

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday
 Personal Hygiene Appeal
 Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Easter Festival Worship, 8 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship, 9:15 a.m.
 Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.
 Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship, 10:45 a.m.

(Please note that all three festival worship services on Easter Sunday will be in the Sanctuary as the Easter breakfast is served on the lower level. Be with us in celebration!)

Monday, April 1

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
 Volunteer at In The Image, 1 p.m.
 Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
 Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
 Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

Tuesday Women's Bible Study, 9:30 p.m.
 LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
 GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.
 Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Fitness Class, 9 a.m.
 Spring Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
 Palestinian Lunch, 11:45 a.m.
 Outreach Committee Meeting, noon
 Spring Adult Forum, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.
 Endowment Fund Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
 Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

Personal Hygiene Appeal
 Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
 Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.
 Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
 Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.



Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.

Sacristans: Elaine Rongey
 Lector: Steve Cairns
 Communion Assistants: Debbie Duckworth,
 Cindy Zientarski
 Ushers: Dale Barkema, Bob Carwell, Erick Kind
 Acolytes: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Sacristan: Ruth Ann Evans, Kris Baker
 Lector: Kathy Noble
 Communion Assistants: Carol Butler,
 Jamie Kuntzman
 Ushers: Mark Baker, Dan Butler, Ed Lohr,
 Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney
 Acolytes: Steven Unruh

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Gwyneth Hoeksema
 Sacristan: H. J. Slider & Steve Johnson
 Lector: Debra Freeberg
 Communion Assistants: Jo Murphy, Linda Taffs
 Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, Kara Day,
 Joe & Marybeth Iaria
 Acolytes: TBD

Bread Bakers: Kelli Basher and Barb Meyers

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery:** Sue Bailey, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, David Benkert, Krysta Billock, Bev Block, Ken Block, Sue Boyse, Pat Bruin, Steve Cairns, Gordy Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Grant Ferguson, Biruta Fessenden, Diane Field, Richard Gehl, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Sherri Ide, Mary Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Isaac (Ike) Keller, Grace Lanning, John Leese, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Stephanie McLeod, Nancy Moga, Laura Norton, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Bob Sielaff, Dale Volkerding, Gloria Von der Heide, John Walls, Robert Williams, Rick Wolner, David Young, Kathy Young, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones:** Albert Asfour, Maria Ashimine, Carrie and David Boer, Beverly and John Bosserman, Bryan and Kate Bredwell, Liz and Jason Coles, Barb Crossman, Jack Danielson, Scott and Corina Dulecki, Julie Earhart, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, John and Kris Fox, Mary Frick, Josh and Katie Gardner, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Kristen Lamprich, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Debbie and John Potter, Dee Scales, Kathy Sommers, Jonathan and Jennifer Sommers, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Wollen/Billings families, Natalie Yeager, and Terry and Linda Zabel.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Dana Hendershot and the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for March 31

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

365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (red book)
 # 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (red book)
 # 366 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (red book)

