

Our Calendar for April 20 - 27, 2025

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service (begins in the Gym)
 8:30 Festival Service
 10:30 am Festival Service
 7:30 - 10:30 am Easter Breakfast (gym)

Monday, April 21

Church & School Office Closed
 No Monday Evening Service

Tuesday, April 22

Wednesday, April 23

8:30 am Trinity Chapel
 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (FH)
 11:00 am Sunday Service TV Broadcast
 (Spectrum 990 & U-verse 99)
 3:30 pm Confirmation Review (FH)

Thursday, April 24

9:00 am Women's Bible Study (FH)

Friday, April 26

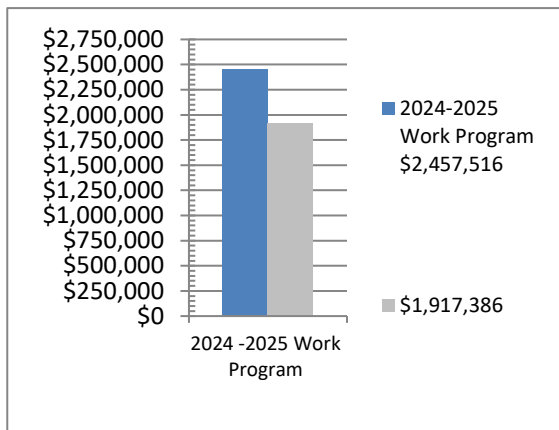
7:00 am Men's Bible Study (FH)

Sunday, April 27

8:00 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Education Hour
 10:45 am Divine Service

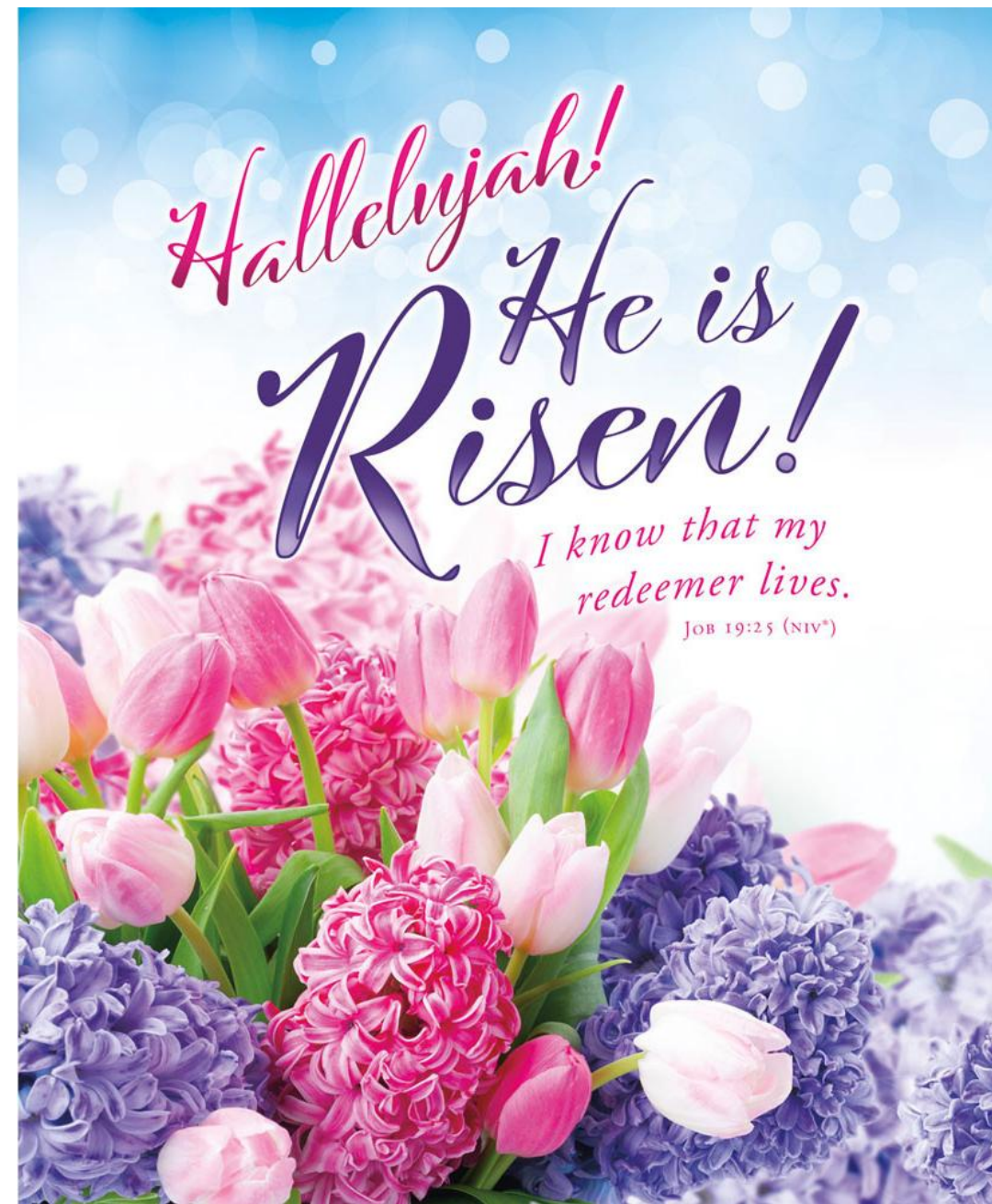
Morning Meditations
 WHBL 1330am
 7:26am & 10:45am
 Grace Haven

The Lutheran Hour
 Broadcast Sundays at:
 6:30 am WTMJ 620AM
 5:00 pm WJUB 1420AM



THE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

THE PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. John M. Berg
THE ASSISTING MINISTER: Rev. Timothy J. Mech
THE ORGANIST: Renata Peperkorn, Kantor
THE PIANIST: Paula Harder
THE CHOIR: Mixed Choir
THE BRASS: Kevin Greatens, Hans Otten, Jim Schlieder (trumpet); Isabelle Harder, John Jordan, (trombone)
THE COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (8:30) Dennis Barrow, Joel Swank, Jeff Roethel, Jeff Maletzke (10:30) Hans Otten, Tim Muth, Adam Glatczak, Jerry Toerpe
THE SOUND BOOTH TEAM: Ron Mueller, Tom Kelly, Lance Meyer, Joshua Rach



PRAYER UPON ENTERING: Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME: We cordially welcome you to the Lord's Service this day. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, the following suggestions may be helpful to you:

- The Divine Service is printed on the panel.
- Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- The time before the service is a time of prayer and preparation to receive the gifts of salvation. In addition to prayer, look over the readings and the words to the hymns during this preparation time. A booklet entitled, "The Divine Service" located in the pew rack may also assist you in understanding worship at Trinity.
- Please silence all cell phones and refrain from taking pictures. Thank you.
- **Visitors, please sign the guest register located in the Narthex.**

GUESTS AND THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you desire to commune, please speak to one of the Pastors before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving the sacrament, you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest in the shape of an X.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: A study of the scripture readings and hymns of the week will be available on our website on Friday mornings under the "Worship with Us Online" section and following the "Weekly Bible Study" button. This study is led by Pastor Mech and Pastor Berg. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel so you get notified of new content. Online Bible Study content will be updated and available every Friday morning.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND CHILDCARE PODCAST: You can also listen to the weekly Bible Study and the Sermon of the week on our website, on the go on your phone, on your computer in your favorite music player, or in your car -- just by searching "Trinity Lutheran Sheboygan" in your favorite podcast application. It is available on all major Podcast platforms. The Sermon for that week will be available Sunday Afternoon after the 8am Divine Service. Be sure to subscribe to the Podcast in your favorite player so you can get notified when new episodes are added.

