

APRIL, ANNO DOMINI 2021



Beloved in Christ, God's peace to you as the Church moves into Easter!

“Peace be with you!” Jesus spoke these life-giving words of blessing to His disciples three times when He appeared to them following His resurrection from the dead (John 20:19, 21, 26). ***“Peace to you!”*** (Luke 24:36). The Suffering Servant and Lord of Life achieved this for sinners through His suffering and death for us, as Isaiah prophesied: ***“He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by His wounds we are healed.”*** (Isaiah 53:5). How tragic that Judas Iscariot was not there to receive that blessing. Judas killed himself, for he couldn't make peace with what he'd done, betraying an innocent Jesus. Truly, ***“There is no peace,”*** says the LORD, ***“for the wicked”*** (Isaiah 48:22). Only that Righteous One, Jesus, brings the sinner peace with God and self. And Jesus gave the others that peace (***“My peace I give to you”*** John 14:27), freeing them from their sins. An old saying is true: ***“No God; no peace. Know God; know peace!”*** Jesus made Himself known to His followers once He'd risen from the dead. Jesus (*the LORD saves*) led them to great joy and peace as, believing, they received their Savior and living Lord.

Reconciling God with sinners, our Lord Jesus ***“Himself is our peace Who has made us one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility . . . , so making peace, and might reconcile us to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility”*** (see Ephesians 2:13-20). This Holy Week and throughout the upcoming Easter season, Jesus invites us sinners to come to Him. What we merit for our sins is never-ending torment separated from God. But in Christ, we have rather a life in and with God compliments of His Son, who came down from heaven to live a perfect life of obedience to God in our place, to suffer the full punishment our sins deserve, and to win us life and a share in His everlasting victory over sin, death and the evil one.




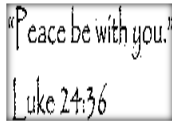
So, come; receive and live anew in sure joys of Easter and Jesus' victory over evil, sin and death shared with you! ***May the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen*** (Hebrews 13:20-21). God in Christ puts your past sin to death, yielding in you new life.

Christ is risen. He is living! Live in God's grace and love in Him, Pastor Kramp



St. John and Trinity Lutheran Parish Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro

- 3/28, 10:30 a.m. **Palm Sunday - Divine Service, Communion** 
- 4/02, 7:00 p.m. **Good Friday - Tenebrae Service** 
- 4/04, 10:30 a.m. **The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday
Divine Service, Setting One w/Communion** 
- 4/11, 10:30 a.m. **Second Sunday of Easter Service** 
- 4/18, 10:30 a.m. **Third Sunday of Easter Service**
- 4/25, 10:30 a.m. **Fourth Sunday of Easter Divine Service, Communion**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope

- 3/28, 8:30 a.m. **Palm Sunday - Divine Service, Communion** 
 - 4/01, 7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Service with Communion** 
 - 4/04, 8:30 a.m. **The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday
Festival Service with Holy Communion** 
 - 4/11, 8:30 a.m. **Second Sunday of Easter Service** 
 - 4/18, 8:30 a.m. **Third Sunday of Easter Service**
 - 4/25, 8:30 a.m. **Fourth Sunday of Easter Divine Service, Communion**
- A Timeline of the Week of Our Lord Jesus' Passion** – just some of what occurred.

Palm Sunday – A Massive crowd joyous welcomed Jesus with palms in hand and shouts of “hosanna” (*save we pray*). Children continued these shouts in the Temple courts.

Monday of Holy Week – Matthew 21, Mark 11 and Luke 19 tell of Jesus cleansing the Temple, driving out the moneychangers. John records Jesus rebuking the unbelief of many.

Tuesday of Holy Week – Matthew, Mark and Luke record Jesus confronted by the Temple leaders for His actions on Monday, and questioning His authority. Jesus taught extensively, using the Parables of the Vineyard (cf. Mt 21:33-46) and Wedding Banquet (cf. Mt. 22:1), teaching on paying taxes (cf. Mt 22:15), rebuking the Sadducees for denying the resurrection (cf. Mt. 22:23), and prophesying the destruction of the Temple and of Jerusalem (cf. Mt 24).

