

April 2022

Dear Friends,

The stories and writings contained in the Old Testament aren't stand alone writings. They are each part of a trajectory that is pointing forward to its goal, or its fitting ending. The claim of the New Testament is that this goal is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is why we celebrate Easter with such joy and gladness. It's the culmination of the entire history of God's people, including you.

All of us baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ also have lives that are going somewhere. Life isn't just an aimless wandering to and fro or just one thing after another. We are on our way to the home that is prepared for us eternal in the heavenly realms that is not made with human hands.

You might notice that your life is filled with ups and downs, deaths and resurrections. Consider these times as microcosms of a greater reality and truth, that your life has a theme to it and it's actually heading to its fitting conclusion: the grave and the resurrection. In a great sense this has already happened to you in Baptism. But even this is a microcosm of the great day when our Lord Jesus, who is your Life, returns to raise you from the grave.

Good Friday and Easter are thus fittingly very important. They reveal to us the very pattern of our lives and of the universe itself. And they all come together and cohere in the person of Jesus Christ. And so do we as we are bonded together in the peace of Christ and are formed into his body that he feeds and cares for with his own body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins.

I pray that all of you have a very Happy and Blessed Easter! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluias without end!

In Christ,  
Pastor Hoag

## APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

### **An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:**

Hello Fellow Trinity Members:

The congregation is starting out this spring on a high note. In an attempt to move forward with the rest of the country, we have one-by-one lifted Covid-19 restrictions. It is wonderful to once again see the smiling, friendly faces of our congregation.

It was especially exciting to initiate our newly renovated kitchen and freshly painted dining area with our first Lenten Soup and Sandwich Dinner a few weeks ago. On behalf of the congregation and myself, I would like to thank all those who were involved in the renovation. Clearly it was a huge undertaking and badly needed.

A reception for our new members was held on the 20th of March between services. It was well attended and a great opportunity to welcome our new members to the congregation. Special thanks go to Outreach and Social Ministry for making this happen.

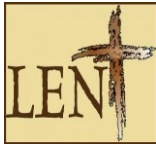
We are looking forward to once again holding our Easter Breakfast this year. It will be held right after the 8:00 AM Service. Volunteers can sign up on the sheets in the hallway.

A few Highlights from our March Church Council meeting are as follows:

- Services will continue to be at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.
- Summer services are tentatively scheduled for 9:00 am and will be held inside the church.
- Plans are to return to the traditional serving of the Lord's Supper starting Easter Sunday.
- Tim King will serve as the Congregation's Delegate at the English District Convention.

We all continue to look forward to seeing more and more members come back to in-person services.

Gary



LENT BEGINS March 2, 2022

Final Midweek Lenten Service April 6, 2022: In Person & *Livestream* on Facebook and YouTube are at 6:30pm