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here and have brought your children to worship. We invite you to use the church bags, Bibles, and children's bulletins found at each entrance to the sanctuary. While we want children to participate in the entire Divine Service, we understand that there may be times when you must leave the service for a little while. At these times, you may use the Music Room, located next to the Narthex, or the Luther Room, located downstairs across from the restrooms. Both locations have the livestream of the service televised so you can continue to follow along. Changing tables are in the music room restroom and the restrooms downstairs. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

THE SENTENCES

- A:** Alleluia! The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
C: (All shout) **HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**
- A:** The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!
C: (All shout) **THE CRUCIFIED IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**
- A:** He has conquered by the cross!
C: (All shout) **HE HAS COME OUT OF THE TOMB!**
- A:** This is the day the Lord has made!
C: (All shout) **WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!**
- A:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!
C: (All shout) **HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!**

FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

† For blessings received by Roger Rodewald from his three children, five grandchildren & one great grandchild

CHURCH OFFICE: The church office is closed Easter Monday. Chris Melcher will be on vacation April 16-22. Christel Miske will be in the church office to assist you.

TEACHER CALL UPDATE: Names that have been brought forward to the Call Committee for Teacher at Trinity Lutheran Church and School are Grace Amling, Jeremy Brey, Adrienne Budnik, Anna Enderle, Kristin Rindt, Cristi Smith, and Jeff Wegner. The Committee is still open for additional candidates to be submitted. Please send names to Tom Yurk at tomyurk4@gmail.com or call him at 920-980-7531. Teacher Call Committee Members are Nic Collins, Kathy Gruben, David Jablonski, Lori Ladiges, Pastor Mech, Becky Truttschel and Tom Yurk.



EASTER LILY PICKUP: Thank you to our many members and friends of Trinity who help beautify our sanctuary today with Easter Lilies. You may pick up your Easter lilies today after the 10:30 am service in church or next week, beginning Tuesday, in the Lounge. **The church office is closed on Monday.**

MIXED VBS FOR THE CHILDREN OF TRINITY, LUTHER MEMORIAL, ST. PAUL'S... The Mixed VBS Snack and Craft Teams are asking for cash donations toward the purchase of craft supplies, snacks, and drinks for the children. In the snack area, we have had an overlap in a few items, especially peanut butter and cereal. While we let nothing go to waste, cash donations for these supplies will help us be more efficient in our planning and our shopping. Please make your donations to the offering plate during April and May and write "Mixed VBS" on the envelope or in the memo line on the check.

We are also looking for volunteers to help, especially in the kitchen. You wouldn't have to volunteer for every day of the week. One or two days would help so much, especially at the beginning of the week. This year, St. Paul's will host the event on June 16-20 from 8 a.m.- noon. Email Jenni Pickel at jennipix21@gmail.com.

Divine Service – Setting One

PRELUDE

SENTENCES: (see inside bulletin)

HYMN: #457

KYRIE: p. 152

HYMN OF PRAISE: p. 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT: p. 156

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

EPISTLE READING: 1 Cor. 15:19-26

ALLELUIA & VERSE: p. 156

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

NICENE CREED: p. 158

HYMN: #461 (vs. 3: women, vs. 4: Choir, vs. 6: men)

SERMON

Text: Luke 24:1-12

Theme: "Not What was Expected"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING/FRIENDSHIP REGISTER
Since by Man Come Death Handel

OFFERTORY: p. 159

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: p. 160

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:
#466, #633, (vs. 2: women, vs. 4: choir, vs. 6: men), #463, #490, #475, #467

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: p. 164

BENEDICTION: p. 166

HYMN: #465

POSTLUDE

Easter Lilies 2025



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
824 Wisconsin Avenue
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

††† *Lilies Have Been Given* †††

In Loving Memory Of:

