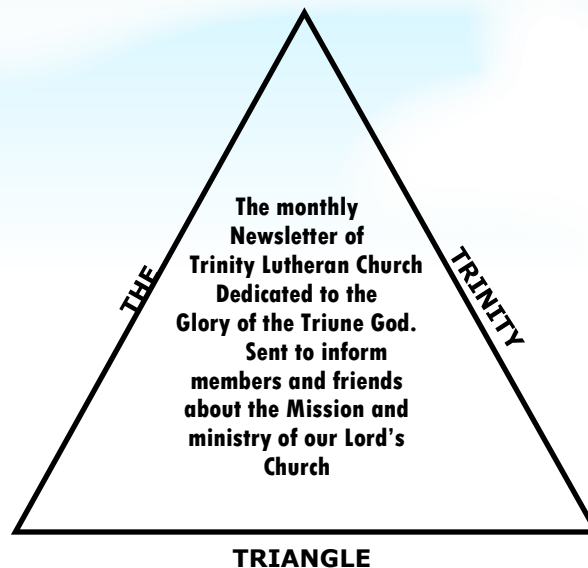


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Pastor Bergelin's Message



It won't be long before God's creation again wakes up and returns to life. In fact it's already happening. Here and there one already sees early flower bulbs pop their heads out of the ground. What once appeared dead is not dead at all. I always think this is what the Lord had in mind when He told us that those

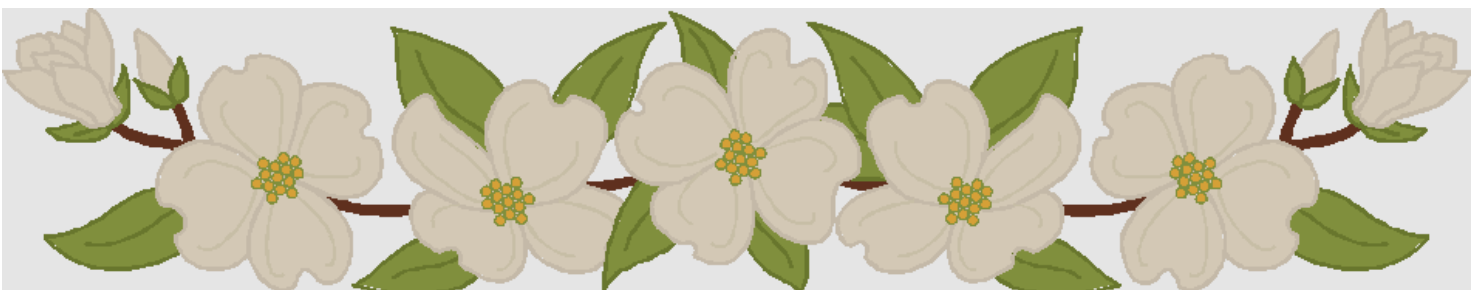
who die with faith in Christ are not dead, but only sleep until he wakes them at the last day. This sure comfort and confidence is ours because of something else going on at this time of the year. On Easter we will be once again celebrate the victory over sin, death, and the devil that Christ won for us at the cross on Good Friday and the resurrection on Easter morning. It's nice to see the earth come back to life each spring. It's fantastic to know that I

can have life eternally with the Lord forever. This the exact thing the Lord said to Martha upon the death of her brother Lazarus. "Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though He dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. John 11:25-26. The flower bulbs and trees aren't really dead at all. Over the winter months they were just asleep. So all who die with faith in Christ aren't really dead, just asleep in Jesus until He opens our graves at the last day. May all the returning to life that you see this spring be a reminder of the life that you will be able to live with Christ forever. That's cause to have a **Happy Easter**.

Serving the Savior,

Pastor Darrel Bergelin

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Vicar Veen's Message

Dear Friends of Trinity Lutheran

We are surely living in strange and unique times. As we live in this time of the coronavirus that is effecting each community, state, and nation all in different ways, it still effects each of us. We are sadly not able to gather together in person. We can't shake hands after services since we are not able to meet. Many people are working from home and students are using the internet for schooling. All of this is strange and different from our normal way of life. However, there is one thing that still is the same for us. That is what we hope in.

Our hope is not in science, technology, or medicine. Instead our hope is in the Lord. We trust in the Lord that He is the one that provides for us. So while we are experiencing this Coronavirus pandemic, we use what the Lord has given us. We let the reason and sense that God gave to us to guide us. By all means, follow the sound advice of medical professionals and public health officials to protect yourself and your loved ones from this virus. But do not fear. You are God's own child washed in the waters of Holy Baptism, cleansed by the blood of Jesus, and filled with hope.

