

# The Messenger

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## From our Pastor

### See Jesus, your king, in this holy week

*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We enter April in the thick of Holy Week, and while I'd like to be able to shout out to you that Christ is risen, we are not there yet.

Of course, we really are there, and we know that because every Sunday, even in the season of Lent, we might say or sing, "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."

Christ will come again. It is this for which we wait, that Christ return and inaugurate the final coming of God's reign. Yet we can see signs in this Holy Week of God's reign having already broken into our world.

We see it on Thursday night, on the night when Jesus put on the apron of a servant and knelt down and washed the feet of his disciples. We see clearly Jesus as king, not with a sword coming to smite down the enemy with strength, but to serve others and offer bread — my body, given for you — and wine — my blood, shed for you.

We see it on Friday, Good Friday, when Jesus promises the criminal that he will see him in paradise, a promise from the cross for the criminal, and for us.

And then, finally, after three days of death and grief, the stone is rolled away and the promise of the resurrection is made real in Jesus, risen from the grave so that we, too, may rise.

Dear people of God, we enter these dark days with the burden of sin close by, but come Sunday, we will join our song of Alleluia



with all of God's people for all times and the times to come, knowing that Jesus has defeated death, for us.

Then meet Jesus, walking among us, washing feet and offering the bread of life.

Blessed Easter, dear church.

Pastor Brenda

## JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK

We gather on Palm Sunday, April 2, to remember the crowds cheering during Jesus' procession into town, and that emotion quickly turning to jeering while Jesus is brought to trial and forced to carry his cross through the crowds to the place where he will die on that cross.

Join us during Holy Week as we walk through these events, remembering what Jesus experienced in his life, and remembering why he experienced these things.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

- Palm Sunday liturgies: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- Holy Monday: Vespers at 7 p.m., with the rite of healing.
- Holy Tuesday: Vespers at 7 p.m.
- Holy Wednesday: Vespers at 7 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday: Eucharist at 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m., including prayer watch after the evening Maundy Thursday services concludes.
- Good Friday: Worship at 7 p.m.
- Holy Saturday: The Three Days end with the Easter Vigil, which begins at 7:30 p.m.  
Resurrection of our Lord: Join us Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

## WILL YOU JOIN US IN PRAYER?

We are beginning a new prayer ministry at Holy Trinity and invite you to participate.



This will be an e-mail ministry, meaning that if you sign up, you will receive an e-mail asking you to be in prayer for someone or something as the need arises.

This ministry will be coordinated by our office administrator, Catherine Richardson. You can call her to ask that an e-mail be sent to ask for prayers for someone or something. She will also be the person to add people who want to be among those praying to the e-mail list.

Catherine is also responsible for the prayer list that is in the bulletin every Sunday, but not everyone who receives prayers from this group will wind up on the Sunday list. It's OK if you ask for the person to be added to the Sunday list, but you can also ask for prayers for someone that you'd like to be more private and not on the public list.

# From Our Directors of Parish Ministry

## Are You a Philanthropist?

Let me save you some time answering the above question-of course you are a philanthropist. Anyone who gives of their time, talent, or treasure to help alleviate suffering in the world is a philanthropist and we all try to do that, right? So we are all philanthropists or as the Wizard of Oz said to the Tin Man, we are all “Good Deed Doers.”. If you want to know what kind of Good Deed Doer you are, read on.

We have all heard the saying: “give a man a fish and he eats for a day, teach him to fish and he eats for a lifetime;” let’s use that saying to understand the 5 traditions of philanthropy as suggested by Elizabeth Lynn and Susan Wisely.

### RELIEF-

Relief philanthropy starts with compassion. We see someone hurting and we want to help alleviate the pain. In terms of our saying: someone is hungry, let’s give him a fish and take that hunger away.

### IMPROVEMENT-

Improvement philanthropy takes the next step to helping. Sort of climbing the next step on Rambam’s Ladder if you read last month’s Messenger. We want to help people in need make real progress to improving their situation and maximizing their potential. In other words, we teach them to fish!

### REFORM-

Reform philanthropy moves toward solving social problems and providing justice for people struggling. It doesn’t do any good to teach a person to fish if they aren’t allowed access to the fishing pond, does it? Reform philanthropy helps provide equal access to the fishing hole.