Wednesday of Holy Week – Traditionally called “*Spy Wednesday*,” this was the day Judas conspired with the Jewish leaders to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver (Mt. 26:14). Jesus spent the day in Bethany. Mary of Bethany anointed Him at evening with costly perfumed oil. Jesus rebuked an objecting Judas, saying Mary had anointed Him for His burial (Mt 26:6).



Holy Thursday, early in the day, Jesus instructed the disciples on how to prepare for Passover meal. Throughout the day they prepared (cf. Mt 26:17). At evening, Jesus ate Passover in the upper room with the Twelve. Amid this He instituted the Lord's Supper as His last will and testament. We also receive Jesus' Body and Blood for the remission of sins (cf. Mt 26:26). Jesus also washed His disciples feet (Jn 13:1), teaching His followers to likewise serve each other. After Supper, Jesus led them across the Kidron Valley to the Garden of Gethsemane. Once here, Jesus asked them to pray as He went on further to pray in anguish for release from drinking God's cup of wrath, yet asking the Father's will be done (Mt 26:36-45). At midnight Jesus was betrayed by Judas (Mt. 26:47-51). His disciples fled (Mt. 26:56) as Jesus was arrested and taken to the house of the high priest (Mt. 26:57).



Good Friday – Jesus was taken early morning before Pontius Pilate, who transferred the case to King Herod. Herod soon sent Him back to Pilate. By mid-morning, Pilate surrendered to the demands of the crowds, condemning Jesus to death by crucifixion. Soldiers led Jesus through the city and up the hillside of Golgotha. By noon He was nailed to the cross, hanging in agony for three hours. Jesus died about 3 p.m. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus soon took down His body and hastily placed it in a tomb before sundown. Judas tried to return the silver coins to the Jewish leaders, was rebuffed, and in anguish over his sin of betraying innocent blood, went out and hung himself. The other Eleven hid behind closed doors for fear of the Jews and, in despair, reflected on all that they had seen and heard.

Holy Saturday – His body in a tomb, Jesus descended in soul to hell to proclaim His victory over Satan and the forces of evil (cf. 1 Peter 3:18), their glee become agony of death hearing Him! Meanwhile, His disciples kept the Sabbath in sorrow, forgetting Jesus' pledge that He would rise. Let us not forget His word but usher in Easter's joy at Christ's resurrection with all the Church throughout the ages: **Jesus lives! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

St. John and Trinity on acebook

Check out our Parish Facebook page. Posts include church news, event listings, worship services from St. John, announcements, and occasional photos from church events. Spread the word and *like* St. John/Trinity Lutheran Parish's Facebook Page.

LWML NEWS



St. John LWML is collecting for the Hillsboro Food Pantry through the month of April. Items needed: coffee, mustard, ketchup, tuna, muffin mixes, pancake syrup, Hershey's syrup, cookie mixes, canned fruit, juice, paper products, and any other food item you would like to donate.

"BE STILL AND KNOW" – LWML Eastern Zone Spring Event is on **Sat, April 17**, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo. Bible Study will be presented by Rev. Allen Kramp, Zone Counselor. The featured speaker is Clarice Michel who will present ideas on prayer journaling. Everyone will get a prayer journal. Come to the west doors. Fellowship & refreshments is at 9 am. in Welcoming Hall. The main program is from 9:30 to 11:30 am. in the Celebration Center.

For the ingathering bring household and personal items for the Food Pantry, or monetary donations. Items needed: laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap, baby wipes, shampoo and conditioner, diapers esp. sizes 1 and 4, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, toilet paper and Kleenex. (NO toothbrushes please - they have lots)!

St John LWML meets on Saturday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us!



Calling all Youth in Grades 6 through 12!!!

St. John Lutheran Youth Fellowship restarted activities, meeting for pizza, games, and to discuss future activities. Watch for emails about coming events.

