

# The Trumpet

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## Pilgrimage Ponderings



Worship Schedule  
Sundays 10:00am  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Saturdays 6:00pm

April 14, Maundy Thursday  
12:00pm First  
7:00pm St. Peters  
and Trinity



April 15, 7:00pm  
Good Friday Tenebrae  
St. Peters

April 16, 6:00pm  
Easter Vigil  
Trinity

April 17, 2022 Easter Day  
Resurrection of Our Lord  
8:30am St. Peters  
10:00am Trinity  
11:15am First



Scholarship  
Application  
Deadline  
April 30, 2022

What are your favorite Easter traditions? Is it the Lamb shaped, chocolate cake with a cooked, fluffy icing sprinkled generously with cocoanut? Is it gathering with the family, in the family pew for worship and enjoying the Easter breakfast after? Is it a family Easter egg hunt - moved inside on occasion because of unpredictable spring weather? Is it the shopping trip for a new spring dress and the reminiscing of Easter bonnets and lacy gloves and white patent leather MaryJane shoes?

My favorite Easter tradition is the singing of triumphant Easter hymns. All those repetitions of the word "Alleluia!" The word is familiar to people of Judeo-Christian traditions worldwide, and it is customary to forbid it's use through the season of Lent so that the impact of those Easter proclamations is more profound. The word has its roots in the Hebrew scriptures of the Old Testament in which the word, "Hallel" means Praise, and the word "Jah" means God. We've anglicized it to become Alleluia, but the words Hallelujah and Alleluia are interchangeable and mean the same thing. Praise God.

On Easter we break the Alleluia out of it's Lenten grave just like Jesus was freed from the grave on that first Easter morning. When he was first seen by Mary, in the light of dawn in a resurrection body, her first words were probably not "Praise God." They would have been more human - like, "Am I seeing things?" "Who are you?" The record in Matthew, Mark and Luke find the woman, including Mary speechless. According to John's Gospel account, we are told that Mary asked about Jesus' whereabouts when she discovered the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. She also declared him her teacher. The words Praise God aren't the first human response but they are a response which gains momentum when considering all that has gone into the situation. They are words of perspective and history and hope and trust.

To say it's time to break forth with sounds of perspective, history, hope and trust is an understatement. Easter this year should include Champaign toasts, helium filled balloons, joy unspeakable and hope only resurrection life can provide. We have endured a Good Friday and Holy Saturday called CoronaVirus and our Resurrection is evident. I encourage you to consider how you will celebrate the full joy of the Easter season as a response in Praise of God. I encourage those who have yet to re-connect with the congregation to consider making a commitment to being in worship on Easter Sunday, and there in experience the fullness of joy which only comes through new life in Christ. I encourage you to take the message of Christ, spoken first to the women at the tomb, to your friends and family, co-workers and neighbors, "Christ is alive!"

Thanks be to God - Alleluia & Amen!

*Pastor Mary Beth*

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WORSHIP FOCUS FOR APRIL

April 2 & 3 Fifth Weekend of Lent

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

April 9 & 10 Passion / Palm Weekend

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

April 16 & 17 Easter Vigil & Resurrection of Our Lord

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

April 23 & 24 Second Weekend of Easter

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.



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The Trumpet  
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April 2022



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## Holy Week in the Williams County ELCA Parish



**Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10, 2022** - Holy Communion Worship with a Dramatic Reading of the Passion According to Luke and a Combined Handbell Choir will be at Trinity, Bryan at 10 a.m.



**Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022** - Holy Communion worship with Anointing of Hands for Service will be held at the following times: Noon at First Lutheran, Bryan and 7 p.m. at St. Peter's, Edon and Trinity, Bryan.



**Good Friday, April 15, 2022** - Tenebrae Service of Song, Scripture, Shadow and Silence at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's, Edon.



**Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022** - Easter Vigil with Holy Communion at 6 p.m. at Trinity, Bryan.

**Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022** - Holy Communion Worship will be at St. Peter's, Edon at 8:30 a.m.; Trinity, Bryan at 10 a.m.; and First, Bryan at 11:15 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME!!



April is the time for birthday celebrations for the following Trinity people. On April 7th, Tom Foster, 132 S Lebanon Street, turns 83 and on the 15th, Pastor Richard Buchsteiner, 101-A Deerfield Circle will be 81. On the 24th, Betty Griffis, 106 Taylor Drive, West Unity, 43570 becomes a nonagenarian turning 90. To all these folks we wish God's continued blessings on their journey of faith and life.



