

The Trumpet

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Pilgrimage Ponderings

Every year, in the Sundays after Easter, when we hear through the scripture readings about the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus, I have to remind myself that his physical appearance is not what it was before the crucifixion. At the very least, his body bears the scars of the wounds suffered by Roman spear to his side and nails puncturing his hands and feet. That is a significant recollection. It gives me hope in my own wounded existence.

There is no way, having experienced various life situations, we can get through mortal existence without a few scars. Those scars mark us as mortal and sometimes help others to see us as human and vulnerable.

A favorite author, Henri Nouwen, in his book "The Wounded Healer" acknowledges that it is because of our wounds and our scars that we often find connection with one another. Wounds and scars create empathy - an ability to relate to another from a position of similar experience, solidarity, emotionally, socially, psychologically, spiritually.

I remember when I became a single mother after divorce that I was forced into a demographic of women with whom I really had no previous connection, but with whom suddenly I understood the various realities experienced only by single mothers. Childcare concerns, sick-days with sick children, lonely sleepless nights of worry with no one to share concerns, financial realities, home ownership burdens. All of those situations left me with a few wounds and scars. Those situations left me better able to connect with single moms who are trying to be everything for everyone.

Increasingly I believe that the opportunity to claim our corporate scars and wounds, and by their evidence and life learnings, reach out to the larger community as Jesus' hands and feet is truly the best posture of the Church. We embody the promise that our mortality is a gift and that by our wounds we can connect with the wounded neighbor. It doesn't matter if your wound is emotional, physical, spiritual, social....there is a neighbor who needs to know that you've survived and that you have found hope and peace in Christ.

That's the good news of the bodily resurrection of Jesus, who willingly shows his hands, feet and side to a questioning disciple and who doesn't criticize the question, but by the exposure of wounds invites faith in something beyond the woundedness. It's the good news of women with broken hearts restored by the love of a redeemer who meets them in their despair and commissions them to share a new ending to the story - that death is not the end, but rather a new beginning, that wounds heal and hope will prevail.

How about you - where are you wounded and how have those wounds, now healed, become a gift for speaking of Jesus' life, His love, the gift of hope and the promise of joy. Share it - with bold proclamation - and in so doing experience the true meaning of resurrection.

Peace be with you all, always!

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Worship Schedule

Sundays 10:00am

Sunday School 9:00am

Saturdays 6:00pm

May 1, 2022
Confirmation



Mothers Day
May 8, 2022



May 22, 2022
Graduation Recognition



May 22, 2022
Final Day of
Sunday School

Worship Focus for May

April 30 & May 1 Third Weekend of Easter

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

May 7 & 8 Fourth Weekend of Easter

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

May 14 & 15 Fifth Weekend of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

May 21 & 22 Sixth Weekend of Easter

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

May 29 Seventh Weekend of Easter

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

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Church League Softball

Join the Team - The Williams County ELCA Parish is seeking players. Anyone age 14 or older is welcome to join the team for some healthy fun and good fellowship. Games are played at Bryan Parks and Recreation Church Field, mostly on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. You don't have to be a church member to play on the team. For more information call Jason Johnston 419-636-6414.



May Birthdays

May is time for the birthday celebration of two of our Trinity folks. On the 5th, Wayne Weber, 02481 Co. Rd. 15, becomes a nonagenarian as he turns 90. Also on the 5th, Goldie Wieland, 11390 Co. Rd. D, will celebrate her 81st birthday. We wish them God's continued blessings.



Summer Sunday School

A reminder to parents and students....The final session of Sunday School will be May 22nd. We will not offer summer Sunday School. We hope to see you in May and enjoy your summer vacations!!!!



Congratulations Trinity High School Graduates

Nathan Hess, son of Steve & Mindy, will graduate from Bryan High School. He is active in soccer, golf and tennis. Nathan will be attending The Ohio State University.

Brooke Taylor, daughter of Rick & Julie, will graduate from Bryan High School. Brooke is in orchestra, and has played tennis, basketball and softball. She will be attending the University of Toledo.

Lily Schlade, daughter of Josh & Carrie, will graduate from Bryan High School. She is active in orchestra, theatre, and plays soccer. Lily will be attending Bowling Green State University.