### ENGAGEMENT-

Engagement philanthropy encourages the Good Deed Doer to enlist the assistance of the person we want to help. Bringing them into the problem-solving equation. In our analogy, asking them if they even like fish before trying to teach them to fish and fighting to gain a spot on the bank. And finally-

### REPAIR-

Repair philanthropy strives to bring about reconciliation for whatever caused the person we are trying to help’s pain. Righting a past wrong, if you will. In our story repair philanthropy would involve giving the fishing pond back to the hungry person.

So, where do you fall on your personal philanthropy scale? Which tradition do you follow? Well, if you are like most people you glide back and forth between traditions depending on the situation and which category of giver you are. But we will save the giving conversation for next month.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE DURING WORSHIP?**

Pastor Brenda will be having a class on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 10 a.m., to train new deacons and communion assistants. If you would like to sign up to serve in this way, please let Catherine know in the church office, or speak with Pastor Brenda.

Serving at worship is a vital ministry of the church, and we give thanks to those who have served at Holy Trinity over the years.

(This is a class for those new to serving. Those already serving need not attend, unless you'd like a refresher!)



## **WATCH FOR A WEEKLY E-MAIL FROM HOLY TRINITY!**

We began a new ministry in March, sending out a weekly e-mail with reminders about what's happening at church, some musings on the lessons for the coming week, and also announcements. We have 84 e-mail addresses for our members and friends who are now receiving these e-mails. If you haven't receive the e-mails and would like to, please let Catherine know in the church office.

Our goal is to send out these newsletter weekly during the church year. We might scale back to every other week in the summer, when there are fewer activities.

We'll also use this e-mail service when we need to make an announcement quickly, including when we receive information about a death in the congregation.

We've already added a number of college students to our list to keep in touch with them. If you have a child or grandchild who grew up at Holy Trinity and has moved away from Greenville, but they still consider this their church home, we can also add them to the list if they'd like to keep in touch with what's happening here.

Please let us know if you'd like to be added to the list, or if you'd like to add someone else who would be interested.

## **UPDATE ABOUT OUR SEARCH FOR A MUSICIAN**

Since the resignation of Maidene Hackett after 20 years of service as our director of music, we have been blessed to have Steve Repasky and Andy Joos leading us in the song of God's people on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings.

At the March congregational council meeting, a job description was approved for the director of music position, and we are ready to begin advertising.

If you know of anyone who is interested, please let us know in the church office.



## Lutheran Day in the Capitol

**April 27, 2023**

Starting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill

Join advocates from across Pennsylvania for inspiration, learning and advocacy. Taking Micah 6:8 as a starting point, we will focus on how we as Lutheran Christians understand our call to live together as God's faithful people and to strive for justice and peace in the context of today's debates over the role of faith in public life. We will be prepared to act on that call, with workshops that connect our ministries of service to opportunities to advocate with policymakers on issues from hunger to housing, creation care and more.

*For "what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" — Micah 6:8*

**[Learn more and register at www.LutheranAdvocacyPA.org](http://www.LutheranAdvocacyPA.org)**

### ***Discipleship in a Democracy: Sorting out a Lutheran View***

Debates about the appropriate relationship between religious organizations and the state (government or political authority) today range from those who object to or are even hostile to religious expression in the public realm, to Christian nationalists who idealize and advocate a fusion of certain understandings of Christianity with American civic life. What distinguishes the ELCA's particular stance in these debates? This year's keynote, by the Rev. Dr. Roger Willer, Director of Theological Ethics in the Office of Presiding Bishop, will give attention to the biblical, theological, and historical sources that undergird the cornerstone concept that this church shall: "work with civil authorities in areas of mutual endeavor, maintaining institutional separation of church and state in a relation of functional interaction." In this way we will sort out—distinguish—the ELCA approach compared to several other views and provide a refresher for Lutheran Day in the Capitol.



**Interested in going as part of a team from this congregation?**

**Contact Pastor Brenda**

## CPR Class at Holy Trinity

On March 13, John Libonati came to Holy Trinity to teach a CPR Class. John is a retired Mercer County Coroner and also instructed us how to use the AED (automated external defibrillator) we have in the narthex. We had 20 people in attendance and each one is now certified. The class was very informative and successful.

