

April 8-9, 2023
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME TO TRINITY! We are very happy that you are here to worship with us today. Trinity Lutheran Church and Nursery School believes that we are called to be "ALWAYS GROWING IN CHRIST" and we want to do everything possible to help you grow. We pray that the Gospel you hear today will take root in your life and do just that, grow.

The Lord's Table: We believe that the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, is the real body and blood of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. If you believe likewise, please join us at the altar when it is time to celebrate this holy meal. Even if you do not believe as we do, we still welcome all adults and children to come forward at Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor. Just decline the wafer at Holy Communion and Pastor will give you a blessing. Please note, the center ring of the tray of individual cups is non-alcoholic wine.

FROM PASTOR Many worshippers like to take a few minutes to pray before worship, but sometimes Trinity can be a very loud place. Please keep your visiting to a minimum in the sanctuary or the chapel and save it for fellowship time after worship. In an effort to remind us of this, the ushers will be closing the doors of the sanctuary/chapel 5 minutes prior to worship and reminding people in the narthex to keep their voices low so that those who wish to pray are uninterrupted. On the inside front cover of the hymnal are some excellent prayers if you would like a starter.

Budget Offerings

Rec'd last week: \$5911.00 **March** E-Offering: \$4329.20 Avg weekly deficit: \$500.00
We need \$5 more per week, per household, to meet our budget goals for 2023.

Attendance Saturday 16, communed 15; Sunday 107 communed 92

ALTAR FLOWERS – In thankfulness and praise from Brust Funeral Home

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate The Second Sunday of Easter. The sermon is titled "Standing in Thomas' Shoes," with the hymn of the day "O Sons and Daughters of the King" (LSB 470). The scripture lessons for worship are:

First Reading	Acts 5:29-42	<i>Preaching Jesus as the Christ</i>
Epistle	1 Peter 1:3-9	<i>Born Again to the Living Hope</i>
Gospel (sermon text)	John 20:19-31	<i>Jesus Appears to the Disciples</i>

HYMN OF THE DAY is "As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered" (LSB 612) by Stephen Starke (b. 1955), one of the most well-known hymn writers in the LCMS today. "As Rebels, Lord" tells the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24), which is the subject of today's sermon. The tune WELCOME was composed by Jeffrey Blersch (b. 1967), who teaches at Concordia University Nebraska.

EASTER FLOWERS – Please remember to take your pre-paid plants from the altar today after the 10:30 worship service. There is a complete list of what was ordered in the usher's closet for your reference. Thank you!

DORCAS GUILD will meet on Tuesday, April 11, at 7pm in the Trinity Center. There will be a speaker from The Out Reach House to discuss what services they provide as well as how our support helps enable them to carry these services out. All ladies are invited to attend!

WE ARE SEEKING A NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE. If you enjoy helping others please consider joining our board. We meet once a month to share our thoughts on keeping in touch with the Homebound, acknowledging birthdays, reaching out to those in need, and so much more. If interested, please contact Donna Heuser @ heuser.donna@gmail.com or 630-913-6631.

LWML WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE PACKAGES 4 PATRIOTS MAILING. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex by Sunday, April 23. We want to thank the congregation for your continued support and prayers. Items needed are:
Single or Double Pack Toothbrushes, Full Size Body Wash and Shampoo, Full size deodorant, Gillette Razors and Cartridge Refills, Men shaving gel (tube only please no aerosols) Feminine Hygiene Supplies, Sun Block Lotion, eye drops for dry eyes, Nail clippers, AA & AAA batteries, GUM, chapstick, Laundry detergent in capsules form,
Small size Motrin, Advil, Aspirin & Tylenol, Gold Bond Medicated body and foot powder, Athletes foot powder/cream, Protein Bars, Nuts, Sunflower Seeds, Trail Mix, Beef Jerky ***Slim Jims are PORK Sausage and can't be included in care packages, individual Powdered drinks mixes (Gatorade, lemonade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light, Tang, Snapple) energy drinks, powdered drink mixes, Instant coffee. Letters and drawings thanking our soldiers for what they do. ***Please do NOT donate Aerosol Shaving Cream (prohibited) will explode, OR hotel toiletries BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HOLD UP IN SHIPPING. BAR SOAP IS UNWELCOME BECAUSE OF ODOR CAN RUIN A Care Package.

THE PROJECTS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR HIGH KIDS We're working on getting a new crew of youth to attend the next session of The Projects in May. You can help us out by liking our Facebook page: The Projects at Trinity and then sharing it on your own page. We have a new marketing person who has given the page a brand new and exciting look. Help us spread the word!

THOSE WHO SERVE April 23rd :

Keyboard / Organ: 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead **8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke
Vocalist: **8:00** Jim Bruschuk **10:30** Greg Billing
Lay Assistants: **8:00** Darren Taylor **10:30** John Dorn & Gloria Marchewka
Acolytes: **8:00** Jacob Bruschuk/Cruz Collins **10:30** David Sullivan
Ushers: **4:30** Craig Musa
 8:00 Scott Golz, Dante Apuzzo, Dino Apuzzo, Neal Rodenbostel
 10:30- Gary Buehre, Rich Kumnick, Barbara Wolski
Greeters: **8:00** Donna Stubbs **10:30** Carol Edwards
Altar Guild Denise Airdo, Marilyn Bloechle

THOSE WHO SERVE April 30th:

Keyboard / Organ: **8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke
Vocalist: **8:00** Jim Bruschuk **10:30** Jonathan Stahlke
Lay Assistants: **8:00** Henry Meier **10:30** Greg Billing & Carlo Airdo
Acolytes: **8:00** Hank Pavlovsky **10:30** Caleb Icken / Garret May
Ushers: **4:30** Bert Dale **8:00** Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro, Joe Peacock
 10:30 Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, & Chris Gore
Greeters: **8:00** Olinda Sperry **10:30** Nancy Rex
Altar Guild Olinda Sperry, Donna Williams, Judy Buehre