It is through Baptism, through God's Word, that we are saved from something worse than the Coronavirus. We know that it is through Christ's death on the cross that we are saved from the disease of Sin and death. That we are saved by God's grace and given the merciful cure for our sinful life. So while we are cautious of what the Coronavirus may cause on this earth, we look to God for our source of help. We trust that God is in control. He is present in the midst of this. Joshua 1:9 says "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." So let us not be frightened my brothers and sisters in Christ, for the Lord our God is with us now in this time of the Coronavirus and he will always be with us wherever we go for all eternity.

In Christ,

Vicar Evan Veen
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Elder's Corner

As we celebrate Easter this month we give all thanks and glory to God for sending his one and only son Jesus Christ to earth. That Christ would take up the cross on Good Friday to be the perfect sacrifice and atone for all of mankind's sins. On Easter morning Christ would rise from the grave to conquer sin, death, and the power of the devil. As Christians this is the greatest gift we will ever receive, free for all rich or poor. As I am becoming blessed in years I begin to hear myself use the sayings my parents, my Aunt's and Uncle's would use when I was a kid. The one I would hear most often was that as we get older time goes faster. I am sure we all have either said this or have heard it, and if you are

older you can relate to this statement. So it reminded me how brief our time on earth really is. I am at the age where I am attending more funerals than weddings for family and loved ones. For we believers understand that there is far more to life than just the few years we live on this earth. Our identity is in eternity, and our homeland is Heaven. To know that when a loved one dies in Christ, means they will live forever in eternity. What a great joy, comfort, and peace for us Christians. God warns us not to get too attached to what's around us because it is temporary. In today's world we are constantly entertained, amused and catered to. With all of the fascinating attractions and enjoyable experiences available today many in our world forget that the

pursuit of happiness is not what life is about. Realizing that life on earth is temporary we should alter our values, eternal values not earthly ones. God's greatest heroes of faith were not ones who achieved prosperity, success or power in this life. But those who treated this life as temporary and served faithfully expecting their promised reward in eternity. This Easter season rejoice in Christ's great gift he gave to us at Calvary. Nobody knows the exact time when our life on earth will end, except God. So prepare and live our lives for eternity. At our death we won't leave home, we will go home. *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18*



God Answers Prayers

Prayer Calendar—The prayer calendar is written by Christian Woman's Fellowship.

1. Pray for safety in communities.
2. Listen to morning meditations.
3. Begin your day with prayer. Read Luther's morning prayer.
4. Read about Palm Sunday. Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-40
5. Pray for our government.
6. Pray for our Men's Club.
7. Pray for our Sunday school.
8. Read about the Lord's Supper. Luke 22:1-23.
9. Read about Peter's denial of Jesus. Mark 14:26-72.
10. Read about the Passion of Christ. Matthew 27:11-16.
11. Pray for our shut-ins.
12. Read your favorite Easter hymns. 461—I know that My Redeemer Lives.
13. Read about the Resurrection of Jesus. Matthew 28:1-10.
14. Read about the empty tomb.
15. Pray for our Service Men and Women that help keep us safe.
16. Pray for our Missionary's.
17. Pray for our neighbors.
18. Read Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus.
19. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
20. Praise God for the time, treasures, and talents the Lord gave you.
21. God is faithful. Let Thy will be done. Matthew 6:7-8

22. Pray God will provide for Your daily needs. Matthew 6:11.
23. Read the 10 Commandments. Exodus 20:3-17.
24. Pray food pantries stay stocked.
25. Pray for Pastor and Vicar as they prepare for services.
26. Read Jesus appears to Thomas. John 20:19-31.
27. Pray for our Elders.
28. Pray for our Confirmation Classes.
29. Read Joshua 1:9. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord Your God will be with you wherever you go.
30. Give thanks to God for the beauty of the earth.

CWF met on Monday, March 9 at 6:30 pm. Business meeting was held after an opening devotion "Make Me More Powerful in Prayer" Mission Grant for this month is Light for Christ Scholarships—Guatemala Mission Christian Education. Mites were collected. Thanks to anyone who is contributing to this through the large Mite box in the narthex. Every little bit helps. We send these in monthly. Three members attended the Prayer Service at Bethlehem in Sheboygan on March 7. It was well attended. They reported on it. The biennial SWD Convention is set for June 20, 2020 at St Paul's in Grafton. Zone 9 Spring Rally is set for May 13 at 6pm at Good Shepherd in Two Rivers. In gathering is personal care items for men. Carpooling was

discussed. Our groups basket for donation to the Lutheran High Auction is ready and Shelley will deliver it. Kathy F. Is, again heading up making bookmarks for this year's confirmands. A new beautiful Easter banner was given to us by Michelle Scharenbroch. We will get a dowel and hanger for it. Members can donate baked goods for the Easter Breakfast and will volunteer for the Spaghetti Supper. We will again, hope to have a bake sale in conjunction with the Men's Club Brat Fry in May. We sang for birthdays of the month and planned to sing in late service on 3-15. Our program was on The Ten Commandments with a quiz to follow! Closing devotion was Luther's Evening Prayer.

