Tammy Doerrer, Jan Falk, Pat Fuerst, Bill & Sally Jackson, Tom & Wendy Kaun, Les & Cheryl Koenig, Paul & Robin Krol, The Lorenz Family, Jeff & Janell McDonald, Jennifer Mudrock, Cari Ondera, Michael & Emily Perkins, Gary & Kay Purnell, Doug & Jan Schlak, Virgil & Nikki Switzer, Steve & Rita Tinker, Rex & Jan Toepke, Laur Wajchert, LaDonna Walker, and Daniel & Susan Willenborg.

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CHOIR Rehearsals have been cancelled until further notice.



INFORMATION REQUESTED – CHANGES OR UPDATES

When you move, change phone numbers, email addresses etc., please let the church know. You may call 815.485.6973 or email Judi, the church secretary at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com. You may also complete and turn in the “Record Update Information” sheet, which are on the table outside the church office and on the hallway table.

Church office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM

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