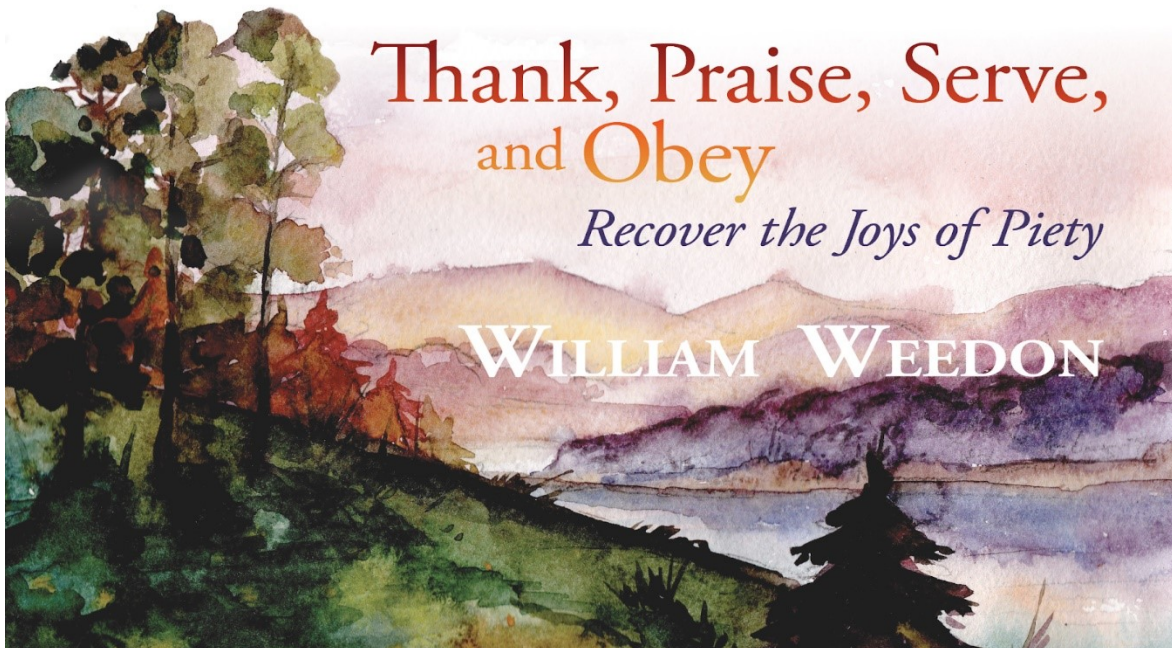
## LENT 2022

Our Lenten Focus will be *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey: Recover the Joys of Piety* by William Weedon.

### **Piety has fallen on hard times.**

Some associate it with its evil twin, pietism, and reject piety based on the incorrect assumption that the two are one and the same. Pietism is inwardly focused, obsessed with carefully following spiritual to-do lists and rules. Piety, rather, fights against that inward focus, turning our attention out toward God and His promises and toward our neighbor in love and care. Piety is simply the cultivation of godly habits—habits that befit the household of God, the family of our heavenly Father.

In *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey: Recover the Joys of Piety*, Martin Luther's small catechism and the Book of Concord serve as our trusty roadmaps as we explore how to properly hear in the Scriptures our heavenly Father summoning us to the joy and freedom of living and growing as His beloved children through Jesus Christ.



To get the most out of this Lenten Focus, do these things:

1. Purchase the book in any format you wish (available through Concordia Publishing or Amazon)
  2. Read one chapter a week
  3. Attend, or watch, the Midweek Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, beginning March 2
  4. Download the *PrayNow* app by Concordia Publishing House from your App Store (Optional)
  5. Do the daily devotions on the *PrayNow* app (if you downloaded the app)
  6. Read Pastor's weekly blog at <http://pastordoughoag.blogspot.com> (Optional)
- Use this opportunity during the 40 days of Lent to learn and grow! Please contact Pastor Hoag if you have any questions.



## HOLY WEEK BEGINS April 10, 2022

**Holy Week Services: April 10th-16th: *In-Person and Livestream Services, at 6:30pm***

**-Palm Sunday 04/10/22**

**-Maundy Thursday 04/14/22**

**-Good Friday 04/15/22**

The Annual New Lenox Community Crosswalk will be held on Good Friday, April 15, at 10:00am. It will all be held outdoors (weather permitting) beginning at St. Jude Catholic Church, then to the United Methodist Church, and ending at Maplewood Cemetery. In case of inclement weather the Crosswalk will be held in it's entirety indoors at St. Jude.

**-Holy Saturday 04/16/22**

**We are resuming the annual Easter Breakfast this year on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, between services. If you'd like to come, ***please sign up*** on the sheet in the hallway. Coffee cake donations are also appreciated, but the rest of the meal will be provided and we hope to have a great turnout this year as we get back to this tradition for the first time since the pandemic began. We have a number of volunteer opportunities for the men and youth on a separate sign-up sheet, so if you'd like to help with the preparation and/or serving of the meal, please sign up for that as well. We will collect a free-will offering that morning from the breakfast, which was generously sponsored by Thrivent, with all proceeds being donated to MorningStar Mission. We hope to donate any leftover food items to MorningStar Mission as well. Please direct any questions about this to either Jeff McDonald or Andy Verchimak.

**REVISED Vanco eGiving Page:**

You can preview your NEW eGiving page here, by logging into your [new myVanco site](#).

**How do I log into new myVanco?**

- Your account is already enabled with myVanco.
- [Log into myVanco](#) with your new username and password. Your email address will be your username for New myVanco. If this is your first time logging into myVanco, you will need to reset your password.
- After you've reset your password and accessed NEW MyVanco, you can add any additional administrative users to your new eGiving page by navigating to Settings > MyVanco users > Add a user. Once this process is complete, those users will get an email to reset their passwords.

If you should need any additional information, to help you navigate through this revision, please call Jennifer Kojro-Badziak 815.485.6973 or email [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)



**Blood Drive** – Will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> in our church parking lot, between the hours of 3 pm until 7 pm.

