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**APRIL 2, 2023**

Palm Sunday Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:20-43 "Seeing Jesus" – Sermon  
Text: John 12:20-21 Rev. Thomas Eggold

**APRIL 9, 2023**

The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunrise) Psalm 118:15-19; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John  
20:1-18 "Christ Is Risen!" – Sermon Text: John 20:17  
Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, Jr.

**APRIL 16, 2023**

2nd Sunday of Easter Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 "Words and Wounds" –  
Sermon Text: John 20:19 Rev. Shayne Jonker

**APRIL 23, 2023**

3rd Sunday of Easter Psalm 116:1-14; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35 "A Walk With Jesus" –  
Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-35  
Rev. Paul Shoemaker

**APRIL 30, 2023**

4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) Psalm 43; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10  
"Wanted: Good Shepherd" – Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:19-25  
Rev. William Mueller

During the month of March, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **GARY GANN, KATHY RAMSEY, DON FEAGLEY, AL & GLORIA ARENDT, ARLENE HARTMANN, and DON & ALICE KECK**

**DIVINE CALL:** PASTOR TEMME has accepted the Divine Call from Heritage Lutheran Church in Valparaiso to serve as their pastor. His last Sunday at Trinity will be April 16. Please keep Pastor Temme and his family in your prayers as he transitions to a new ministry, and also pray for our congregation for God to provide the next pastor at Trinity.

# WHAT'S COMING UP

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20<sup>th</sup>. You can also submit items by emailing them to: [trisha@tldarm.org](mailto:trisha@tldarm.org)

**PALM SUNDAY:** After church on Palm Sunday there will be a showing of episode 1 of "The Chosen" in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to stay and watch. PASTOR KNEA will be there to comment or answer any questions afterwards.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** Please join us for our Holy Week Services. The theme for Maundy Thursday on April 6 at 7:00 PM is the miracle of Holy Communion, the theme for Good Friday on April 7 at 7:00 PM is the miraculous death of the Son of God, and the theme for Easter Sunday on April 9 at 9:30 AM is the miracle of Christ's resurrection from the dead and His descent into hell. The Lutheran Laymen's League will be hosting the Easter breakfast from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

**THE ELDERS** have started the call process. As part of the process the Elder's invite any member to submit a Pastor's name for consideration of all our call. Please give the name of the Pastor, present congregation and location to **KEITH KAHRE**. We will keep the congregation informed of our call process.

**SARAH BIBLE CLASS:** When the Sarah Class meets in the Fellowship Hall at **10:30 AM** on **Thursdays** to continue their studies in the synoptic Gospels (i.e., Matthew, Mark and Luke). Coffee and treats available beginning at **10:00 AM**. All ladies of the church are most welcome to attend. Please take note of the time change. All Ladies and their Friends are invited to attend.

**TECH:** Do you want to learn how to run the cameras or the computer during any given Sunday or special service? Anyone can do it, just let Trisha know.

**LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK:** The Lutheran Service Book is now available in Large Print. The Large Print Edition offers generous 14-point print and 8.4" x 12.6" binding to make it easier for all members of your congregation and guests to participate fully in the Divine Service. If you would like to see a sample or would like to order one, please let Trisha in the office know and she can help you.

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL SECRETARY OPENING:** Due to an upcoming retirement, Redeemer is in search of a Financial Secretary. Candidates should have general knowledge in payables, receivables, payroll processing and general office duties. Must also be capable in Word and Excel. Experience with QuickBooks is a plus! If interested, please contact **ERIN KIEFFNER** at [ekieffner@yahoo.com](mailto:ekieffner@yahoo.com).

**LUTHERANS FOR HABITAT:** As you know, the next Lutheran build will be the first home in Habitat's next neighborhood focus in Tepe Park. We will have a groundbreaking celebration called Rock the Block on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 11 AM-2 PM. We would love to have the Lutherans for Habitat out to support this event as it will be where our next home builds will be located. There is a flyer on the hallway bulletin board. This groundbreaking will serve as a groundbreaking for the Lutheran build, as well as a celebration for all the other builds to come in Tepe Park. Thanks so much!

