

The Trumpet

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God's Love in Word & Deed
with ALL!

Pilgrimage Ponderings

The whole of the first week of April 2023 is Holy Week. It is the week where all the feelings of the rollercoaster which is Jesus' life come into stark reality. Triumphant entry followed by all the final experiences. The final words of instruction are spoken publicly and privately; final gestures of grace are offered to those desperate for hope; final expressions of frustration are shown to the powers of institutions both secular and sacred; final sermons about the reign of God are preached; final prayerful lament is offered; final words to confidants are spoken; final control over his situation is relinquished. Final is such a harsh word. We have each been there in those times of finitude and completion, but using the word, "final" to describe them seems like surrendering all hope for reversal.

Final must have been the mood of the day on that lengthy Sabbath being observed behind closed doors, voices in hushed tones, ritual liturgy and meal shared by muscle memory rather than true emotion and energy displayed. Holy Saturday is the forgotten day in the Triduum - the 3 day span that begins with Maundy Thursday, continues with Good Friday, and finally concludes with the Easter Vigil. By the time we get to Holy Saturday, and the worship opportunity that evening, we have plumbed the depths of our heart and soul.

We begin the descent to finality on Maundy Thursday by remembering Jesus' call to humble servanthood and celebrating the Lord's Supper. On Friday, with shadows increasing and diminishing light we hear the account of betrayal, arrest, trial, mockery, crucifixion and burial. By Saturday we are spent. We want to take a detour and make a fast track to Easter Sunday and begin focusing on what we know will change the mood in 24 hours. We have that luxury because we know how the story continues after the cross and burial. The disciples didn't have that luxury. They lived in the gloom and question of imposed Sabbath day pause.

And in that pause I am pretty sure they thought it more than once, it's over. It's done. This is final. Now what? Now who? Full stop. Screeching brakes. Empty.

That's when the astonishing events of Easter Morning seem even more startling, blindingly bright. The dew fresh on the grass glisten, reminiscent of the tears shed in grief on Friday. The frantically gathered basket of herbs, spices, and clean linen shroud, gets tossed in the air and forgotten when they discover the stone rolled away and an unexpected guest asks about their purpose and goal. Then, names are spoken, adoration is expressed, worship is offered, hope is restored, joy replaces sorrow. The word "final" is forgotten, and words like "risen" and "alive" and "go and tell" take its place.

Those words are our words - they emerge from the solemn observance of the final events. They are spoken by the creator and redeemer of the universe, when we are washed in baptismal grace and they guide our witness to Christ who lives so that all of creation may know life, and that life, eternal.

A Blessed Holy Week to you & a very Happy Easter!

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Worship Schedule

Sundays 10:00am

Sunday School 9:00am

Saturdays 6:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt

April 8, 10:00am

First Lutheran



Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

April 6, Maundy Thursday

12:00pm Trinity

7:00pm St. Peters

and First



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

April 8, 6:00pm

Easter Vigil

Trinity

April 9, 2023 Easter Day

Resurrection of Our Lord

8:30am St. Peters

10:00am Trinity

11:15am First



Scholarship Deadline
April 30, 2023

WORSHIP FOCUS FOR APRIL

April 1 & 2 Passion / Palm Weekend

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

April 8 & 9 Easter Vigil & Resurrection of Our Lord

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

April 15 & 16 Second Weekend of Easter

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

April 22 & 23 Third Weekend of Easter

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

April 29 & 30 Fourth Weekend of Easter

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

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Holy Week in the Williams County ELCA Parish



Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 - Procession and Blessing of the Palms at Holy Communion Worship: with Confirmation at St. Peter's at 8:30 a.m.; at Trinity at 10 a.m.; and at First at 11:15 a.m.



Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023 - Sacrament of Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar: at Trinity at Noon; at St. Peter's & First at 7 p.m.



Good Friday Tenebrae, April 7, 2023 - Service of Scripture, Shadow and Song: at St. Peter's at 7 p.m.



Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 8, 2023 - The Story of God's Love with Reaffirmation of Baptism and Holy Communion: at Trinity at 6 p.m.

Easter Sunday Festival Holy Communion, April 9, 2023: at St. Peter's at 8:30 a.m.; Trinity at 10 a.m.; and First at 11:15 a.m.