**Member News!!!**



**2022 Baptisms:**

- Gabriel Wojnarowski Bendoraitis 01/09/22
- Matthew Robert Longmire 02/20/22
- Russell Roy Goebig 04/03/22



**Trinity Pre-School** – Registration for Fall 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 2022 the tuition per month will be \$120 for two-day students and \$150 for three-day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2022. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.



### **Chancel Guild News!**

Attention Ladies of Trinity. We will have meetings this year on the first Saturday of the months of March, April, May, September, November & December. Our one evening meeting will be the night before our Salad Luncheon. Saturday meeting times will be at 9:00 am. We are hoping that this change will encourage more of our ladies to consider joining our Chancel Guild. For more information, please speak to any of our members.

### **Chancel Schedule for April:**

April 3 – Sally Jackson / Debbie Crawford  
April 10 Palm Sunday - Debbie Crawford / Lois Dobbs  
April 14 Maundy Thursday - Lois Dobbs / Denise Buchanan  
April 15 Good Friday – Denise Buchanan  
April 17 Easter Sunday –  
8:00am Denise Buchanan / Jennifer Mudrock  
10:30am Kay Purnell / Sharon MacFarlane  
April 24 – Sharon MacFarlane / Janice Prospero



Chancel Guild members will again be decorating the Chancel area with lilies for our Easter services. To ensure we have enough lilies, we will only be ordering lilies. If you would like to help decorate the Chancel area by purchasing a lily for them to use, please fill out an order form and turn it in **no later than Sunday, April 10, 2022**. The cost of each plant is \$22.50. Place your completed order form along with payment in the marked folder in the general church office. Make checks payable to **Trinity Lutheran Chancel Guild**. If you have any questions or do not have access to an order form and would like to order, email Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or call her at (815) 485-9017.

**FRESH FLOWERS:** are used to adorn the altar as a symbol of life and joy. They are part of the beauty of creation. Chancel Guild very much appreciates and needs the congregation's support and help in keeping fresh flowers on the altar. You can help by sponsoring an available Sunday. A new 2022 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted in the glass case hanging on the wall outside of the general office. If you would like to reserve a Sunday for 2022 in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in celebration of God's Blessings, please fill out a sponsor order sheet and put it in The Chancel Guild mailbox. The sheets are located on a hook attached to the glass case housing the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815) 485-9017.

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

**Flowers for April are as follows:**

April 3 ..... Rita Larson

In Thanksgiving for Her Many Blessings

Sharing with -

Lois Dobbs

In Thanksgiving for Her Many Blessings

April 10 ..... Randy & Debbie Crawford

In Thanksgiving for Their Many Blessings

April 17 ..... Phil & Sharon MacFarlane

Celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

April 24 ..... Duncan & Allene Bachmann

In Loving Memory of Their Daughter, Sheri



**Sunday School News:** The Sunday School Children will be participating in the 10:30am Church Service on Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will host a Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour following the service. Feel free to bring your children and grandchildren to take part in the Egg Hunt, even if they are not currently students in the Sunday School! We are looking forward to some Family Fellowship time!

**Last Day of Sunday School** will be on: Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. At 10:00am, we will have an End of the Year Celebration. Parents should attend.

**Vacation Bible School:** Is asking to bring in Toilet-Paper Rolls. There will be a box outside the secretary's office. Thank You!



**Wednesday Morning Bible Class** is held at 8:30 a.m. in person and online. If you are interested in attending online, please give Pastor Hoag a call and he will provide the link.

**Thursday Evening Bible Class** is held at 7:00 p.m. in person and online. If you are interested in attending online, please give Pastor Hoag a call and he will provide the link.





**Confirmation Rehearsal will be on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**Confirmation – Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.** The following young adults will be received into membership through Confirmation: Trent Brett Berkey, Beckham Michael Elmlund, Ethan Erik Garrison, Gunnar Richard Kipper, Emily Michelle Yeager. 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 1, 2022.

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.

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. They will leave the robes at the church following the service. If you wish to take personal snapshots, please plan to do it at church. **(REMINDER - NO PHOTOS MAY BE TAKEN DURING THE SERVICE.)**

Individual photographs will be taken after the service. A professional photographer will not be available this year.

We also need your check made out to Trinity 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 9:45 A.M. ON CONFIRMATION DAY.**

If you have any questions, please, phone me or Jennifer Kojro-Badziak at the church office, 815-485-6973.



**Scrip Fundraiser - This is a gift card fundraiser** - they are the same gift cards 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. (For example, you pay \$25 for a \$25 Speedway gift card - the youth group obtains the card at a discount and keeps the difference.)** You can purchase gift cards by filling out an order form (located by the youth bulletin board) or by placing your order online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). If interested in placing orders online, you will need an enrollment code. Ask Angie Minett for the code or stop by the church office. Direct any questions you may have to Angie Minett at [minett411@yahoo.com](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) or 815-228-4902.

