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## "Making Disciples for Life" Matthew 28:18-20

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From the Pastors

## The Ongoing Coming of the Risen Christ in the Flesh

"Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh...Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son"

(2 John 7, 9b)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

On Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate The Resurrection of our Lord. We will rejoice in the fact that the Word who "became flesh and dwelt among us," the One who died in our place for our sins, is risen from the dead. The apostle Paul speaks of the significance of that day when he says, "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received; that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6a). He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord who came into the world in the flesh to save us from sin and death through His death and resurrection will gloriously come again in the flesh at the end of time, but that's not all. John, in his second epistle quoted above, reminds us of the coming of the risen Jesus in the flesh here and now. The Greek word "coming" in that passage is a present participle, meaning that Jesus' coming into the flesh is ongoing. We confess the ongoing coming of the risen Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh by partaking of the Lord's Supper. Jesus said, "Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:54-56). As the apostle Paul puts it, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

In his hymn, "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling," Thomas Aquinas unpacks the mystery of the ongoing coming of the risen Christ in the flesh when he writes, "Word made flesh, the bread He taketh, By His word His flesh to be; Wine His sacred blood He maketh, Though the senses fail to see; Faith alone the true heart waketh To behold the mystery" (LSB #630).

The risen Lord Himself revealed His presence in the flesh to the Emmaus disciples in the breaking of the bread. "They told [the other disciples] what had happened on the road, and how [Jesus] was known to them in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35). He is made known to us in the same way and for our salvation. Jesus said, "Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever" (John 6:58). Happy Easter!

In Christ,

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Timothy J. Mech Senior Pastor

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# April Calendar

# Trinity LWML News



# From the Principal

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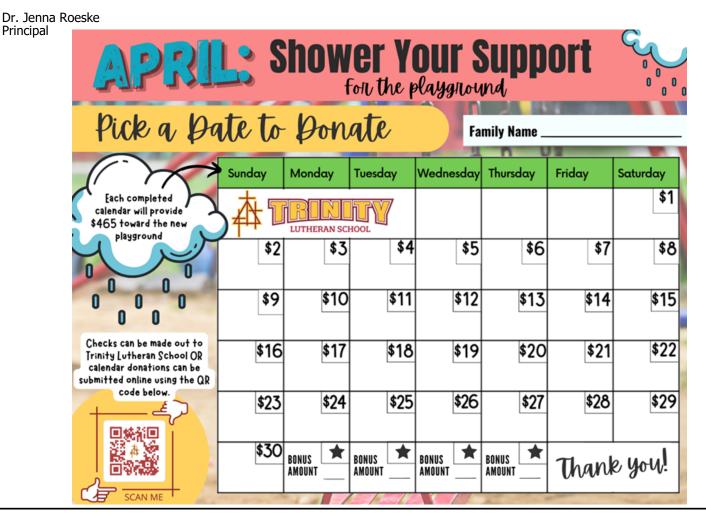
April: "Shower your Support!" for Growing Christian Leaders!

Trinity Lutheran School focuses on the holistic development of children: spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially. As you know, we are in the midst of a capital campaign to fund several projects. One of these projects is inspired by some of our core beliefs about children's emotional and social development. At Trinity, we believe in teaching fair play, cooperation, and good sportsmanship. We also believe in building positive self-esteem and mutual respect for authorities and peers. Finally, we believe in fostering strong leadership skills. These beliefs are all grounded in the simple truth that we are uniquely created by God and called to love and serve our neighbors. Every decision made at Trinity is geared toward helping students recognize this call to discipleship and equipping them to put it into practice through the development of these emotional and social skills. We do this in various ways. One way is creating space and opportunity for practicing these skills under the guidance of teachers. This is



way is creating space and opportunity for practicing these skills under the guidance of teachers. This is why we are raising money to remodel our outdoor play space. The vision of this project is to create an outdoor playground that connects students so they feel a greater sense of belonging. The project will accomplish this goal because the creativity, interactivity, safety of each component is designed to promote fair play and cooperation and instill confidence. So, this project is about much more than an updated playground; it is another opportunity to promote positive child development and train our students to be stronger Christian leaders.

You may have noticed these brightly colored calendars in the bulletin. If you have not seen these calendars yet, we did a similar fundraiser last year. *The goal is for individuals to ask friends, family members, and neighbors to see if they would be willing to "sign up" for a day (or many days!) on the calendar. Each spot on the calendar represents a dollar amount to donate. So, for example, if a neighbor signs up for April 15th, she would donate \$15.00 towards the playground project.* Every completed calendar is the equivalent of \$465.00 (and that's without filling in the "bonus days" at the end of the calendar with any amount family/friends are willing to donate!). As this fundraiser continues through April and into the beginning of May, please feel free to participate as you feel called. *You are welcome to take a calendar posted in the Narthex (cash or check are both acceptable). You will also notice there is a QR code that can be scanned if you prefer to do a donation online. Regardless of how you choose to participate, we are so grateful for your support!* 



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#### Palm Sunday April 2, 8/10:45am 6:30pm Mon. Philippians 2:5-11 "Mindfulness in Christ"

Maundy Thursday April 6, 8:30am/6:30pm John 13:1-17, 31b-35 "What Wondrous Love"

<u>Good Friday</u> April 7, 1p/7p (Tenebrae Service) John 19:17-30 "What I Have Written, I Have Written"

# Holy Week & Easter Services At Trinity



Easter Sunday Sunrise Service April 9, 6:30am John 20:1-18 "A Wonderful Surprise!"

Easter Sunday Festival Services April 9 8:30am/10:30am

Matthew 28:1-10 "Do Not Be Afraid!"

Easter Breakfast 7:30 am - 10:30 am Gym

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