



Joyful Noise

APRIL 2020

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!” In the midst of an ever changing world, this Easter response does not change! “Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!” Your sins are paid for. The tomb is empty. You have hope, life, and healing for eternity because Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

In the midst of unprecedented things taking place in our lives and around the world, one thing is certain: Christ is Risen! It is that promise that gives us a sure foundation to face any circumstance, struggle, or difficulty that may await us in this life and world, and it is a promise that will last into eternity. “Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

Quite frankly, I don't know what else to say. I am writing this article the same week our Lay Ministers had a meeting in the middle of March to suspend all services and activities at the church for two weeks. By the time you are reading this newsletter, that two-week suspension will be completed. I struggled with what to say that would be helpful and accurate, at a time when things are changing very rapidly. Maybe by the time you are reading this, everything has calmed down. Maybe things have gotten a lot worse. I have no idea what life will be like, but one thing I know, “Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!”

I've always enjoyed speaking that Easter response on Easter morning with the joy and excitement of God's people. This year that response takes on a deeper meaning, doesn't it? I'm not completely sure what Easter services will be like specifically this year. Maybe things will go on as normal. Maybe our Easter celebration and worship will look very different. Regardless, one thing has not and will never change:

Christ is risen! No social distancing. No limits on the number of people who can congregate at one time and in one place. No restrictions on travel. No virus. No anything...can change the truth that Christ is risen!

Scripture says it this way in Romans 8:35-39: “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

As we face these times of uncertainty, we also face the empty tomb of our Savior Jesus. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! May that Easter promise continue to fill you with Christ's peace and joy!

In Him,

Pastor Daniel Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



NEW TERRITORY

Greetings from school. When you read this article, I'm not sure if we will be back in school yet? This has been an interesting week at school. In all the craziness, one thing does stand out, Christ is in control. It is really different at school. We are trying all kinds of ways to reach out to our students and families. We are making videos and teaching online. I think I can speak for our entire staff when I say, we miss our kids. In just one week, I feel the difference. Normally, we get to share Jesus face-to-face. We always talk about how Jesus is in every subject here at Trinity. It really hits home when we can't be with His children. Someday, school will be back to normal. In the meantime, we are going to continue to reach out and love the children with His words!

- Richard Thomas, *Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*



YOUTH NEWS

My friend Andy is a Pastor in Concord, CA. As I write this, he and his wife Stephanie (our daughter Evelyn's Godparents) are under a "shelter-in-place" order issued in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Andy is also a writer. On a couple of different occasions, he and I have both attempted the "NaNoWriMo" challenge which takes place in November. The goal of this challenge is to write the first draft of a novel in a month. Nowadays, however, he mostly writes things related to his vocation; sermons, of course, as well as liturgy, hymns, Bible Studies, etc. Recently, he has also started sharing blog-style articles at his patreon page (<https://www.patreon.com/c3pojones>), and that's where I found these words of his - "Lent came for us."

The article is a bit too long to fit in my section of the newsletter, so I invite you to head to his page if you're interested in hearing more about what he meant. To sum up, he highlighted the fact that it has become our general practice during Lent to identify our idols and to give something up. In doing so, we hope to spend the time we might usually use on "that thing" to focus more intently on Christ and what He has done for us through His death and resurrection at Easter. This year, however, God has seen fit to remove even more from our lives. Perhaps we're finding that routine, or control, or work, or March Madness, or any number of other things were the true idols in our lives - Lent has come for us.

Today, March 19, our prayer is that we will be able to join together in worship again on Palm Sunday - and what a fitting entry into Holy Week that would be because as surely as Lent has come for us this year, Holy Week and Easter will also come for us, too, with the promises of the cross and the assurances of the empty tomb. So, whether we are able to worship together for Easter or not, take heart, knowing that Christ is bigger than any distance this world may try to wedge between us.