**The next scrip card deadline will be Sunday, April 3, 2022. Orders will be ready for pick up the following Sunday, just in time for Easter.**

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our efforts! Your generosity is greatly appreciated

**Ushers Needed:** If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Ed Tatro or Diane Sewing.

Worship and Spiritual Life Report for the Annual Meeting February 2022 By: Ed Tatro

Special Thanks to all the Ushers, listed below, who have served and continue to serve during the COVID pandemic at regular services, summer outdoor services, and special services ie: Christmas, New Years and Funeral Services. Congratulations to Bob Blecke, Dana Knodel, and Zack Horn for joining our Trinity usher cohort this past year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

8:00 AM

- Tom Kaun 815 485 9604 [kauntd@gmail.com](mailto:kauntd@gmail.com)
- Larry Wennlund 815 274 2213 larrywennlund@comcast.net

10:30 AM

- Brett Carr 815 370 6651 [brettdcarr@gmail.com](mailto:brettdcarr@gmail.com)
- Paul Krol 815 575 1315 p.krol@sbcglobal.net

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

8:00 AM

- Edward A. Tatro 815 485 5760 etatro4@aol.com
- Tim King 815 463 0415 tim.king1@comcast.net

10:30 AM

- Tom Buell 815 485 3769 tombuell@sbcglobal.net
- Bob Blecke 815 353 7561 robert.blecke@yahoo.com

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

8:00 AM

- Mike Gardner 815 485 9623 [mgardner1453@gmail.com](mailto:mgardner1453@gmail.com)
- Gary Purnell 815 485 9017 gpurnell3@hotmail.com

10:30 AM

- Jeff McDonald 815 462 2454 [jjmcd97@hotmail.com](mailto:jjmcd97@hotmail.com)
- Dana Knodel 708 822 2902 danacowboy1@yahoo.com

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

8:00 AM

- Steve Tomany 815 485 3163 tomany@sbcglobal.net
- Randy Varju 815-685-1363 [randy.varju@aah.org](mailto:randy.varju@aah.org)

10:30 AM

- John Buell 815 726 3601 [jan.buell@yahoo.com](mailto:jan.buell@yahoo.com)
- Phil McFarlane 815 806 1219 [philmacp40@comcast.net](mailto:philmacp40@comcast.net)

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

8:00AM

- Rex Toepke 815 485 2638 [rtoepke@usa.net](mailto:rtoepke@usa.net)
- Jeff Lorenz 815 463 0833

10:30AM

- Paul Krol 815 575 1315 [p.krol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p.krol@sbcglobal.net)
- Diane Sewing 815-592-3911 [dianesewing@hotmail.com](mailto:dianesewing@hotmail.com)

Alternates:

Biff Aiken 815 954 0682, Zack Horn 630 664 9224, Robert Stark 708 307 4069, Duncan Bachmann 815 485-3787, Bob Jackman 815 933-3864

Members who have an interest in serving the Lord and our congregation as an usher, helping to assist with the sanctity or our services, should contact Ed Tatro or Diane Sewing. {noted above\*\*}

## **Social Ministry Announcements:**

Have you been looking for a way to get to know members of Trinity? Tuesday, May 3 at 12:00pm will be the first gathering of Food and Fellowship, an adult social group which will meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Social Ministry will provide lunch and a fun activity. We will also plan for future events. We hope to see you then! Feel free to bring a friend!

**-Coffee Hours Are Back!!** Beginning in March, Coffee Hour will take place on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. If you are interested in hosting or helping another person, please sign the sheet on the table outside the office.

### Coffee Hour Hosts:

April 3 - Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict

April 17 - Easter - No Coffee Hour

May 1 - Kay Purnell

May 15 - Kim Burbank

May 29 - Ann Wennlund

**-Soup and Sandwich Suppers Are Back!** The meal will be served at 5:30 before the 6:30 service Lenten service.

### Schedule of Suppers and Who is Hosting:

~~March 9: Sunday School - Thank You~~

~~March 16: Social Ministry - Thank You~~

~~March 23: Council - Thank You~~

~~March 30: Sunday School - Thank You~~

April 6: Chancel



Contribution statements for income tax purposes are available for members using the offering envelopes. If you have not received a statement in previous years and would like to request one, please contact the church secretary or Tammy Doerrer. If you received a statement in the past, you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm