

The Messenger

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From our Pastor

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We begin a new month having celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, stepping out with good courage into the season of Eastertide.

I've been thinking recently about this prayer that we have prayed at nearly every Eucharist since March of 2020, when Covid Times began and we were plunged into uncertainty, not knowing how it would all end.

Here we are, four years later, and this prayer has become so meaningful to so many people. It's become a prayer not just for Covid Times but for all times, for all paths, for all ventures. You've shared it with people in your lives who you think might need it at a particular time for particular reasons. You've prayed it yourselves as you've watched loved ones pass from this life to the next, as you've weathered health storms and the strife of the world around us, as you've handled transitions in jobs and in kids getting ready to leave the nest and walk into their own new ventures.

We've prayed to be given faith to go out with "good courage," and I've been pondering what that means, "good courage." I didn't know how to define it except by what might be its opposite, "bad courage." That would be the courage that is manufactured, that we try to draw out of ourselves and put on our faces, even when we have no courage at all.

"Good courage," then, must not come from ourselves, but from a gift given to us, as faith is a gift given to us. Walking into the un-



known with “good courage” means walking with the faith that we’re never going into new ventures and on new paths alone, but with the accompaniment of the God who created and redeemed us, whose hand leads us and whose love supports us.

Blessed Easter, dear church. Walk into this new month, this Eastertide, with good courage.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Brenda +

Final push for fundraising for Youth Gathering

After our success with the spaghetti dinner and indoor yard sale over the last month, we are in our final push to raise money to send four youth and three adults to the ELCA's Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.

We are hoping to complete fund-raising by mid-May.

We have raised about \$9,000 so far, and hope to collect about \$6,000 more. Please consider donating to our Second Mile Giving campaign in the month of April.

We are so thankful for donations in any amount, although a number of people have asked if they can sponsor one of those attending the Youth Gathering. Based on the amount we still need to collect, there are two options for those who would like to sponsor an attendee:

- Sponsor one person for \$928.
- Sponsor one day for one person for \$130.

The theme for the Youth Gathering is "Created To Be":

We are **created** to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.

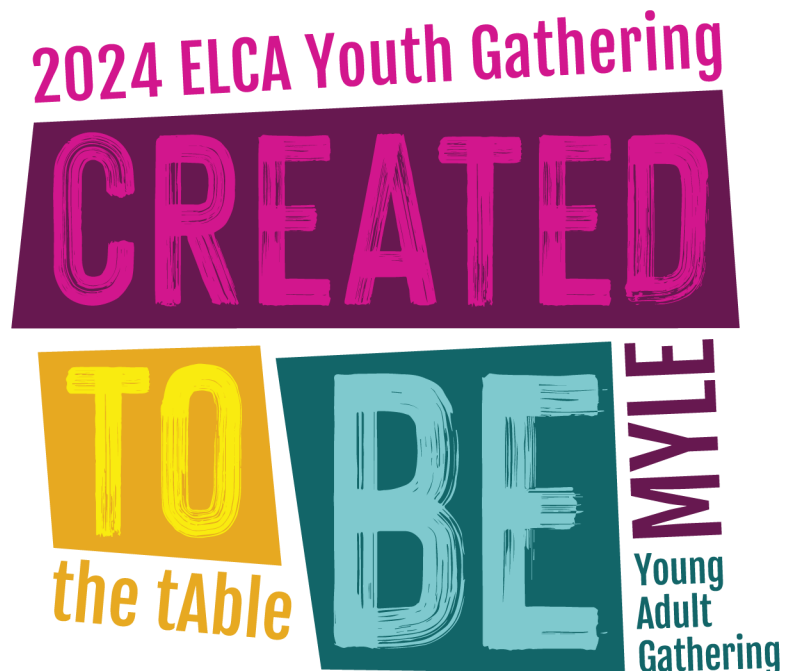
We are **created** to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

We are **created** to be free, to be transformed by the gospel.

We are **created** to be disruptive, to work for justice for all our siblings.

We are **created** to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

Thank you for your support of what we think will be a life-changing, faith-forming experience!



From Our Directors of Parish Ministry

Yard Sale Thank You

Because of the overwhelming response to the recent Yard Sale fundraiser, we find it next to impossible to thank everyone individually so we are going with a universal thank you instead. First, thank you to all the amazing members of our congregation who donated articles to sell. We had enough items to fill 24 tables; we sold enough to generate nearly \$3,000 in funds for our Youth Gathering trip; and we still had enough left over to nearly fill a box truck headed for Good Shepherd. Just goes to prove once again that when the need arises you can count on the folks at Holy Trinity!

Next, thanks to all who helped with the logistics of the sale. From positioning tables, to unpacking a seemingly never-ending flow of boxes, to clearing the area in the aftermath in time for our quilt sewers to return to their work unabated, the energy expended was incredible and appreciated.

And finally, thanks to all who made purchases before, during, and after the sale. Between this event and the Pasta Supper, we are well on our way to meeting our goal of sending our teens to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. We don't have all the money needed as of yet but thanks to your generosity we are much closer.

Stay tuned for the next event.



From Our Director of Music

On Sunday evening, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. we are very pleased to open our 2023/24 Friends of Music Season with a performance by the Greenville High School Chamber Singers.