Haylee Wheeler, daughter of Bruce & Abrisha, will graduate from Bryan High School. Haylee is active in various sports and will be attending Miami University in the fall.

May Baptismal Birthdays

2	Connie Eleger	12	Linda Hulbert	18	Isabella Diaz	27	Rita Baird
2	Courtney Combs	16	Thelma Coolman	19	Thomas Foster	28	Lynne Miller
6	Aiden Moore	16	Nathan Hess	23	McKenzie Hitchcock	28	Suzanne Bever
8	Diane Russell	16	Brooke Taylor	27	Alyssa Humbarger	30	Erik Diaz
9	Ashley Beaver	18	Bill Darrow	27	Daniel Humbarger	30	Cathy Leu
10	Gene Webb	18	Lyndsey Darrow	27	Pam Lanius		

Baptism

4/3/2022 Fay Aleann Hartman
daughter of Wayne & Sarah
(Eickhoff) Hartman

WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM!



Mission Quilters

The quilters will meet again on Tuesday, May 9, 2022 from 12:30-4:00pm. Please come and join - EVERYONE WELCOME!

May Scripture Verse

"Clap your hands, all you people. Shout to God with a sound of joy." Psalm 47:1

May Prayer Quote

"Prayer may not change things for you, but it for sure changes you for things." Samuel Shoemaker



Wise Words

Prayer involves deep listening to God. One way I hear God is through reading scriptures, faith related books, music, and poetry. If I pay attention, I sense when a word or phrase resonates in my heart, tickles my spirit, makes me curious with wonder, and wakes me up.

Lately the poetry by Mary Oliver echoes in my soul. This poem by Mary Oliver made me laugh out loud and so me when I get full of 'poor me" syndrome. What a great image to remember and remind us that just showing up daily to the present task at hand is often our next right step.

"I go down to the shore in the morning
And depending on the hour the waves
Are rolling in or moving out,
And I say, oh, I am miserable,
What shall -
What should I do? And the seas says
In its lovely voice:
Excuse me, I have work to do."

Even as I type this poem weeks later, I smile. God gently tells me it is not all about me, quit the self-pity and get to back to the work he has called me to.

Another of her lines is this: "Joy is not made to be a crumb." Wow, what a great reminder of the God of delight and blessings all around us if we seek him.

One of Mary Oliver's most famous questions is this: "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" These words invite me to come again to God, with an open and willing heart to serve and obey.

And when the news gets me anxious and I become uneasy and fearful seeing photos of war and injustice, I come to God with his Word: Be still and know I am God. (Psalm 46). I pray these words slowly with each inhale and exhale, settling into God's arms of love and grace. Listening to God. Being with God.

Jeanie



Thank you to all the "behind the scenes" people who made Holy Week & Easter Worship deeply meaningful: Marsha Kirkpatrick, Rhonda Fackler, Jackie Uran, and the altar guild members who set up flowers and made sure communion and other worship essentials were ready. Jason Johnston, Steve Fireovid, Steve Hess, Noah Diaz, Ruth Soto, Deacon Jean Wise, and Tim Foster who participated in the Palm Sunday reading of the Passion. Trudy Day, Keith Day, JC Moore, Steve Krill, Renae Queen, Goldie Wieland who served as readers of the lessons and communion assistants at Holy Week Worship services; and Renae Queen for providing special music on Maundy Thursday. Hats off to the combined First/Trinity Handbell Choir which accompanied the singing of "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" on Easter morning - those ringers include: Dolores Franzdorf, Mary Ann Taylor, Julie Taylor, Cathy Leu, Jan Schumm, Greta Crilley, Tim Foster, Jeff Wetmore, Nancy Kuehne, Cheryl Chapman and Director Suzanne Powell.