Kathy Baumann
Laurel Becker

Adam Bentsdahl
Susan Bentsdahl
Rev. Richard Berg, Dr. Richard Berg, Karl Berg
Rev. Richard Berg Dr. Richard, Berg, Karl Berg
Robert & Margery Bleick
Jack & Pegge Brennan
Raymond Cyras
My parents, brothers & their wives
Dennis & Todd Fors
Orville & Lois Gass
Aronld & Helen Greatens
Fred & Judy Grenier
Heidi Gretchen Hake
Walter & Elsa Hake
Dianne Hennell
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Henning & Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Ramm
Tom Hoem
Norman, Audrey, & Carl Jagow
Joanne Kaiser
My parents, Donald & Marion Ladiges
Our Parents, Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Linse & Mr. & Mrs. Charles Swanson
Richard & Gertrude Matzdorf
The Mayer Family
Our Son, Matthew Mayer
James & Darlene Mech
My Brother, Mike Mech, Our Nephew, James Mech
Waldemar & Lucille Menzer
Thomas Mockert
Janelle Mueller
Edward & Evelyn Nimmer
Jim Post

Elmyra & Edward Quasius
Jim & Darlene Rach
Char Rahn
Debbie Rahn
Kathy Rahn
Milton & Marie Reineking
Clarence & Charlotte Renzelmann
Adolph & Margorie Massa Richter
Albert & Donna Rick

By:

Daniel Rusch
Zach, Gina, Sydney, Hallie, & Micah Becker
Jon, Jenny Rindt & Family
Jon, Jenny Rindt & Family
Carole J. Berg
John & Kathy Berg Family
Wallrich Family
Allan & AnnMarie Voss
Erika Cyras & Family
Karen Dahmer
Marlene Fors
David & Cheryl Gass & Family
Kevin & Gretchen Greatens
Pastor & Darlene Mech
Randall & Judith Hake Family
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Wallin Hennell

Jack & Jodell (Ramm) Henning
Georginna Hoem
The Berg Family
The Kaiser Family
Lori Ladiges

Jim & Marion Linse
Richard & Mary Matzdorf
Charles & Roberta Mayer
Charles & Roberta Mayer
Pastor & Darlene Mech
Pastor & Darlene Mech
The Specht Family
Eileen Mockert
Ronald Mueller Family
Eric Nimmer Family
Candy Post, Children & Grandchildren
Family & Friends
Mike, Karen & Joshua Rach
Eldon Rahn Family
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Jim, Judy, & Amy Schmelter
Gene & Janet Renzelmann
Randall & Judith Hake Family
Mike, Karen, & Joshua Rach

Ruth & Robert Riemer
Wayne Rindt
Helmuth Rogalla
August & Marie Rudolph
John & Betty Rusch
Walter Rusch
Eugene & Doris Sattler
Frederick & Mary Schloss
Leah Schmitz

Greg Spears
Harvey & Christopher Specht
Dennis & Orva Tetschlag
Richard Thieme
John Van Der Puy
Tony & Mary Vincevineus
Annette Vogel
Norbert, Elsie & Annette Vogel
Paul J. Voss
Michael & Ruth Wallrich
Our Parents & Brothers

For Blessings Received by:

John & Carmen Dolson
Patrick & Mary Eissner
Joe & Heather Leibham
Joe & Heather Leibham
Eric & Ramona Nimmer
Jane Schmelter

The Riemer Family
Jon, Jenny Rindt & Family
Eric Nimmer Family
Arthur & Susan Brickner & Family
Daniel Rusch
Daniel Rusch
Kevin & Gretchen Greatens
David & Cheryl Gass & Family
Randall & Judy Hake Family and Karen Dahmer & Family
Karin Spears
The Specht Family
Gene & Janet Renzelmann
His Wife Emma & Family
Marilyn Van Der Puy & Family
Gary, Sue, Zach, & Julianne Klokow
Her grandson, Jason Vogel
Gordon Vogel Family
Marriane L. Voss & Family
Wallrich Family
Rick & Christina Zeuner

For our Children & Grandchildren
For our grandsons, Carter & Owen Eissner
For Trinity Lutheran Church & School
For their family
For the blessing of Grandchildren
For healthy Grandchildren

