



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2022

*The monthly newsletter of
Trinity Lutheran Church
Greencastle, PA*

Dear Family in Christ,

We are nearing the end of our Lenten journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and to his cross. We are nearing the moment of our salvation, and also of our resurrection in Jesus. These two things are intimately connected. You cannot have one without the other. You cannot have the ultimate joy of the Easter resurrection without first the pain and sorrow of Good Friday. They go together, and they compliment one another.

Life at times is hard for us. So hard that we just do not want to deal with Lent, or Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. We want to dash right to Easter. We want everything to be happy, to be beautiful, to be joyful. It would be great if life was like that, but it is not. There are ups and downs, good days and bad. On our worst days, we remember that Jesus knows what pain is like. We are not alone. Jesus knows our difficulties, knows our sorrows. Jesus is with us also in the good times and celebrates our joys with us.

We are getting to Easter, but we are not there yet. We need to be patient and we need to abide with Jesus where he is at. The joy of Easter is coming, but for the moment, let us abide with Jesus to the end. Jesus draws us with him, from death into life, from the darkness of the grave to the light of the resurrection, from sorrow to the ultimate joy. Have a good and meaningful Passione and a joyous Easter Resurrection.

In Christ,

Pastor Denise





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AA 7PM	2
3 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	4 AA 7PM	5 Worship & Music 7PM	6 Supper ELC 6 PM <i>Service ELC 6:45 PM</i>	7	8 AA 7PM	9
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Sunday School 9AM <i>Fellowship 9:45 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	11 AA 7PM	12 Finance 7PM	13 Council 7PM	14 <i>Maundy Thurs</i> Maundy Thursday Service @ TLC 6:30PM	15 <i>Good Friday</i> AA 7PM <i>Worship @ Salem 7:30 PM</i>	16
17 <i>Easter</i> Breakfast 8:30AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	18 AA 7PM	19	20	21	22 AA 7PM	23
24 Sunday School 9AM <i>Fellowship 9:45 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	25 AA 7PM	26	27	28	29 AA 7PM	30

April Worship Assistants

	APRIL 3	APRIL 10	APRIL 17	APRIL 24
Assisting Minister	Scott Valentine	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe	Scott Valentine
Ushers	Donna Wolfe	Alan Shank	Charlie Ford	Darrell Swart
Singer	Matt Cessna	Scott Valentine	Choir	Ella Swart
IT Ministry	Tom Sidoli	Darrell Swart	Darrell Swart	Beth Ford
Communion Preparers	Bud & Donna Wolfe	Don & Carol Swart	Sue Wunderlich	Charlie & Beth Ford



DATE	SERVICE	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday, April 6	<i>Open My Life, Lord</i>	Evangelical	6:00 PM Supper 6:45 Worship
Sunday, April 10	Palm Sunday Worship	Trinity	10:15 AM
Thursday, April 14	Community Maundy Thursday Service - <i>Living Last Supper and Communion</i>	Trinity	6:30 PM
Friday, April 15	Good Friday Worship	Salem	7:30 PM



YOU'RE INVITED TO BREAKFAST

An Easter Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 17 from 8:30 to 9:45 AM. This year we will be having egg casseroles, tater tots and fruit. We are asking people to sign up for a casserole and one or two to provide the fruit. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Lobby. Also, we are asking you to sign up if you plan to attend in order to have enough food available.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our worship services please speak to a member of the Worship and Music Committee. Members are: Matt Cessna, Gaither Dean, Marie Dean, Rev. Horn, Doug McCullough, Sandra Wingert, Dave Wolfe and Sue Wunderlich. Questions or comments regarding the music should be shared with the Director of Music, Sandra Wingert..

MUSIC NOTES FROM SAUNDRA

Notes From Saundra



Holy Week is just around the corner! Please remember that Trinity will host the Community Living Last Supper service on Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 PM.

Also please note that the CHOIR will be the singers for Trinity's April 17 Easter morning service! Anyone who would like to sing in the choir is welcome! The only stipulations are that you let Saundra know in advance of April 17 that you plan to sing and that you are seated in the choir loft by 9:15 AM, on Sunday,

April 17. By doing both these things you will be sure of copies of music and a seat. Please contact Saundra at ijslwingert@gmail.com or 717-491-5880 if you would like to participate in the Choir or with any questions.

2022 is Old Home Week year in Greencastle and again community worship services are being planned for Sunday, August 7, 4:00 PM and 6:45 PM in the Greencastle High School auditorium. A choir, orchestra and creative arts are to be part of the services. I am CALLING ALL SINGERS to commit to the nine Tuesday evening and one Saturday, August 6 rehearsals so as to be a part of this amazing event lifting up Jesus Christ in our community! To register either talk to Saundra personally or go to oldhomeweek.org/community-worship. Sign up by May 15.



FELLOWSHIP TIME

Fellowship Hour is now the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9:45 AM. We hope you will come and enjoy fellowship before worship begins.