God's blessings,

- Cameron Heiliger, *Director of Youth & Parish Education*



10 things you can do to manage your health at home

If you have possible or confirmed COVID-19:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



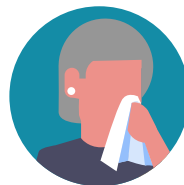
4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



8. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



Please go to www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms for information on COVID-19 symptoms.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ACOLYTES: Saturday: Aspen Harris Sun., 8am: Cassandra Ingold Sun., 10:30am: Jessie Belcourt</p> <p>ALTAR DUTY: Shared Duty</p> <p>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays</p>	<p>1 Romans 8:1-11</p>	<p>2 John 11:1-45</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Fellowship Hall Closed for Waxing</p>	<p>3 John 11</p>	<p>4 Proverbs 24</p>		
<p>5 Psalm 26</p>	<p>6 John 12</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Fellowship Hall Closed for Waxing</p>	<p>7 Isaiah 50:4-9</p>	<p>8 Philippians 2:5-11</p>	<p>9 Matthew 26:1-27:66</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Easter Break at TLS – April 9 - 13</p>	<p>10 John 13</p>	<p>11 Proverbs 25 10am Altar Guild Work Day 5pm Easter Celebration Worship with Communion</p>
<p>12 Psalm 27 Easter 6:30am Easter Outdoor Sunrise Service (1416 Canyon Trail Dr.) 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9am Easter Breakfast served by Fire Youth Group</p>	<p>13 John 14 No School at TLS Church Office Closed</p>	<p>14 Acts 10:34-43 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team 1</p>	<p>15 Colossians 3:1-4 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6:30pm Fire Youth Group</p>	<p>16 Matthew 28:1-10 10:30am Bible Study 6pm PPC Meeting 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 John 15</p>	<p>18 Proverbs 26 5pm Worship with Communion</p>
<p>19 Psalm 28 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Classes</p>	<p>20 John 16 Pastors' Circuit Meeting Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30 pm Fellowship Bd. 7 pm Adult Class 7pm LWML Meeting</p>	<p>21 Acts 5:29-42 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team 1</p>	<p>22 1 Peter 1:3-9 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm Fire Youth Group</p>	<p>23 John 20:19-31 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 John 17</p>	<p>25 Proverbs 27 5pm Worship</p>
<p>26 Psalm 29 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes</p>	<p>27 John 18 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7 pm Adult Class</p>	<p>28 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Home at Tecca's 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team 1</p>	<p>29 1 Peter 1:17-25 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm Fire Youth Group</p>	<p>30 Luke 24:13-35 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Ray Koschel Sun., 8:00: Arnie Schultz Sun., 10:30: Ed Livingston</p>	



VIDEO DEVOTIONS AND ONLINE WORSHIP AVAILABLE!

New video devotions and online worship are being added daily! Visit <https://www.trinitybillings.org/online-sermons--devos.html> to be reminded of God's promises and presence during these uncertain times!

Financial REPORT

February Finances		
Income		221,663
Expenses		165,578
Net Margin		56,085
2019-2020 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	693,842	670,490
Total Income	1,401,537	1,302,321
Total Expenses	1,291,020	1,302,321
Net Margin	110,517	0
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through Feb.)		\$222,000
Remaining Needed to Complete		\$103,000

We are extremely grateful for our strong financial position, especially considering the impact of the recent COVID-19 epidemic. Even though worship services at Trinity are suspended, ministry is happening! Please continue to generously support Trinity so we can carry out our mission and care for the many needs that exist. Offerings can be dropped off at the church office, mailed in, or submitted online (www.trinitybillings.org > More > Donations).



LWML MONTANA DISTRICT CONVENTION UPDATE

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the LWML Montana District Convention will likely be postponed. Additional information will be available in early April.

LWML MEETING

April 20 at 7:00 pm

Opening Devotion: Pastor Daniel Keinath

Program: Lutherans for Life, Pastor Terry Forke

Meeting Hostess: Deb Schmidt

Church Service Greeters for April: World Friendship Guild

BAPTISMS

Annalynn Elizabeth Harding

was baptized on March 15,

with her grandfather,

Rev. Timothy Prince, officiating.

Special Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
Easter Celebration Worship
5:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
Outdoor Sunrise Service
6:30 am

Easter Worship
8:00 am and 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast
9:00 am in Fellowship Hall



News

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



Join us to celebrate the victory!

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known