Led by Claire DeArmitt, the Greenville High School Chamber Singers is an auditioned vocal ensemble of 14-20 students from GHS, including our very own Hannah McKinney, and is the top singing group at the school. The students, ranging from grades 9 through 12, are selected based on participation in the GHS Senior High Choir, a non-auditioned choir, as well as their level of musicianship and ability to sing in a small ensemble setting. In addition to their performances in school concerts, the Chamber Singers maintain a busy performance schedule, having sung in various venues such as the Mercer County Courthouse, Fresh Grounds Coffee House, the Chapel at Thiel College, the Greenville Senior Center, Buhl Park, and even the Brooklyn Public Library in NYC. The Chamber Singers are thrilled to be singing for the first time in the beautiful sanctuary of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Their choral selections include works by Rollo Dilworth, Stephen Sondheim, C. V. Stanford, Ryan Main, Jim Papoulis, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Stephen Paulus, Sara Bareilles, and more.

Their director, Claire DeArmitt, is a mezzo-soprano and teacher from Bellwood, Pennsylvania. She is a performer across various genres, including opera, musical theatre, pop, and concert repertoire. Most recently, she has performed as the alto soloist in Mozart's *Requiem* with the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra and the role of Domina in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Ms. DeArmitt is currently the choral and theatre director at Greenville High School in Greenville, PA, and is on the voice faculty at Grove City College. She also maintains a private voice studio in Greenville and Hermitage, PA. Ms. DeArmitt holds a Master of Music in Voice Pedagogy and Performance from Penn State and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Grove City College.



Please join us on Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. for this exciting program of sacred and secular choral music presented by a very outstanding local choral group. In May, the Friends of Music will present an Organ & Brass concert with Steve Repasky and members of the Warren Brass Ensemble. In the Fall we will have a



Progressive Organ Recital starting at St. Clement's Episcopal Church and then moving to Holy Trinity. St. Clement houses a restored late 19th-century mechanical action organ that is seldom played. In the Fall we will also welcome the choir Illuminare, who sang at our church last year along with other fine musical ensembles.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (with prayer for healing)
	OFFICE CLOSED					
	7:00 pm Property	7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion	NO Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Dance Lessons	6:30 Dance Lessons 7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)		
7 2nd of Easter	8	9	10	11	12	13
NO Choir Rehearsal		9:00 Flying Quilts		5:00 Officers' Planning Meeting 6:30 Finance Committee		5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (with prayer for healing)
9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion		10:30 Staff meeting		6:30 Dance Lessons		
10:45 SCS/Confirmation Classes		5:15 Worship and Music	6:00 Choir Rehearsal	6:30 Dance Lessons		
7:00 AA Big book meeting		7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion	6:30 Dance Lessons	8:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)		
14 3rd of Easter	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 Choir Rehearsal				11:00 Med Ethics @Thiel 6:30 Dance Lessons		5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)
9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion		7:00 Congregational Council	6:00 Choir Rehearsal	7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)		
10:45 SCS/Confirmation Classes		7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion	6:30 Dance Lessons			
7:00 AA Big book meeting						
21 4th of Easter	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30 Choir Rehearsal		9:00 Flying Quilts		6:30 Dance Lessons		5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)
9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion		7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion	6:00 Choir Rehearsal	7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)		
10:45 SCS/Confirmation Classes			6:30 Dance Lessons			
7:00 AA Big book meeting			6:30 CCSS			
	<i>Messenger articles due today</i>					
28 5th of Easter	29	30				
8:30 Choir Rehearsal						
9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion		9:00 Flying Quilts				
10:45 SCS/Confirmation Classes		7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion				
4:00 Friends of Music GHS Chamber singers						
7:00 AA Big book meeting						

April 2024

Parish Education Committee Invites You to Join in Celebrating Another Year of Sunday School!

On **Sunday, May 19th**, we will join together to celebrate the completion of another year of learning at Holy Trinity! After worship that day, we will gather—either downstairs in Brath Hall, or, if it is ready, the new room off the administrative hallway that is being prepared for such events! (You may have noticed the re-styling progress in that room lately, and we are all looking forward to using the space for social gatherings. We do expect it to be ready in May.)

Join us as we recognize and thank all of our teachers, leaders and helpers (for both youth and adult classes), enjoy some refreshments, and socialize! **EVERYONE** is invited, whether you have participated in classes this year or not. Please plan to stay a little while after church for some fun & fellowship!

Thank you,

Kris Abraham,

Parish Education Chair



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

6	Laura Chesmer Gregory Hootman Nancy McLaughlin
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	31 years
Pastor Brenda Martin and John Myers	April 7, 2002	22 years
Mark and Jane McCall	April 19, 1986	38 years
Matthew and Courtney Logan	April 21, 2007	17 years
John and Darlene Ferguson	April 24, 1965	59 years
Larry and Cheryl Davern	April 28, 1979	45 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*.

John and Mary Moore
Faith Lutheran Church
Warner Robins, GA
Pastora Krystle Moraska



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, fruit or beans.** Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.

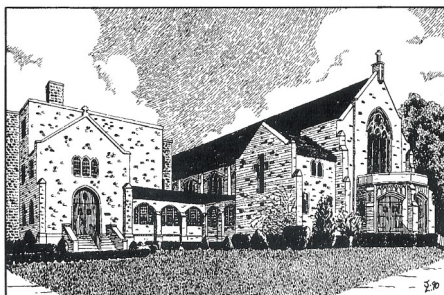
When Someone Is Hospitalized

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

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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