

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

April 2021 Newsletter

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THE LORD'S SUPPER



PALM SUNDAY



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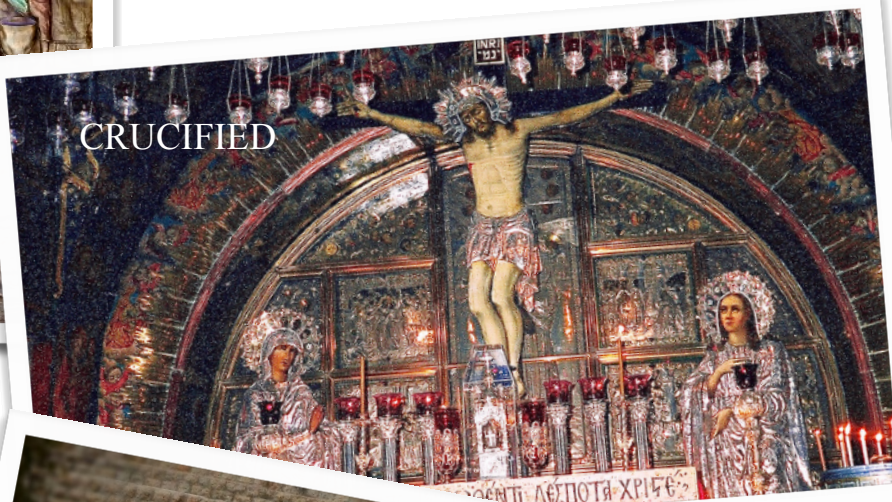
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The first few days of April take us on an emotional whirlwind. During Holy Week we gather every day – or at least several days in a row— to remember together our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his casting out of the money changers, his final discourses to his disciples, his last meal with them

and the establishment of the Lord's Supper, and finally his suffering, death, burial, and resurrection.



The services on these days are unlike other times of the year. Morning and evening prayer services mark the passage of time: we sing psalms and hear scripture and pray for our world and those in need. Holy Communion takes the shape of a service of readings and prayer, but with the special meal our Lord has commanded us to share. One can uncover in its structure the practice of the earliest Christians, who met in the synagogues to hear the Hebrew Scriptures and pray, and then gathered at home to read the words of Jesus, hear an interpretation of the Scriptures, pray again, and bring forward their offerings to share the Christian Meal together.



But during Holy Week there seems to be much more activity. We process with palms, we wash feet, we kneel at the cross, we light a fire. These services are in some ways much simpler and at the same time much more unique. Throughout the world, these services are something special. When Christianity finally became legal, Christians who were able to take pilgrimages to the Holy Land to see the places where Jesus lived and died and rose. Saint Cyril, the bishop of Jerusalem realized how important it was for people to be able to worship in the places where these events took place, and created liturgies such as a procession with palms from the Mount of Olives, prayers at the place where Jesus taught the disciples how to pray, reverencing the remains of the cross on the hill of Calvary where Jesus died, and a vigil through the night at the tomb from which he rose.

Pilgrims like Egeria, a woman from Europe, wrote a letter home to her church family in 381 describing the services of Holy Week in the Churches of Jerusalem. Soon these pilgrims brought back their experiences to the homes and traditions like the Stations of the Cross and the Holy Week services that survive to this day arose, allowing those who could not travel to the Holy Land to live out the experiences of that fateful week, and to meditate on the wonderful things that Jesus did for us.

What an opportunity it is. Whether on the rock and soil where Jesus walked, or in reenacting parts of our Lord's last week with his disciples or meditating on these things in our hearts as we hear the story retold, we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And more than just that, we allow ourselves to be transported to these places. In living together the drama of Holy Week and Easter we ourselves join the crowd that cries hosanna, and we hear the sad words "crucify him" from our own lips. We "watch with our Lord a little while" like the disciples in the garden, and we experience the pain of standing at the foot of the cross. We experience the anticipation of the women walking to the tomb, and together we celebrate the joy of hearing the good news that Jesus is alive. By doing these things together we remember that all this was done for us. For love of you and me. We remember that the events of our Lord's life are history, but they are not mere stories from the past. We feel heartbroken together and remember that we ourselves have denied Jesus and crucified him. We wait a while together and are reminded of his promises made to the disciples and are encouraged that the God who keeps his promises will keep his promises to us who wait. And we rejoice together at the empty tomb and like the disciples on the road to Emmaus that Easter Evening meet Christ in the breaking of the bread, and realize our hearts were burning within us as he revealed to us the Scriptures.