**YARD SALE:** Trinity will be hosting a community rummage sale on Saturday, April 29. This sale will be handled differently than in previous years. You can rent a table and sell your own stuff in the comfort of our gym. The price for an 8ft table is \$10. The sale will be conducted from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 29. Setup will be on Friday, April 28 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (later if you ask really nice). Conditions: you bring your own stuff, you sell your own stuff, you clean up your stuff, you abide by Matthew 22:37-40. There are a few tables still available. Please contact Trisha in the Church office or Alan at 812.459.3005.

**PRESCHOOL:** The preschool is looking for volunteers to help with our Easter egg hunt on Wednesday April 5 approximately 10:15-11:00 AM. If you would like to help hide eggs, please talk to **BREENNA** or **SUE**. We are also looking for individually wrapped candy donations (fun size candy bars, mini eggs, etc.). Bags of candy can be dropped off at the church or school office. Thank You! Our students enjoy this egg hunt every year.

The final fundraiser for the preschool is a Take and Bake Meal from PFresh Kitchen. This time, we are selling a Baked Spaghetti Meal. The meal includes: baked spaghetti with meat sauce, fresh salad & ranch dressing, garlic breadsticks, and Azzip Pizza chocolate chunk cookies. Orders and payment are due Friday April 14. Meals will be available for pick up on Wednesday April 26 beginning at 2:30 PM.

Pre-K graduation is Wednesday May 17 at 6:30 PM.

God's Blessings, Breenna Smith, Director, Trinity Lutheran Preschool

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to **LINDA TEMME & HAZEL ENGLISH** for hosting the Ladies Tea/Brunch.

Thank you to **HAZEL ENGLISH & DOTTIE KAHRE** for providing the tea cups, saucers and tea pots for the Ladies Tea/Brunch.

Thank you to everyone who made the Ladies Tea/Bunch so special for me and for all the Ladies who attended. I especially want to thank Linda Temme who planned this whole thing and surprised me. It was very unexpected. What a way to start another 25 years as the office manager at Trinity.

Blessings to you all, Trisha Letterman

**“CHEERS & TEARS”**

Cheers to the LWML, Board of Youth, LLL, Music Committee and Paula Reininga, Linda Brock & Sue Laughbaum for hosting the Lenten Dinners before the Services. The Food and Fellowship was outstanding.



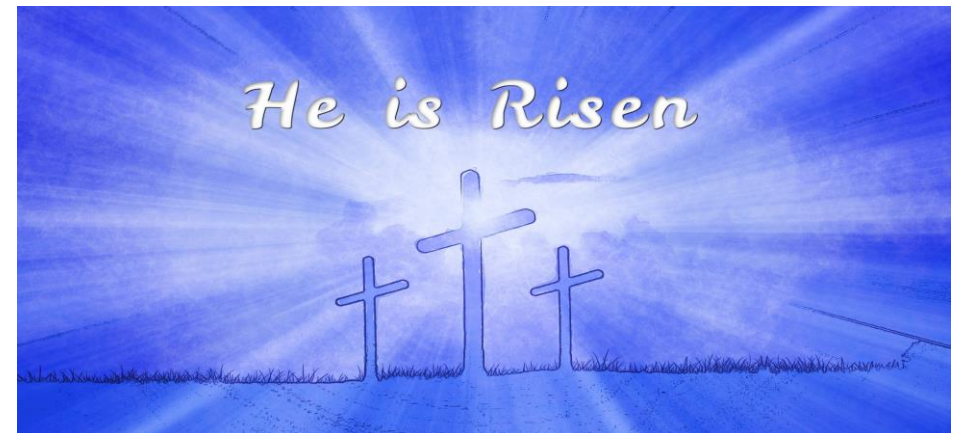
Cheers to the Preschool, who received a grant from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to be used for a musical space on our playground.