If you would like to sign up for the next class, please let Catherine know in the church office. We hope to have a few more classes so that more people can be certified.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (with prayer for healing)
April 2023						
2 Palm Sunday 8:45 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion NO SCS/Confirmation Classes 7:00 AA Big book meeting	3 8:30 AM Prayer 6:00 Fiber Arts Group 7:00 Evening Prayer	4 8:30 AM Prayer 11:00 Chrism Liturgy Thiel 7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion 7:00 Evening Prayer	5 8:30 AM Prayer 7:00 Evening Prayer (5th) 8:30 W&M set up M.T. - G.F	6 8:30 AM Prayer 12:10 Holy Communion 7:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Prayer Vigil Easter Flower Delivery 2 pm	7 6:15 Parish Choir rehearsal 7:00 Good Friday liturgy Decorate after 8:30 pm	8 9:00 W&M set up for Easter 10:30 Vigil rehearsal 7:30 Easter Vigil service
9 Easter Sunday 8:45 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion NO SCS/Confirmation Classes 7:00 AA Big book meeting	10 6:00 Fiber Arts Group	11 9:00 Flying Quilts 10:30 Staff meeting 5:15 Worship and Music 7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion <i>Office Closed</i>	12 <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i>	13 5:00 Officers' Planning Meeting 6:30 Finance Committee 8:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)	14 <i>Good Friday</i>	15 5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken) <i>Vigil of Easter</i>
16 2nd of Easter 8:45 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion 10:45 SCS/Confirmation Classes 7:00 AA Big book meeting	17 6:00 Fiber Arts Group 7:00 Congregation Council	18 7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion	19 6:30 GSO Board Meeting	20 7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)	21	22 5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)
23/30 3rd/4th of Easter 8:45 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion 10:45 SCS/Confirmation Classes 7:00 AA Big book meeting	24 6:00 Fiber Arts Group	25 9:00 Flying Quilts 7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion	26	27 7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)	28	29 5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)

# Fastnacht For Kids Thank You

A special thank you to all the folks who helped make this years Fastnacht For Kids a success:

- **Sheryl Lnnning** for creating a sensational Scavenger Hunt and other games and for making yummy root beer floats for everyone.
- **Linda Armstrong** for helping with everything from set up to tear down.
- **Sue Achenbach** for making pretzels and explaining the Trinity significance.
- **Pastor Brenda** for demonstrating the burning of palms for Ash Wednesday services.
- **Sidney Richardson** for helping keep the event moving along.
- **All of the parents** who stayed and helped, including set up and clean up.

We hope to make this an annual event and have even more people attend next year!

## Good Shepherd Request for April

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area. The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **April** is **canned vegetables or cereal**. Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.



## Applications For Holy Trinity Scholarships Available

Scholarship applications are now available. The deadline for all applications will be **May 1st**. Please contact the church office if you are interested in any of the following applications: Shaffer-Pearson Scholarship; Paula Meleky Scholarship; Dr. Peter And Helen Brath Scholarship; Wilbur P. Baird / Warren Shelly Scholarship; The Jack M. and Marjorie H. Dersheimer Scholarship Fund; and The William and Adelaide Horner Higher Education Endowed Scholarship.



## April Birthdays

5	Soren Hedderick
6	Laura Chesmer
	Gregory Hootman
9	Tammy Daniello
13	Kaitlyn Faber
15	Nick Hildebrand
16	Don Beck
	Roy Wilt, Jr.
20	Mary Lineman
	Ray Mozes
	Mason Anderson
24	Grace Mozes
25	Ella Hildebrand
26	Ethan Hall
	Michele Shine
30	Sydney Balas

## April Anniversaries

The following members of our congregation are celebrating anniversaries this month. Congratulate them when you see them.

Ray and Cathy Richardson	April 4, 1993	30 years
Pastor Brenda Martin and John Myers	April 7, 2002	21 years
Mark and Jane McCall	April 19, 1986	37 years
Matthew and Courtney Logan	April 21, 2007	16 years
John and Darlene Ferguson	April 24, 1965	58 years
Larry and Cheryl Davern	April 28, 1979	44 years

## Trinity Travelers

If you visit another church, drop off a bulletin from that church, with your name on it, so that you can be a *Trinity Traveler*.

**Alyssa and Aubrey Martin and Olivia Martin-Call**  
Luther Memorial Church  
Erie, PA  
March 12, 2023



## A Reminder: Let Us Know When Someone Is Hospitalized

If you or someone you know has been hospitalized, please let the church office or the pastor know.

Many people assume that nursing homes or hospitals alert the church when someone is being treated. Because of the laws surrounding privacy (known as HIPAA), organizations have been required for a number of years now to honor your privacy in releasing information. Even if we call a hospital and ask if someone is being treated, hospitals are not allowed to tell us.

When you share information with us, it allows us to offer pastoral care, deliver flowers from the Sunday altar, and visit and pray with people when they're not feeling well. Thank you for helping us in this ministry of the church.

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