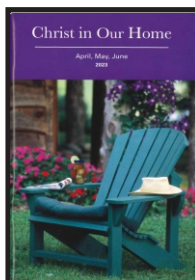


April is the time for birthday celebrations for the following Trinity people. On April 7th, Tom Foster, 132 S Lebanon Street, turns 84 and on the 15th, Pastor Richard Buchsteiner, 101-A Deerfield Circle will be 82. On the 24th, Betty Griffis, Hillside Country Living, 09876 Co. Rd. 16, #401 turns 91. To all these folks we wish God's continued blessings on their journey of faith and life.



Graduation

Graduate Recognition 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.



Christ in Our Home

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



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 or on our webpage www.tlcbryan.com 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.

April Scripture Verse

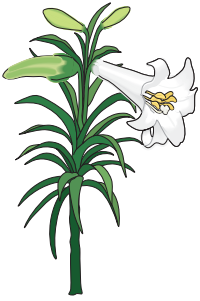
I will give thanks to you among the peoples, O LORD;
I will sing praise to you among the nations. Psalm 57:9

April Prayer Quote

"To pray is to listen, to move through my own chattering to God, to that place where I can be silent and listen to what God may have to say." Madeleine L'Engle



First Lutheran Church is having their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th, at 10:00am. All children are welcome. There will also be games, pictures with the Easter Bunny and other activities. Come join the egg hunt and fun. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with check-in, hiding eggs, running games, setup or teardown, please contact the church office at 419-636-1251.



Easter Lilies

We have several Easter Lilies left if you would like to purchase one. The cost is \$21 each. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. Payment envelopes are provided. Make checks out to Trinity and drop in the offering plate.

Please remember our shut-ins with prayers, notes, cards, etc. They really enjoy hearing from you.



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The Monthly Ebenezer

If it seems like God's plan is like a jigsaw puzzle, make sure you're not a missing piece.
Ebenezer Stone



First Communion



First Communion Class will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5 at St. Peter's. Youth kindergarten and older are welcome and at least 1 parent must attend with their child. Signs of readiness for First Communion include: an awareness of guilt when the child has done something wrong; an awareness of how it feels to be excluded; and an awareness of what it means to be loved unconditionally. If you wonder if your child is ready, Pastor is willing to share in conversation with you.



Trinity Confirmation 2023

Affirmation of Baptism for Madison Klinepeter will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23, 2023. Madison is the 7th grade daughter of Evelyn & Eric Klinepeter. She attends Bryan Middle School where she is active in the Arts programs including Orchestra. Madison's Catechism Mentor is Julie Taylor and she was baptized at Trinity on February 14, 2010.



Williams County ELCA Parish News

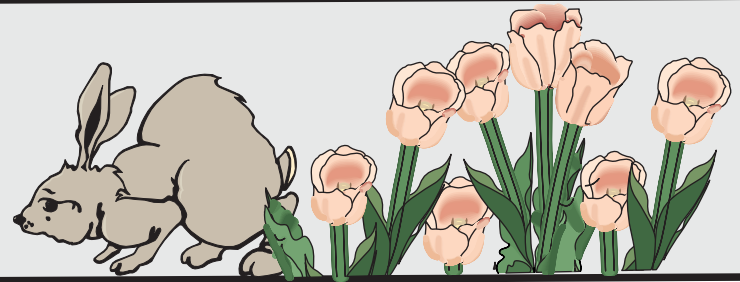
Bryan Congregations of the Williams County ELCA Parish will worship together at First Lutheran, on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. It is good when we gather in prayer, proclamation, and praise of Christ Jesus! All are Welcome, always!

St. Peter's Hosts the Williams County ELCA Parish Congregations for a Combined Worship Service on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 10 a.m. The service will celebrate the gifts of our parish youth, who will serve in various leadership roles for worship that day. Lunch will be served following the service, with St. Peter's providing pulled pork and hot dogs, First will provide side dishes & salads, and Trinity will provide desserts. All are welcome!!

