

TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2025

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



Dear Trinity Family,

Our Lenten journey to the cross with Jesus is almost over. We are drawing closer to Easter. Our Lenten journey is a humble one. We follow Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The crowd hailed him as Messiah, the Savior, but in a few short days they turned on Jesus and yelled "Crucify him!" Jesus had the last supper with his disciples and instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion. He went into the Garden of Gethsemane and was betrayed by one of his disciples, was arrested and sent to be interrogated by Annas, father-in-law of Caiaphas, the High Priest and ultimately to Pontius Pilate the Roman Governor. At this time, he is also denied by Peter one of his disciples.

Jesus is beaten and whipped and made fun of and then is crucified on a cross. He dies there for the sins of the world, for our sins. His body is put into a tomb. His friends and those who followed his teachings grieved that they had lost their beloved teacher and friend. The end. How will they go on without him? How will they pick up where they left off before Jesus came into their lives?

We have all been through times when life takes a sudden turn, and we wonder if things will ever be the same again? I wondered about that with Covid. How will we pick up the pieces again and go on? I think we probably think the same things when we lose a loved one. How will we live with the changes that life brings us? How will we survive?

Jesus' death was not an end, but a beginning. A new beginning. A resurrected beginning. Jesus rose from the dead on that first Easter morning. He is risen! He is risen indeed! We cry at the beginning of our Easter worship and celebration. Just as Jesus rose from the dead at Easter, we too, are promised that on the last day when Christ returns, we all will be resurrected as well. That's something to celebrate! That is something to be happy about. Because Jesus lives, we will live too and share eternity with him and all the blessed saints, angels and our loved ones. Happy Joyous, Blessed Easter!

In His Name,
Pastor Denise



APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lent Meal 6PM Worship 6:45 PM @ELC Scout Mtg 7:30PM	3	4 Den Mtg 6PM AA Mtg 7PM	5
6 <i>Lent 5</i> Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live Kite Fest	7 Scout Mtg 6:30PM AA 7PM	8	9 Lent Meal 6PM Worship 6:45 PM @TLC	10	11 AA 7PM	12
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live Community Service 6:30PM	14 Scout Mtg 6:30PM AA 7PM	15	16	17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Worship @ TLC 7PM	18 <i>Good Friday</i> Worship @ Salem 7PM AA 7PM	19 Vigil @ ELC 5PM
20 <i>Easter</i> Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	21 Scout Mtg 6:30PM AA 7PM	22	23	24	25 AA 7PM	26
27 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	28 Scout Mtg 6:30PM AA 7PM	29	30			

April Worship Assistants

	APRIL 6	APRIL 13	APRIL 20	APRIL 27
Assisting Minister	Ella Swart	Don Swart	Charlie Ford	Ella Swart
Communion Assistants	Carol Swart Mary Thomas	Wendy Hall Kevin Dagliano	Mary Thomas Donna Wolfe	Darrell Swart Wendy Hall
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Norra Swart	Alice Marsh	Kevin Dagliano	Shirley Freeman
Ushers	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh	Darrell Swart	Donna Wolfe
Singer	Ella Swart	Hannah Ford	The Choir	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Alice Marsh	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich
Media Shout	Scott Valentine	James Thomas	Ivan Wingert	James Thomas



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves. 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 6 Peanut Butter
- April 13 Cereal
- April 20 Salad Dressing
- April 27 Canned Pasta such as Chef-Boy R-Dee

APRIL SPECIAL APPEAL

The special appeal for April is Chambersburg Conference Furniture Storage Shed Ministry. This is a ministry of the Lutheran churches in Franklin County which stores used household items that can be given to families in need. These funds will be used to help pay for rent on the storage shed. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".



Scout Sunday at Trinity



2025
LENTEN MIDWEEK and HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Evangelical, Greencastle
Salem, Marion
Trinity, Greencastle

A Simple Soup Supper AT 6PM Followed by Worship at 6:45 PM on the Wednesdays in Lent

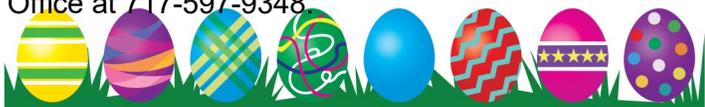
Lenten Hymns: Their History and Meaning

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	TIME
April 2	<i>Were You There</i>	Evangelical	6:45 PM
April 9	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i>	Trinity	6:45 PM
April 13	Palm Sunday Worship Community Palm Sunday Service	Trinity First Assembly of God	10:15 AM 6:30 PM
April 17	Maundy Thursday Worship	Trinity	7:00 PM
April 18	Good Friday Worship	Salem	7:00 PM
April 19	Easter Vigil	Evangelical	5:00 PM
April 20	Easter Morning Breakfast Easter Worship	Trinity Trinity	9:00 AM 10:15 AM



EASTER BREAKFAST

There will be a potluck breakfast at Trinity on Easter morning at 9:00 AM. We are asking that each family bring a potluck breakfast dish (casserole, fruit, sweet rolls, etc.) to share. If you are planning to come for breakfast, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Lobby or call the Church Office at 717-597-9348.



PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER WORSHIP

- On Palm Sunday the congregation will process from the Narthex with their palms or you may be seated in the Sanctuary as usual.
- The Offering will be collected by the ushers on Easter Sunday.

COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

The Greencastle Ministerium will hold a Community Palm Sunday service at the Assembly of God Church, 525 Leitersburg Street on Sunday, April 13 at 6:30 PM. Please plan to attend.



CINCO DE MAYO BAKED POTATO AND SALAD BAR

**Saturday, May 3, 2025
4PM to 7PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church
1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle**

**Baked Potato Bar
(with all the fixings)
Homemade Chile, Salad,
Brownies and Ice Cream**

Cost: Donation

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

HELP NEEDED!

Help is needed for the Baked Potato Dinner on May 3. We will need help to set-up on Friday, May 2 from 6-8 PM, to set-up and serve on Saturday from 3-5:30 PM and help with serving and clean-up on Saturday from 5:30-8PM.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby or you can contact Sue Snyder or Beth Ford if you are able to help.



OLD HOMEWEEK SINGERS NEEDED

Singers are needed for the 2025 Old Home Week Community Worship Services to be held at the Greencastle-Antrim High School auditorium

on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 4:00 PM and 6:45 PM under the direction of Dave Besecker. A variety of choral pieces have been chosen to be performed as part of the services including an Adult Choir, Orchestra, and Creative Arts. The list of choral pieces and links to them can be found online at oldhomeweek.org/community-worship after April 30.

Information can also be found online- at oldhomeweek.org/community-worship. Singers must register by May 15, 2025 either through the web site or by phone (717-597-2644) or email (spysdirector@yahoo.com). Flyers with information are available on the table in the Lobby.



WE RECEIVE THANKS

- Thank you for your recent gift to Lutheran World Relief. I can't wait to see whose life will be changed by your gift. Thank you for your generosity! When you love your neighbors, it transforms lives.
- From Greencastle Exchange Club: We are so grateful for the yearly support we receive from your church for our Christmas project. Your kindness helps us support families in the Greencastle community. This year we purchased gifts for 160 children and gave 50 families gift cards.
- From Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry: Thank you on behalf of our patrons for your generous donations. The church communities' support of the pantry is vital in helping provide a variety of food and good nutrition to our patrons.
- From SCCAP Franklin County Homeless Shelter: We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift to South Central Community Action Programs. Your support is truly inspiring and makes a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals and families in our community.



THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Every July 4 we celebrate our break from England and mistakenly call it the birthday of the United States. The declaration (actual vote was July 2) did indeed start the process that led to a new nation, but the document that actually formed something solid and recognizable as the country we live in came a dozen or so years later. It is called the Constitution. This forms the legal and functional definitions of the current country.

Likewise, Luther's posting of the 95 Theses October 31, 1517 only started a chain of events and irritations that eventually resulted in a new church, but that church did not exist, yet. A Church is not a set of grievances and gripes but stands on positive statements of faith. The Lutheran equivalent of the US Constitution could be cited as the Augsburg Confession, presented June 25, 1530. This, in many ways, defined the movement as an actual Church with defined beliefs and theology.

The Augsburg Confession was requested by the Holy Roman Emperor, trying to re-unite his empire religiously. The Lutherans were asked to define what they believed and not just exist as a group of complainers. For safety reasons, Luther could not travel to Augsburg and the document was written by Philip Melancthon and others (with some remote consultation with Luther). It consists of 28 articles covering God, sin, Christ, justification by faith, ministry, the church, and so on. It identifies its areas of agreement with the Catholic tradition and the historical church, declaiming many historical heresies. It draws a line between Lutheranism and other reform movements, such as the anabaptists. Of course, it also takes on areas of disagreement with the current Church of Rome such as the marriage of priests.

It is a broad document that lays out a coherent description of Lutheranism. It is a place to look for answers to "What do Lutherans believe?" and has been a key document in defining whether a church body is Lutheran or not. It is not especially difficult reading, but it is theological and you may need some historical context in terms of heresies and other reformers of the time. As you may note, the 500th anniversary is coming up in 2030. For the 450th anniversary in 1980, the Lutheran Church published booklets for lay reading and study. I hope that happens again this time around.

You may notice that in our congregational constitution, it is listed separately from other Lutheran Confessions, signifying its particular importance, and includes the specification, "unaltered". For a time, the document was viewed as a guideline that one could tweak and vary a bit. This led to fights between Lutheran bodies over such revisions. In the last 100 to 150 years, the view is that it should be accepted in its unaltered fullness, instead. The Roman Church in 1530 was not pleased, See the further Lutheran response next month.

- Martin Horn

ANNUAL REPORTS

Chairpersons of the following committees are reminded that their Committee Report for 2024 is due to the Church Office by Thursday, May 15, 2025:

- Operations
- Outreach
- Worship and Music
- Congregational Council
- Harvest Committee



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the Congregational Council for 2025 are:

- Darrell Swart - President
- Matt Cessna - Vice-President
- Beth Ford - Secretary
- Wendy Hall
- Sue Snyder
- Mary Thomas
- Don Swart
- Ella Swart (Youth Representative)

Non-Voting Members:

- Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
- Carol Swart - Treasurer