### Graduation

Let's recognize our High School and College Graduates! May 22, 2022 will be Graduate Recognition Sunday and we need your help - do you know someone graduating from High School or College? Who? What are their plans beyond this milestone event? Please share that information with the church office and invite them to be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 22, 2022. Senior pictures are also being gathered for a poster display. Please drop off your senior's picture at the church office.



### Trinity Lutheran Scholarship

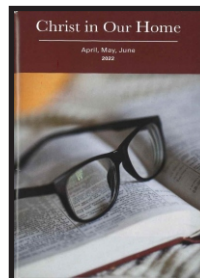
We are fortunate as a congregation to have a scholarship fund that can be of assistance to our people who are pursuing additional education beyond high school. Started as a memorial to Joseph Yekisa, the fund is supported by gifts from members. Any confirmed member who is pursuing higher education is eligible to be considered. Applications are at the church office and the deadline for returning them is April 30th.

Scholarship applicants are advised that receipt of a Trinity Scholarship will be limited to no more than 3 times for any one applicant, and scholarships are awarded on the basis of funds available.



### Mission Quilters

The quilters are back at it and will meet again for the second time this year on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 from 12:30-4:00pm. Please come and join - EVERYONE WELCOME!



### Christ in Our Home

The second quarter Christ in Our Home devotional booklets are on the windowsill in the narthex. Please help yourself.

### April Prayer Quote

"Prayer pushes us through life's slumps, propels us over the humps and pulls us out of the dumps. Prayer is the oomph we need to get the answers we seek". Max Lucado

### April Scripture Verse

Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament. Psalm 150:1



Dear People of God at Trinity, Thank you for your generous support of Lutheran Disaster Response through the 2021 NWOS year end ask. Your generosity will equip LDR to continue walking alongside our neighbors here at home and around the world at the most crucial moments following disaster. Thank you for funding the mission of this remarkable organization. We thank God for your generosity and for the care of LDR for so many communities. With gratitude, The NWOS Team



Doris Geren would like to tell everyone how much she appreciates all the lovely cards, prayers and phone calls she's been receiving. Doris has so much gratitude for all of her Trinity family and would like to be sure that gets expressed to each and everyone of you. THANK YOU.



Thank you everyone for all the greetings, prayers and best wishes we've received. You're all very special to us and we miss you all so much. God Bless, Lou & Donna Witte



I'd like to take this note and Trumpet submission as an opportunity to express my gratitude to the whole church community for supporting me and my growth throughout the journey of faith and school over the past thirteen and a half years. The tougher the storm, the bigger the crew needed to bring the ship safely to harbor, and you all have blessed me as crew members throughout the various seasons of my life. I've been blessed with not just moral support, but also with financial support through the church for now two years of college at Miami University, where I continue to pursue my bachelor's in Spanish Education and master's in Spanish. Next year, I look forward to completing a semester of student teaching in the Cincinnati Public Schools district, wrapping up my certification in Fostering Just Communities, and writing and defending my thesis on differential heritage language development in K-12 students. Once again, I thank you all for your support in my pursuit to end up here - the way would have been long and weary without it. Peace and joy, Rachel Webb



## Trinity Confirmation 2022

The following baptized members will Affirm their Baptismal Promises on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the 10 a.m. service of Holy Communion. Please join in welcoming them to the membership of the congregation.

**Nadia Mae Moore** is the daughter of JC & Beth Moore and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Bryan Middle School. Nadia is a swimmer and dancer and enjoys spending time with her friends. Nadia was baptized at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bryan, on September 28, 2008. Nadia's catechism mentor is Janet Hitchcock.

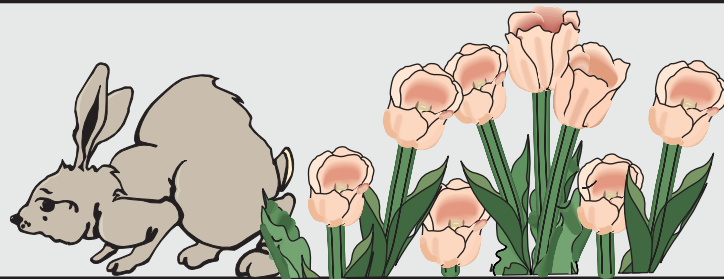
**Olivia Catherine Johnston** is the daughter of Jason & Amanda Johnston and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Bryan Middle School. Olivia enjoys dance, swim and doing things with her family and her friends. Olivia was baptized at Trinity on November 9, 2008. Olivia's catechism mentor is Lisa Whitman.