Thank you

Dear Trinity,
Thank you for the great food, nice company and learning a new card game on March 19th. Super time with potluck, cards and fellowship. Thanks again. Suzanne Powell

April 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Palm Sunday Weekend 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
2 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC Palm Sunday	3	4	5 4:00pm Bell Practice 6:30-8:00pm First Communion Class at St. Peters	6 Maundy Thursday 12:00pm Worship w/ HC at Trinity 7:00pm Worship w/ HC at St. Peters and First	7 Happy Birthday Tom Foster (84) 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae at St. Peters	8 10:00am Community Easter Egg Hunt at First Lutheran 6:00pm Easter Vigil Worship w/ HC
9 Easter Day 10:00am Easter Festival Worship w/ HC	10 7:00pm Council Meeting	11 12:30pm Quilters	12 4:00pm Bell Practice	13 Loaves & Fishes	14	15 Happy Birthday Pastor Richard Buchsteiner (82) 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
16 9:30am Sunday School at Trinity 10:30am Worship w/ HC at First Lutheran Church	17	18 Deadline for May Trumpet	19 2:00pm Member Care Outreach Meeting 4:00pm Bell Practice	20	21	22 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
23 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	24 Happy Birthday Betty Griffis (91) Gayle's B-day	25	26 4:00pm Bell Practice	27	28	29
30 10:00am Wms Co Parish Worship at St. Peters	Deadline for Scholarship Applications April 30th					6:00pm Worship w/ HC





Wise Words

Some say, "Good Morning." Some say, "Hello." Or "Howdy" Or "How do you do?"
In April, we greet one another with a joyful, "He is risen." The response? "He is risen indeed."

This traditional Easter greeting has been around at least since John Chrysostom used it in a sermon. He lived from 397-405 AD. Some scholars attributed the words even further back to Mary Magdalene. Quite the historical roots connecting us to many Christians across the centuries.

You know who the He is. Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Jesus, God's son. You know what risen means. On the third day, the resurrection of Jesus amazed all and continues to impact our lives today.

But have you ever thought about the word "indeed?"

Indeed came in use around the 1600s though some researchers believe it is older than that. It is a contraction of two words: In and dede. In meaning "in fact, in truth, in reality." The dede comes from Old English meaning "a doing, act, action, event."

Indeed is used to add emphasis to a statement.

Jesus is risen. When we add indeed we are saying, "this is the truth." This is what I believe. And not only do I believe this but I want to stress this news to others. The action I take is highlighting the importance of what Jesus has done for us. He is risen indeed.

Using this address should be more than an empty tradition. The words "He is risen!" remind us of the joyous news we celebrate at Easter, that Jesus' death was not in vain, and that He has the power to overcome death. Saying "He is risen!" allows us to share this incredible truth with each other. The resurrection of Christ gives us hope for salvation and for our own resurrection and eternal life.

'He Is Risen Indeed' are powerful words. Let's greet one another with a hearty, spirit-filled, "He is risen." "He is risen indeed!"

Jeanie

April Baptism Birthdays

1 Myrna Tuttle	4 Mary Ann Taylor	12 Alex Staup	23 Steve Krill
1 Cheri Salsbury	5 James Helbig	13 Floyd Taylor	25 Beth Moore
1 Kathy Scheckelhoff	6 Marcia Vargo	15 Joshua Salsbury	26 Barton Schwarzbek
2 Samuel Rossow	9 Joan Colella	15 Eric Klinepeter	28 Dennis Harman
2 Lucy Rice	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
4 Linda Essex	12 Kristin Peet	23 Jeff Gunn	29 Griffin Diaz



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DATE

ATTENDANCE OFFERING

MARCH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

3/1/2023 Wed at First	12	
3/4/2023 Sat Worship	23	
3/5/2023 Sun Worship	48	\$6,150.00
3/8/2023 Wed at First	12	
3/11/2023 Sat Worship	22	
3/12/2023 Sun Worship	43	\$3,071.00
3/15/2023 Wed at Trinity	17	
3/18/2023 Sat Worship	19	
3/19/2023 Sun Worship	36	\$1,610.00
3/22/2023 Wed at First	n/a	
3/25/2028 Sat Worship	34	
3/26/2028 Sun Worship	39	n/a
3/28/2028 Wed at Trinity	n/a	

BUDGETED NEED \$3,707.00

building use - kitchen	480.00
initial	79.00
roof fund	150.00
Joint Parish - First	1662.67
Joint Parish - St. Peters	3637.08
ash Wednesday	125.00
easter lilies	168.00
workers compensation	756.67
memorial	50.00

Average Attendance for March 66

Take 5 for Faith

5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday

For 2023 we have, most days, more than one reading, but all are similar in story but different in author. Nevertheless, the process is the same:

Share your ups & downs of the day.