Invocation

Introit (front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer

Prayer/Devotion

Daily Readings: LSB p. 300

Sun: Ex. 14:10-31; Heb. 7:23-8:13

Mon: Ex. 15:1-18; Heb. 9:1-28

Tues: Ex. 9:15-19-16:12; Heb. 10:1-18

Wed: Ex. 16:13-35; Heb. 10:19-39

Thurs: Ex. 17:1-16; Heb. 11:1-29

Fri: Ex. 18:5-27; Heb. 12:1-24

Sat: Ex. 19:1-25; Heb. 13:1-21

In Our Prayers This Week:

- † Bernadette Strate, sister of Tom Hoem; Sue Mack, cousin of Beth Riemer; Jennifer Pralle, sister of Katherine Pape; Sharon Riemer, sister-in-law of Beth Riemer; Benjamin Rondeau; Tim Fjeldstad; Joy Maletzke, mother of Jeff Maletzke; Wayne Konetzki, brother of Alan Konetzki; Nancy Moudry; Linda Haas; June Margenau, all in cancer treatment
- † Dave Augustine, Mae Mueller, and Carol Rieneking in hospice care
- † Robert Badtke, Darryl Carlson, Nate Yeager, Anthony Dobrinsky, Chaplain Paul Rockrohr, Nathaniel Slimmer, Anthony Parotta, Jax Melcher, Naomi Harder, Ben Stucky, Jake Melcher, and Thomas Roberts, serving our country in the military
- † Our college and seminary students preparing for careers in church work: Ruth Eatherton, David Eatherton, James Pape, Harvey Peters, Peyton Roethel, and Simeon Roberts
- † DeeAnn Ragaisis, daughter of Lois Schmideler, ill
- † Robert Fleischmann in rehab after suffering a severe stroke
- † Wally Hennell, dealing with a variety of health issues
- † Dan Hennell, under treatment for a brain condition
- † Jacob Clovis, becoming paralyzed for unknown reasons
- † Makenna Landrey, who is expecting a baby in October
- † David Leffin, recovering after hip surgery
- † James Q., brother of Rose Krepsky, recovering from injuries
- † Jan Herm hospitalized

Hymn of the Week: *O Sons and Daughters of the King*

LSB #471

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Resurrection of our Lord

April 20, 2025

Introit

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

**The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become my sal- | vation;**

**Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,*
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.**

**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have
redeemed;***

**you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.
You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,*
the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.***

The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

**and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,***

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.
Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection,
may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Cor. 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12



**THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: No Sunday School today.
Sunday School will resume on April 27.**

Isaiah 65:17-25 ¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Luke 24:1-12 ¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Treasures from the Church: Today we say with Martin Luther, “Sin, death, the devil, and everything that assails me are missing the mark. I am no longer afraid of you! For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His and you are now destroyed. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called Christian. My sin and death hung on His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they have completely disappeared. Devil, don't you know the power of Jesus' suffering death and resurrection? In Him there is eternal righteousness and eternal life; His resurrection from the dead is mightier than my sin, death, and hell, greater than heaven and hell. This victory he has bestowed on me in Holy Baptism. That is why I no longer worry about you but laugh and scorn you in the face! I am victorious in Jesus!” *Martin Luther - Easter Sermon from 1530*

The Readings of the Day: The Lord has promised to “*create new heavens and a new earth*” (Is. 65:17), in which His people shall abide in peace and joy. That new creation has begun in the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus. All the baptized belong to that new creation. Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, they are “*the offspring of the blessed of the Lord*” (Is. 65:23). The Lord rejoices and is glad in them; He hears and answers their prayers. For “*if in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied*” (1 Cor. 15:19). But Christ Jesus has been raised, “*the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*” (1 Cor. 15:20). We may be “*perplexed about this*” (Luke 24:4), perhaps even frightened and brought to our knees, because it seems like an “*idle tale*” (Luke 24:11). But faith clings to the Word of Christ and finds His resurrected body — not in the tomb, but in His Holy Supper.