Easter Flower Dedications 2024

In Loving Memory

In loving memory of Carol Asfour, given by Albert Asfour
 In loving memory of Carole and Bill Baker and Tom and Evelyn Overholt, given by Mark and Kris Baker
 In loving memory of Herman, Mildred, Jill, and Linda Beute, given by Bill Beute and family
 In loving memory of Karen and Art Schoenfeldt, and Marian Bradley, given by the Bradley family
 In loving memory of Patrick and Sylvia Monaghan, given by Kathy and Shawn Monaghan
 In loving memory of Al Engle, John Kaiser, and Hayden Kaiser, given by the Engle/Kaiser families
 In loving memory of Mike Franz, given by Mari Franz
 In loving memory of Mike Franz, given by Bob and Gay Franz
 In loving memory of Jack Frick, given by Mary Frick
 In loving memory of Adam Eli Guigue, given by Robert and Nanci Guigue and Cheryl Van Seters
 In loving memory of Nanette and Thomas Held and Jeanne and Jack Hagenbush, given by John and Lynn Hagenbush
 In loving memory of Patrica Pardee, Patricia Williams, and Robert Youngman, given by Doug and Melissa Haneline
 In loving memory of Jerry Hendricks, given by Carol, Todd, Melissa, and grandchildren
 In loving memory of Bob Crossman, given by Carol, Paul, Mike, and Meg Honiberg
 In loving memory of Sylvia Cheslek and Carolyn Knoll, given by Susan Knoll
 In loving memory of husband Bob, given by Beth Krueger
 In loving memory of Marilee Mead, given by Jim, Kathryn, and Meredith
 In loving memory of Patrick and Claudia Garman and Denise McKinney, given by Randy and Jamie Kuntzman
 In loving memory of our parents, given by Bill and Mari Leidel
 In loving memory of parents Carl and Evelyn and Stanley and Augusta
 In loving memory of Diana and Ron Randles, Chet and Elaine Maternowski, Jim and Irma, Clyde Wells, given by Monica Randles
 In loving memory of Ken Rongey and Bob Dudley, given by Elaine Rongey and family
 In loving memory of parents Kenneth and Beatrice Waite and Lester and Julia Schaner, given by Chas and Marcia Schaner
 In loving memory of Bob and Jean Smith and Vince Gauthier, given by Kelly Smith
 In loving memory of the Johnsons: Lee, Hulda, Mark and Marcia, and Bob Crossman, given by Kathy Sommers
 In loving memory of Dale Sommers, given by the Sommers family, Kathy, Jonathan, Jennifer, Arron, and Aimee
 In loving memory of Keely Marie Stephan, given by Steve, Amy, Charlotte, and Isaac Stephan
 In loving memory of Douglas Williams, given by Andrea and Robert Williams
 In loving memory of Chuck Zabel and Bob Woodrick, given by Terry and Linda Zabel

In Honor

In honor of Ann Engle and Mary Jo Peterson, given by the Engle/Kaiser families

In honor of Beth and Josh Couture, Joellen Haneline, and Phillip Youngman, given by Doug and Melissa Haneline

In honor of grandchildren Hayes and Cora Dudley, given by Elaine Rongey and family

In honor of RuthAnn Zabel and Judy Woodrick, given by Terry and Linda Zabel



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EASTER SUNDAY



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus Christ Is
Risen Today*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:1-18	The tomb is empty
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	God shows no partiality
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Christ died for our sins
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:1-12	The example of Jesus
Thursday	John 1:1-5	In the beginning was the Word
Friday	Romans 5:1-5	Being acceptable to God
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Give thanks to the Lord
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Come and see and believe

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. John 20:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Living God, we thank you for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who has conquered sin and death for us through his death and resurrection. Amen. Christ is risen! Alleluia.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, for this gift of food and for the resurrection of Jesus Christ we give you thanks for your steadfast love that endures forever! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the risen Christ bless you with hope and joy.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you hope for but wonder if it will ever happen?
- What makes Easter important to you?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 20:1-18.

Mary came to the tomb early in the morning when it was still dark. The darkness versus light theme is found from the beginning of the Gospel of John, *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."* (John 1:5) When we gather in worship on Easter Sunday, we expect light and beauty to fill the sanctuary. That is not the story of the first Easter in the Gospel of John. It includes more references to death and the tomb than the other three Gospels. Death and darkness are realities, even on Easter. There is confusion and misunderstanding, including Mary not recognizing Jesus and two of the disciples not understanding that Jesus *"must rise from the dead"* (v. 9). Perhaps John wants us to dwell a little longer on the reality of death and darkness that surrounds us, even today. A closer look at the frailty and sorrows of life and our own misunderstandings makes the message of Christ's resurrection stand out all the more. It might just make Easter even brighter, our hearts even warmer, and our hope even stronger. Christ is risen! Alleluia.

Discuss: What is hard for you to understand about the resurrection?

Pray: **Almighty and everlasting God, for your glory and power over sin and death we sing your praises now and forever through Jesus Christ, the one who died so that we may live forever more. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you give hope to someone going through a tough time?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Alleluia means "praise the Lord." The word Alleluia is traditionally not used and is "buried" during Lent. It is resurrected on Easter. Light all seven candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross that have been used during Lent. Consider using the candles as a centerpiece for Easter dinner. Write the word Alleluia on post-it notes or index cards. Place them around the candle cross.

Say: **Christ is risen; He is risen, indeed! Alleluia.**

Then pray: **This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.** (Psalm 118:24)