Read the suggested Bible passages.

Reflect on the scripture story, its meaning for you and our world.

Pray for family, friends, the church & world.

Bless yourself & others.

April 1 - Matt. 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

April 2 - Matt. 21

April 3 - Matt. 22-23

April 4 - Matt. 24

April 5 - Matt. 25

April 6 - Matt. 26

April 7 - Matt. 27:1-61

April 8 - Matt. 27:62-66

April 9 - Matt. 28

April 10 - Matt. 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

April 11 - Matt. 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39

April 12 - Matt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

April 13 - Matt. 9:27-31; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

April 14 - Matt. 9:32-34; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:14-15

April 15 - Matt. 9:35-38; Mark 6:34; Luke 10:2

April 16 - Matt. 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16

April 17 - Matt. 10:5-15; Mark 6:6-13; Luke 9:1-6

April 18 - Matt. 10:16-25; Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-19

April 19 - Matt. 10:26-33; Luke 12:4-9

April 20 - Matt. 10:34-36; Luke 12:51-53

April 21 - Matt. 10:37-39; Luke 14:25-27

April 22 - Matt. 10:40-42; Mark 9:41

April 23 - Matt. 11:1-6; Luke 7:18-23

April 24 - Matt. 11:7-19; Luke 7:24-35

April 25 - Matt. 11:20-24; Luke 10:12-15

April 26 - Matt. 11:25-27; Luke 10:21-24

April 27 - Matt. 11:28-30

April 28 - Matt. 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5

April 29 - Matt. 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

April 30 - Matt. 12:15-21; Mark 3:7-12; Luke 6:17-19

May 1 - Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:26-50;
John 12:1-8

May 2 - Luke 8:1-3

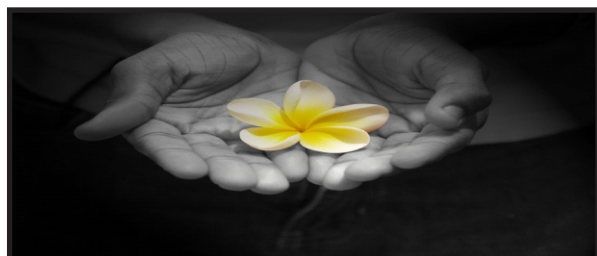
May 3 - Mark 3:20-21

May 4 - Matt. 12:22-30; Mark 3:22-27; Luke 11:14-23

May 5 - Matt. 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 12:10



April
showers
bring
may
flowers



EASTER OFFERING

Church Council has decided to designate our Easter offering to the unexpected and unbudgeted expense of our boiler repair.

April Assignments			
DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	ACOLYTE
WORSHIP ASSISTANT			
April 2	Buddy Rossow	Joe Whisler	Henry Burklo
April 9	Joe Whisler	Steve Fireovid	Paul Vargo
April 16	Combined Worship Service at First		
April 23	Rhonda Fackler	Keith Day	Rick Taylor
April 30	Combined Worship Service at St. Peter's		



Geraniums for Pentecost

We plan to sell Geraniums in the month of May to decorate the church for Pentecost. We'd like to plant the geraniums outside to have their beauty all summer long. More details to follow in announcements and in the May Trumpet.

Easter Word Search Puzzle

Find and circle the words in the puzzle below.

April	colorful	flowers
basket	decorate	hidden
brunch	dinner	holiday
candy	Easter	March
celebrate	egg hunt	rabbit
chocolate	festive	spring



I O S P N M O I I Y P F N N H D B C Y B F T R B
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163rd ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

6:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL EVENT ONLY

This year's annual meeting will be virtual again, so distance is no barrier to attending the event. Supporting documents and procedures for logging on to Zoom will be sent to registered attendees as the date of the meeting approaches.

- President/CEO Rick Marshall will share his annual report featuring organizational highlights.
- A testimonial will spotlight the long history between a member congregation and Genacross.
- Delegates will elect new members to the boards of directors.

Join us, as together we move forward to care for those in need.

To make a reservation, please email BApel@Genacross.org
or call 419.861.4990 by April 11, 2023.