The Paschal Candle: “Throughout Easter's fifty days the paschal candle stands, prominent and lofty, in the middle of the eucharistic hall. As the center pole of the new creation, the candle is Christ, the Alpha and Omega of all times and ages. Five wax nails are inserted into the candle to signify the wounds that Jesus received in His hands, feet and side when He was crucified. ‘By His holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.’ These wounds do not vanish. They remain with Jesus Who repeatedly shows them to His disciples. They are offered as marks of recognition: ‘Look at My hands and My feet; it is really I.’ [Luke 24:39] Lit as the first act of the community's paschal watch, this mighty pillar of light remains in place for the duration of the fifty days enabling the faithful to see, to recognize, to find their way. It is the light of Christ revealing the love of the Father, and the power of the Spirit in Whom humanity is born from above.” Patrick Regan (An Easter Sourcebook, 69)

Sermon: Imagine showing up to your childhood home, expecting it to be abandoned, overgrown, and broken down—only to find it completely restored, bustling with life, laughter, and warmth. That's how jarring this day was for the women who went to the tomb. The world teaches us to expect tombs—not life. But God's plan turns tombs into doorways. So often we look for hope in all the wrong places. Someone once told me, “Pastor, I was always looking for the next big thing—a better job, a bigger house, more toys—only to feel emptier than ever. I was looking for life, but everything I clung to was already dying.” That's why the angels ask, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead?” The world can't give resurrection. Only Jesus can. In Isaiah 65, God gives this breathtaking promise: “Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth... the former things shall not be remembered.” A world where death is no more. The empty tomb is not the end—it's the beginning of that new creation. Jesus is not simply raised from the dead; He is raised as the firstfruits of what is to come. The Resurrection ends death—for good. 1 Corinthians 15 calls death “the last enemy.” And it's an enemy we all face. You've seen it in hospital rooms, at gravesides, in obituaries. But Jesus walked out of His tomb so that one day you will walk out of yours. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

LWML ZONE 9 SPRING RALLY AT LUTHER MEMORIAL: Please mark your calendars for April 26th (8:30 A.M. -12:00) This is the date for our LWML Zone Rally. All are invited to come to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church (1127 Eisner Ave. in Sheboygan.) Come and listen to our guest speakers from Great Marriages of Sheboygan- Barb Klaves, Karen Davis, and Olivia Zeman. They will talk about necessary skills to help give you hope for healthy, happy, and lifelong relationships.

If you are able, we will be collecting “*Gifts from the Heart*” for Great Marriages- Reams of copy paper, individual bags of chips, individually wrapped chocolates, cases of water, napkins, sturdy paper plates, or gift cards to grocery stores. Thank you and hope to see you there!



TRINITY LWML will meet on Monday, May 14, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the church lounge. Join us to hear about the pro-life mission of Mary's Room. Celebrate LWML reaching the 2023-2025 Mission Grant goal of \$2,350,000. To God

be the glory! Our servant project will be making Prayer Cards and painting Prayer Rocks as reminders to pray for our LCMS missionaries. Hope to see you there!

NEAT REPEATS UPCOMING SALES:
4/22-4/26 All Clothing \$1



RUMMAGE/PLANT/BAKE SALE: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 326 Center Ave., Adell, is having an Indoor Rummage, Plant, and Bake Sale on April 25 from 8am-6pm & April 26 from 8am-2 pm. Household goods, clothing, books, crafts, baby & toddler clothes, toys and much more.



Trinity's Caan's Spring Flower Sale

Dates: April 1st - April 23rd

Orders due: on or before April 23rd

Caan's Vouchers redeemable: May 1st - May 31st

Order forms are available in the narthex and lounge, or you may order from a Trinity Day School Student. Payment must accompany order. Make checks payable to Trinity. Order may be returned to the church or school office or placed in the red box outside the church office door.



If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!



Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!



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