Shelley Gessler

PRAYER CHAIN - Many times in the Bible, God invites us to pray and seek His help. God promises to answer and come to our aid. In fact, He "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think." (Eph. 3:20)

At this time, or any time, Trinity prayer chain is here for you. Bring your prayer requests to prayer.chain4u@yahoo.com or call me at 565-3557 or call the church secretary and she will pass the prayer request on to me.
In Jesus Name
Barbara Wolfert



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Birthdays

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 2 Amber Haskins Perry Stange | 3 Meghen Dehne | 4 Natalie Englebert |
| 5 Mary Lou Neuman Vince Shircel | 6 Kathy Stange | 7 Diego Arreguin Al Baumann Charles(C.J.) Berg Edith Plocar | | 9 Dale Bitter Addison Holler Hanna Meidl John Prange Lauren Yinko | 10 Richard Boje Ryan Schmidt Mark Zimmer | 11 Dana Grunewald |
| 12 Randy Grunewald Sarah Kuhlrow | 13 Doreen Luecke | 14 Mike Butzen | 15 Zachary Elias Allison Kunze | 16 Tyler Grunewald Trisha Reiss | | 18 Shannon Beauvais Lance Liemann Stacy Milbrath Mark Plocar |
| 19 Ireland Webster | 20 Laura Koenig Kevin Kolb Jerry Zeinemann | 21 Margaret Yonke | 22 Noah Henschel McKenna Kolb Addison Lallensack Peyton Luecke | | 24 Christian Arreguin Andrew Dehne Alyssa Lallensack | |
| 26 Piper Beauvais Grant Fehlhaber Ava Hahn Adison Zander | 27 Natalie McCraw | 28 Jason Zimmermann | | 30 McCoy Milbrath Connie Schmitt | | |



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Anniversaries

April 11

Doris and James Osterloth-1973

April 12

Dave and Linda Jesinski—1980

Ron and Edith Plocar—1958

April 17

Ryan and Stacia Schmidt—2004

April 19

Renee and Richard Bowerman—2008

April 26

Eugene and Nancy Rosenthal—1975

John and Kathy Schmid—1969

April 27

Dave and Liz Haag—1991

April 29

Mark and Deb Zimmer—1989

Ben and Jamie Englebert—2000

April 30

Todd and Jodi Berglund—1994

Trinity News

Our bulletins, newsletters, portals of prayers etc. are being placed in the salt box outside of the office wing door. If you would like copies other than the copies online, please stop by and take what you need.

Acolyte, Greeter and all other schedules will be distributed and posted when we are able to worship at church. again.



Traveling Bulletins

Dave and Robie Scharinger
First United Lutheran Church, Sheboygan.

Peter and Kathy Franz
Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, WI.

Susie Sixel
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls, WI.

Dan Born
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls, WI.

Kay Waldschmidt
St. John's Lutheran Church, Plymouth, WI.

Noah Liermann
Faith Lutheran Church, Valders, WI.

We are streaming our Worship services live on Facebook at 8:00am Sunday morning. The video will remain on Facebook so you can watch it anytime. It is also on our website.

Keep checking your e-mails for updates on our Holy Week Worship Services.



Many people have asked how they can give their offerings while we are unable to meet for worship.

- ♦ You may mail it to the church office.
- ♦ You may have your offering automatically withdrawn from an account of your choosing. You may go to our website for a deduction form or we can mail you one.
- ♦ You may drop it off at the church office. There is a table outside of the office.



The Property Committee is asking for help to clean our church grounds. We must follow the "Safer at Home" rules. No more than 10 can be here at one time and we must work 6 feet apart.

If you would like to help, please come here at your convenience. Please bring a rake. Thank you!



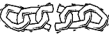







Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

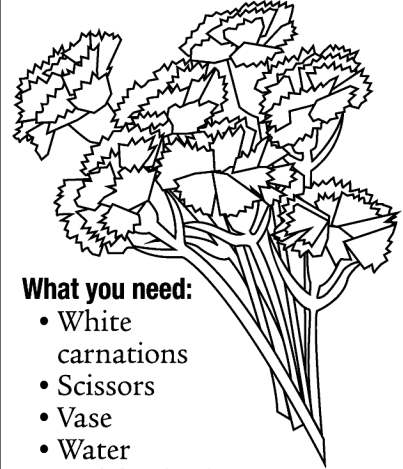
And he took , gave  and  it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my  given for you; do this in  of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This  is the new  in my blood, which is  out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.

A little humor from Pastor

It's not boring at all to stay in the house. But how come a bag of rice has 7,456 pieces and the other bag has 7,398 pieces?

You know you are bored if you are counting bags of rice.