Cheers to the Decorating Committee, who have been sprucing up things around the Fellowship Hall and Church.

Cheers to the following people who celebrated milestone birthdays in March:

**PAT ASKINS, 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday on March 18**  
**SHARON STEVENS, 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday on March 19**

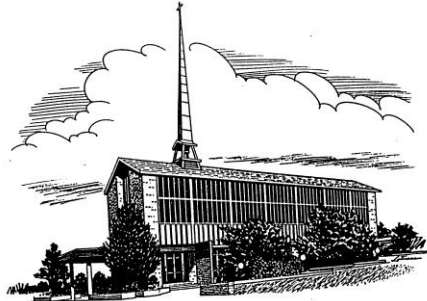
<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
Saturday, March 4.....19	
Sunday, March 5.....68	31
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Sunday, March 12.....49	24
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Sunday, March 19.....74	22
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### The Divine Call

When Jesus called His first disciples, He picked the ones He desired, they came to Him, and He appointed them to be His apostles whom He would send out to preach. (Mark 3:13-14) We call this the *Divine Call* because Jesus the Divine God is calling men into the office of the holy ministry. We call this an *Immediate Call* because Jesus is immediately beside the man and personally calling him. Jesus taps him on the shoulder and says, "Come, follow me."

But what about after Jesus ascended into heaven and was no longer visible on earth? How would God continue to call men into the holy ministry? We have an example in Acts chapter 1. After Judas despaired and killed himself, the twelve apostles were short a man. Peter stood up among the believers and reasoned that another must fill his office to complete the office of apostleship. How was this to be done? The Church first sought candidates who were qualified for the office. The qualifications were that the candidate must have been a witness of Jesus' ministry during the three years from His baptism to His resurrection and ascension. The Church put forward two such candidates, Justus and Matthias, and then prayed, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two *You have chosen* to take the place in this ministry and apostleship." They cast lots, the lot fell to Matthias, and he was numbered with the apostles. What does it mean to cast lots? It can mean to cast special stones, like dice, and then allow the Lord to show His will, His yes or no, through those means. Casting lots can also mean to elect by a show of

hands, sort of like a voters' meeting. The Lord is showing His will and desire through the means of the congregation. Now this is still a Divine Call since God is doing the choosing; however, we call this a *Mediated Call* since God is calling through the means of His Church.

The Lord will use these same means to call the next pastor at Trinity Darmstadt through the means of His Church. The congregation will put forth names and submit qualifications to the Indiana District President. President Rev. Dr. Stuckwisch will supply a list of candidates to the call committee – the board of elders. Guided by our Circuit Visitor, Rev. David Wiist, the call committee will select qualified candidates to put before the voters' assembly. The voters could roll some dice to determine God's will, but most likely there will be a vote by a show of hands or a written ballot. Whatever the method, the Lord is showing which candidate He has chosen to be the next pastor at Trinity. It is still a Divine Call because the Divine is doing the calling. God is simply using the means of His Church.

In the days of the apostles, there may have been some in the congregation who preferred Justus over Matthais because he was a better orator or better looking, but there was no dispute after the lot was cast. The congregation recognized that the Lord knows the heart and was choosing through the means of His Church. The vote was final. In the same way, the members of Trinity Darmstadt might have a preference for different, qualified candidates; however, after the vote is completed, the congregation recognizes that the result is God's Divine Call for the elected candidate to serve as Trinity's next pastor. God has decided and chosen your new shepherd.

My last Sunday to serve as Trinity's pastor will be April 16. Please do not think of me as a Judas who left his office in despair. Rather I have received God's Divine Call to serve the saints at Heritage Lutheran in Valparaiso. While I may have personal preferences to remain at Trinity, I also recognize God's will and desire for the holy ministry in His time and place.

Thank you for the last eight years of serving as your pastor at Trinity Darmstadt. Linda and I have been so blessed to serve those who have served and guided us in our life in the Church and in this world. God bless you and keep you until we meet again here on earth and certainly in heaven. The Lord be with you all.

Pastor Temme