As this week is made holy for us by the Word of God, let us joyfully and eagerly jump into it headlong. Let us follow our Lord and be reminded ever more deeply that what we read in Church and the stories we tell happened for us and for our salvation, a gift of the God who even walking the streets of Jerusalem and hanging on the cross had you and me on his mind.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Tom

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Bible Study

During Easter we will resume Bible Study on Thursdays. Please see the calendar for dates and times. To join by zoom use the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5080143417> or dial 1-929-436-2866. Use the meeting ID: 508 014 3417. We will be reading the Epistles of Saint Peter.

April Birthdays

04 – Jevon Baarck
06 – James Bulick
22 – Ruth Kaiser
28 – Sheila Welch

Anniversaries

27 – Adam & Cassandra Tremblay

Thanks

To everyone that helped prepare the food and purchased tickets for the St. Patrick's dinner. Everyone's participation is much appreciated.

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April – May Service Schedule

These readings are from Series B and can be found in the front of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

Tellers

Worship Assistant

Reader

April 4, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter White

Isaiah 25: 6 – 9; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11; Mark 16: 1 – 8

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Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Hymns – **Entrance:** 365, **Hymn of the Day:** 369, **Communion:** 362 & 373, **Closing:** 382

**April 11, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – The Second Sunday of Easter – Easter White**

Acts 4: 32 – 35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1: 1 to 2:2; John 20: 19 – 31

Hymns – **Entrance:** 376, **Hymn of the Day:** 389, **Communion:** 815, **Closing:** 373

Jennifer Welch

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Welch

**April 18, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – The Third Sunday of Easter – Easter White**

Acts 3: 12 – 19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1 – 7; Luke 24: 36b – 48

Hymns – **Entrance:** 364, **Hymn of the Day:** 522, **Communion:** 635, **Closing:** 377

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

**April 25, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Easter White**

Acts 4: 5 – 12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 16 – 24; John 10: 11 – 18

Hymns – **Entrance:** 385, **Hymn of the Day:** 502, **Communion:** 484, **Closing:** 369

Amelia Hinchliffe

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

**May 2, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Easter White**

Acts 8: 26 – 40; Psalm 22: 25 – 31; 1 John 4: 7 – 21; John 15: 1 – 8

Hymns – **Entrance:** 359, **Hymn of the Day:** 449, **Communion:** 403, **Closing:** 367

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# April *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* 2021

| Sunday                                                                                                   | Monday                     | Tuesday                           | Wednesday | Thursday                                                                  | Friday                                                         | Saturday                                                                                                                         |
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|                                                                                                          | March 29                   | March 30                          | March 31  | 1<br><br><b>Maundy Thursday</b><br><br>7:30 p.m.<br><b>Holy Communion</b> | 2<br><br><b>Good Friday</b><br><br>7:30 p.m.<br><b>Worship</b> | 3<br><br>Kolach & Bread<br>Pick-Up<br>9am-12pm<br><br><b>The Great Vigil of Easter</b><br><br>7:30 p.m.<br><b>Holy Communion</b> |
| 4 <b>The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday</b><br><br>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion                     | 5 <b>Bright Monday</b>     | 6<br><br><i>Pastor's Day off</i>  | 7         | 8<br><br><b>Bible Study 7:30 pm</b>                                       | 9 <b>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martyr</b>                           | 10<br><br>9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.<br><b>Safe Net Distribution</b>                                                                   |
| 11 <b>The Second Sunday of Easter</b><br><br>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br><br>11:15 a.m. Council meeting | 12                         | 13<br><br><i>Pastor's Day off</i> | 14        | 15                                                                        | 16                                                             | 17                                                                                                                               |
| 18 <b>The Third Sunday of Easter</b><br><br>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion                                    | 19                         | 20<br><br><i>Pastor's Day off</i> | 21        | 22<br><br><b>Bible Study 7:30 pm</b>                                      | 23                                                             | 24<br><br>9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.<br>Safe Net Distribution                                                                          |
| 25 <b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b><br><br>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion                                   | 26 <b>Mark, Evangelist</b> | 27<br><br><i>Pastor's Day off</i> | 28        | 29 <b>Catherine of Siena, Theologian</b>                                  | 30                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |



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