Thank you Pastor Mary Beth, Deacon Jean, Cathy Leu and Dolores Franzdorf for helping with the bells and tables for our Easter performance. We really appreciate it!! Suzanne & Gary







Birthdays are special days and I want to thank the members of Trinity for adding to the joy of that day with cards, prayers and emails. Pastor Buchsteiner



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gifts given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in January 2022 designated for Haiti Crisis \$1,310.32 and United States Tornadoes \$1,807.00. You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy. In Christ, Robin Brown, Director, Congregational Generosity

May 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC  Confirmation	2	3	4	5 Happy Birthday Wayne Weber 90  Happy Birthday Goldie Wieland 81 National Day of Prayer 	6	7 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
8 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC  Happy Mothers Day	9 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	10 12:30pm Mission Quilters	11	12	13	14 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
15 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	16	17	18	19	20	21 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
22 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC  Graduation Recognition	23 Deadline for June Trumpet	24	25	26	27	28 11:00am Celebration of Life for Ralph Gallagher No Saturday Worship
29 10:00am Worship w/ HC	30  In MEMORIA Memorial Day	31				

April Attendance & Offerings

Date Attendance Offering
Budgeted Need \$3,848.00

4/2/2022 Sat Worship	27	
4/3/2022 Sun Worship	69	\$5,703.00
4/9/2022 Sat Worship	37	
4/10/2022 Sun Worship	70	\$4,604.50
4/16/2022 Sat Worship	22	
4/17/2022 Sun Worship	102	\$3,874.00
4/23/2022 Sat Worship	30	
4/24/2022 Sun Worship	53	n/a

Avg Attendance April 2022 102

building use - kitchen	240.00
Joint Parish - 1st Lutheran	1641.90
Joint Parish - St. Peters	3238.20
initial offering	2.00
flower pots	230.00
Easter flowers	60.00
Ukraine Relief	1818.00
Easter	100.00
foundation	0.47
initial offering	1.00

Mother's Day

G	T	O	A	N	O	I	T	A	I	C	E	R	P	P	A
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APPRECIATION
BEAUTIFUL
BREAKFAST
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CHARMING
COMFORT
DEVOTED
FLOWERS
FORGIVING
GIFTS
GUIDANCE
HUGS
JOY
KISSES
LAUGHTER
LOVE
MATERNAL
MOM
MOTHER
NURTURE
PERFUME
PROTECTIVE
SHARE
TELEPHONE
TENDER
THE BEST
WARM
WISE

MAY ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	PROJECTION	ACOLYTE	SOUND
May 1	Buddy Rossow	Madison Klinepeter	Tom Smith
May 8	Rob Goodlive	Olivia Johnston	Paul Vargo
May 15	Rhonda Fackler	Nadia Moore	Rick Taylor
May 22	Jeff Gunn	Alex Diaz	Joe Whisler
May 29	Mike Bever	Emma Schlade	Henry Burklo



Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for Ralph Gallagher will be held here at Trinity Lutheran Church on May 28, 2022 at 11:00am

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.

May 1 - Psalm 120
May 2 - Psalm 121
May 3 - Psalm 122
May 4 - Psalm 123
May 5 - Psalm 124
May 6 - Psalm 125
May 7 - Psalm 126
May 8 - Psalm 127
May 9 - Psalm 128
May 10 - Psalm 129
May 11 - Psalm 130
May 12 - Psalm 131

May 13 - Psalm 132
May 14 - Psalm 133
May 15 - Psalm 134
May 16 - Psalm 135
May 17 - Psalm 136
May 18 - Psalm 137
May 19 - Psalm 138
May 20 - Psalm 139
May 21 - Psalm 140
May 22 - Psalm 141
May 23 - Psalm 142
May 24 - Psalm 143

May 25 - Psalm 144
May 26 - Psalm 145
May 27 - Psalm 146
May 28 - Psalm 147
May 29 - Psalm 148
May 30 - Psalm 149
May 31 - Psalm 150
June 1 - Isaiah 1
June 2 - Isaiah 2
June 3 - Isaiah 3
June 4 - Isaiah 4
June 5 - Isaiah 5



Sincere Christian Sympathy

Trinity Charter Member, Lorene Wieland, passed away Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Hillside Country Living where she had recently resided. She was 102 years old. Lorene's funeral was at Grisier Funeral Home, Stryker with burial at Evansport Cemetery. We pray for her family and friends, including Dolores Franzdorf, Goldie Wieland, Roger, Denver (Joyce), and Mike (Ruth,) as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. "Grant her peace, O Lord, and may your light eternal shine upon her."



Trinity Confirmation 2022

The following baptized members will affirm their Baptismal Promises on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the 10:00am service of Holy Communion. Please join in welcoming them to the membership of the congregation.

Pictured Left to Right...
Olivia Katherine Johnston,
Alexander Thomas Diaz,
Emma Addison Schlade
Nadia Mae Moore