**Alexander Thomas Diaz** is the son of Paul & Kristen Diaz and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Bryan Middle School. Alex plays baseball, soccer and basketball, and is in the band. Alex was baptized at Trinity on February 21, 2010. Alex's catechism mentor is Steve Hess.

**Emma Schlade** is the daughter of Josh & Carrie Schlade and is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Bryan Middle School. Emma enjoys music in all its forms, especially vocal, playing piano and playing soccer. Emma was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church, Stryker, on July 22, 2008. Emma's catechism mentor is Jane Whisler.



# April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
3 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	4	5 Happy Birthday Tom Foster (83) 4:00pm Bell Practice at Trinity	6	7	8	9 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
10 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	11 7:00pm Council Meeting	12 12:30pm Quilters	13	14 Maundy Thursday  12:00pm Worship w/ HC at First 7:00pm Worship w/ HC at St. Peters and TLC	15 Happy Birthday Pastor Richard Buchsteiner (81)  7:00pm Good Friday Tenebra at St. Peters	16 6:00pm Easter Vigil Worship w/ HC
 Easter Day 17 10:00am Easter Festival Worship w/ HC 8:30am St. Peters 11:15am First	18	19 Deadline for MayTrumpet	20	21	22	23 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
 Happy Birthday 24 Betty Griffis (90) 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	25	26	27	28	29	30  Deadline for Scholarship Applications 6:00pm Worship w/ HC



## Wise Words

### Singing God's Praises in Spring

I love Spring. This is my favorite season. I watch for the first hints of green in the bushes and trees. I delight as the daffodils emerge from their slumber. I wait like an expectant grandmother as the Robin builds her nest, warms the blue eggs, and then nurtures her young ones. I giggle as I watch them take flight.

Spring is a time to feel alive. Easter is too. What was once dead, is now resurrected. Where there was dark, light now streams in all directions. Longer days give opportunity for evening strolls and maybe the first stop of the year for ice cream.

Yet this season isn't just for me - it is God's time. I don't know about you but I seem to be able to praise God more in springtime. My challenge is to hold this energy throughout the rest of the year.

How can we praise God in spring? Slow down and be grateful for new life. Thank God for eyes to see his beauty and ears to hear nature sing. Take a deep breath and be present to the Holy Spirit. Sit for 10 minutes in warming spring sunshine pondering God's light. Read the words of a favorite hymn as a prayer. Remember and hold in your heart the amazing gift of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection - giving us eternal life. Close your eyes, knowing you are a beloved child of God.

God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth. Thank you that things are coming awake in the world. This is what our calendar says, and we do see some signs that it is real. But we also still struggle with the residual layover of winter. Now we ask that you bring into reality all that belongs in this season. Your word says that we will have provision, and hope, and joy, and health and loving relationships here and now in this life. We ask that what belongs in this season would become actual in our practical lives. We hope in you and in your promises. We hope in your gift of Spring.

- Author Unknown

*Jeanie*



## Baptism Birthdays

1 Myrna Tuttle	4 Linda Essex	12 Kristin Peet	23 Jeff Gunn
1 Cheri Salsbury	4 Mary Ann Taylor	12 Alex Staup	23 Steve Krill
1 Kathy Scheckelhoff	5 James Helbig	13 Floyd Taylor	25 Beth Moore
2 Samuel Rossow	6 Marcia Vargo	15 Joshua Salsbury	26 Barton Schwarzbek
2 Lucy Rice	9 Joan Colella	15 Eric Klinepeter	28 Dennis Harman
2 Cheri Vollmer	9 Keith Day	18 Joshua Webb	28 Keagan Nichols
2 Emily Keifer	9 Susan Fisher	19 Doris Geren	28 Brooklyn Nichols
2 Dean Schwarzbek	10 Daxton Driscoll	20 Karen Hopkins	28 Emma Nichols
3 Wendy Andrews	11 Scott Stiverson	23 Michele Fireovid	28 Gaige Phillips
			29 Griffin Diaz

## Adopt a Pot



Adopt a Pot to enhance the beauty of the property, the pots which are located along the South Wall of the building will be planted with bright flowers and greenery. You can help the effort by Adopting a Pot. So there is some uniformity to the contents, plants will be purchased. Planting will be done by volunteers. Cost to adopt a large pot is \$25, small pots are \$15. There are 5 large pots and 5 small pots available. Please sign-up on the kiosk and make your donation through the offering.