APRIL SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for April is Project Big Love. Project Big Love helps Franklin County families prepare to go back to school. Funds are used to provide needy families with free sneakers and school supplies for each child. Families are also provided with food, haircuts and other services. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for *Special Appeal*.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

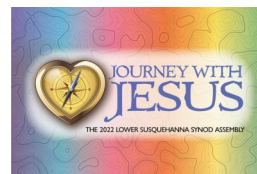


Barbara Graine at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves for spring and summer. To help us focus our efforts, each week we'll assign a food item. Please bring the assigned item when you come to worship to place in the box in the narthex or to the church on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

- April 3 - Cereal
- April 10 - Cake or brownie mixes
- April 17 - baked beans
- April 24 - Pasta sauce in cans or plastic jars

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We are in need of 5 congregational members to serve on the Call Committee. Beth Ford is the Council Representative and will facilitate meetings and communication for the group. This is an important commitment to our congregation and to God, to assist with determining what kind of pastor our congregation needs and the selection of the appropriate person. It is the committee's responsibility to complete the Ministry Site Profile and then interview candidates provided by the Synod. Ultimately a recommendation will be made by the committee and the congregation will vote as a whole. If you are interested in playing a part in the selection process for our next pastor, please let Beth Ford know. For more information on the call process, please visit <https://www.lss-elca.org/rostered-ministers/call-process/call-manual-congregations-institutions/>.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED

Two members are needed to represent Trinity at the annual Synod Assembly. The Assembly will once again be held digitally, and all Assembly Participants are encouraged to engage in both the Assembly Edification or Learning Day, scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022, and the Assembly Business Days, scheduled for June 3-4, 2022.

If you would be willing to serve in this important way, please speak with Matt Cessna or Pastor Denise.

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

The Renewal Team continues to invite our family to notice God active in our lives. The more we notice God in our lives; the more we'll see God as the anchor on which we stand both personally and as a family of faith. **Send us your God moments and we will share them next week in the Parish News.** Here are some ways our congregation saw God this week:

- In church.
- In the great discussion we had in our Sunday School class.

Send us your God moments and we will share them each week!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will meet on April 26 at 9:30 AM in the Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker will be Pastor David Rawley. His topic is *God is a Person*.



THANK YOU

From the Lower Susquehanna Synod: *To the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Greencastle in appreciation for your gifts that were given to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit*

-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters here and across the globe.

From South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP): *Our hearts are filled with sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for your support of our mission and your desire to help our community thrive. We continue to maintain and expand our services to meet the growing and ever-changing needs of over 16% of those in our community who need them most.*

From The Greencastle Exchange Club - *We would like to thank you for your very generous donation toward our Christmas Project. We were able to provide for 52 Greencastle families who reached out to the club this Christmas season. We purchased and delivered gifts for approximately 160 children whose families needed that little extra help.*



YOUTH NEWS

The Youth continue to have weekly Tuesday night virtual devotions that others are welcome to join. We have about 5-7 regulars that are past graduates of youth group.

May 20th at 7pm the youth group will have a picnic at ELC as an attempt to get the youth together again and see what interest there might be for future youth get-togethers or meetings. Mark your calendars now to join us!

SUPPORT THE UKRAINE REFUGEES

The Rev. Drahos Oslik will give a presentation about his recent experience working with Ukrainian refugees in Slovakia and their current situation. This presentation will be held in the sanctuary of Evangelical, Waynesboro on Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 PM. A reception for Pastor Drahos will follow the presentation. You are welcome to attend in person or if you are unable to attend, the presentation will also be available virtually at the following links: [YouTube Livestream](#) or [Facebook Livestream](#).

To donate to this effort, you can include a donation in your Trinity offering and mark your envelope "Ukraine". Donations will be accepted for the foreseeable future. Funds collected will be sent to Evangelical, Waynesboro which has established a special account to support the work being done for the refugees. The funds will be wired directly to the Lutheran church in Pribelce, Slovakia and will be used for food, clothing, hygiene products, medicine and needed transportation.



Pastor Drahos and some of the refugees from Ukraine being helped in Pribelce, Slovakia.

Easter Stewardship: Resurrection Reset

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. -Romans 6:3-4



Christ is Risen! Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The triumphant words we cherish every Easter signal more than just Jesus' victory over the grave. They announce for us the end of deadness and the start of a new life, a fresh beginning, in our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus was raised from the dead so that we, too, might walk in newness of life.

From Jesus' resurrection, our lives take on a new trajectory, a turn away from the values and precepts of the world and toward the kingdom of God. As we walk, our lives progressively align with the purposes and mission of God.

For a steward-disciple of our Lord, the implications are many. As we walk in newness of life, we might find ourselves Re-examining our relationship to "stuff" – our money, our possessions, the things that might have given us a sense of security or worth. Jesus is our security and our worth.

Drawing closer to family and friends. True wealth is measured by the love we give and receive. Our lives effervesce with the love we receive from God.

Contributing more to church and charity. Jesus frees us from the grip that possessions have upon us. We can more freely give. Gathering into our lives what Paul calls the fruits of the spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

May your lives as steward-disciples take a resurrection reset. Christ is risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia!

--Rob Blezard

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