## Take 5 for Faith

### 5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday

Share your ups & downs of the day.

Read the suggested Bible passage.

Reflect on its meaning for you and our world.

Pray for family, friends, the church & world.

Bless yourself & others.

April 1 - Psalm 91	April 18 - Psalm 108
April 2 - Psalm 92	April 19 - Psalm 109
April 3 - Psalm 93	April 20 - Psalm 110
April 4 - Psalm 94	April 21 - Psalm 111
April 5 - Psalm 95	April 22 - Psalm 112
April 6 - Psalm 96	April 23 - Psalm 113
April 7 - Psalm 97	April 24 - Psalm 114
April 8 - Psalm 98	April 25 - Psalm 115
April 9 - Psalm 99	April 26 - Psalm 116
April 10 - Psalm 100	April 27 - Psalm 117
April 11 - Psalm 101	April 28 - Psalm 118
April 12 - Psalm 102	April 29 - Psalm 119:1-88
April 13 - Psalm 103	April 30 - Psalm 119:89-176
April 14 - Psalm 104	May 1 - Psalm 120
April 15 - Psalm 105	May 2 - Psalm 121
April 16 - Psalm 106	May 3 - Psalm 122
April 17 - Psalm 107	May 4 - Psalm 123
	May 5 - Psalm 124

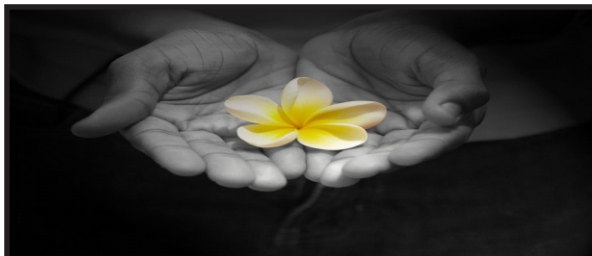
## March Attendance & Offerings

Date Attendance Offering  
Budgeted Need \$3,848.00

3/5/2022 Sat Worship	26	
3/6/2022 Sun Worship	53	\$3,783.00
3/12/2022 Sat Worship	31	
3/13/2022 Sun Worship	44	\$4,641.61
3/19/2022 Sat Worship	22	
3/20/2022 Sun Worship	26	\$3,393.90
3/26/2022 Sat Worship	22	
3/27/2022 Sun Worship	37	n/a

Avg Attendance Mar 2022 58.00

building use - kitchen	240.00
Joint Parish - St. Peters	3222.65
initial offering	10.00
memorial	100.00
Ash Wednesday	1223.00
Easter flowers	150.00



## EASTER OFFERING

At the March 14th Church Council Meeting it was decided to designate our Easter offering to Lutheran Disaster Relief - Ukraine.

## April Assignments

DATE	PROJECTION	ACOLYTE	SOUND
April 3	Rhonda Fackler	Olivia Johnston Madison Klinepeter	Rick Taylor
April 10	Jeff Gunn	Nadia Moore	Joe Whisler
April 17	Mike Bever	Alex Diaz	Henry Burklo
April 24	Joe Whisler	Emma Schlade	Jim Hitchcock



**Thrivent Financial**

## Choice Dollars

If anyone would like to donate their Thrivent Choice Dollars to the Williams County Community Gardening Association (WCCGA) we would be very appreciative.

We have 20 raised beds at 426 N Williams Street, Bryan. We have 15 raised beds in Kunkle at a second garden and we are working on a third garden in Edon. We also have a bench and picnic table with flowers for the serenity part of the garden.

Expenses are mounting as we pay for commercial water use in Bryan and we also have to carry insurance on our properties.

Thank you for your consideration. Jenni McKarns, President and Gary & Suzanne Powell, Board Members

## ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

MARCH 2022

[ELCA.org/disaster](https://elca.org/disaster)

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

Yes, I want to help!

- ☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis Response \$ \_\_\_\_\_ IDG0103
- ☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: Where needed most \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0010

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to  
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:  
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P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Eastern Europe Crisis  
Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



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