LOOKING AHEAD:

A National Higher Things Gathering is coming to NDSU June 29 – July 2.
The Theme: "FORGIVEN!" "I forgive you." The three most powerful words in the universe. They don't just change the universe for someone. They change someone's eternity. They change *your* eternity! This is a great opportunity to join youth from LCMS churches around the region for four days of worship, teaching, fellowship, and fun. More details to come. You can learn more at: higherthings.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @higherthings. E-mails about this event will soon be sent to our church households with youth.

St. John LWML is currently gathering the following items:

- Eyeglasses & cases
- Trial size toiletries
- tabs from cans
- UPC codes from Our Family products
- coke rewards points

Drop off is in the library at St. John. Pastor will collect from Trinity members.

The Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5) passed by the U.S. House of Representatives awaits action in the U.S. Senate. The Equality Act merits our attention and action, as some language in the bill overrides some religious protections. LCMS president Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison wrote, *“All Americans should enjoy equality and the protections of the U.S. Constitution. But in elevating sexual orientation to a protected class, the Equality Act will bring sweeping changes to current laws, to the great detriment of religious and constitutional freedoms of biblically faithful churches, institutions, Christian schools, and individuals.”* See his pastoral letter to our congregations, pastors and church workers, plus other informative links at: <https://blogs.lcms.org/2021/synod-president-releases-statement-on-pending-equality-act-legislation/>

When considering COVID-19 vaccines: It is a matter of Christian liberty to opt to be vaccinated or not, but one should know that in developing the / Johnson & Johnson vaccine, Jansen scientists made extensive use of aborted fetal tissue cells. Pfizer and Moderna’s vaccines did not.

St. John Voter’s Assembly met on March 21, approving a bid for a new roof in the amount of \$27,900 with an additional \$5,000 to cover any additional repairs. All pews will be open for worshippers, but people are encouraged to continue to social distance and to wear masks when in close proximity to others.

St. John Treasurer’s Report – Feb. 2021

General Fund	Feb.	YTD
Receipts	\$7,722.20	\$17,479.09
Expenses	\$9,684.79	\$18,148.34
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$1,962.59)	(\$669.25)

General Fund = \$13,687
Building Fund = \$58,441

St. John March Attendance

March 3	Midweek	29
March 7	Sunday	37
March 10	Midweek	28
March 14	Sunday	53
March 17	Midweek	24
March 21	Sunday	42
March 24	Midweek	22
March 28	Palm Sunday	50

Trinity Voter’s Assembly met on Thursday, March 25. It was decided to leave all pews open for worshippers. It is suggested that people wear masks when in close proximity to others outside your household.



Pick up your copy on the Narthex table at St. John or rear sanctuary table at Trinity. Grab one to give to a friend or neighbor.

The LWML accepts donations to help pay for the subscriptions. Envelopes provided on the table at St. John.

April Birthdays

- 2 Kaitlyn Buethner
- 4 Seth Mulder
- 8 Dietrich Schlichtmann
- 11 Ramsey Ludwig
- 12 Brian Bohnsack
- 12 Vicky Grothmann
- 12 Curtis Riemer
- 13 Piper Erstad
- 15 Elysia Gietzen
- 16 Paul Brown
- 16 Natalya Gietzen
- 16 Lisa Rotvold
- 20 Jim Ellingson
- 21 Tracie Aasen
- 22 Tessa Tovar
- 25 Graci Miller
- 26 Sharon Schlichtmann
- 29 Rob Oelrich
- 29 Jasmine Poitra
- 30 Kay Rotvold



Official Acts

Funeral at Trinity, Hope:

† Keith Marlin Flaten †

July 8, 1957 – March 15, 2021

Funeral: March 19, 2021

Main Street Living April Programming

April 4: Rev. Tom Eckstein, Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, presents “Trust God’s Word and Witnesses,” based on John 20:24-31. *This is the Life’s: “No Place to Hide,”* shows a pastor facing his wife’s death who cannot find comfort.

April 11: Rev. Sam Pitsch, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, preaches the message: “Those who Have Not Seen,” based on John 20:19. *This is the Life’s: “Dead End,”* is about a man who turns to drinking and another woman because of frustration with his life.

April 18: Rev. Steve Schulta, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, shares the message: “Open Minds, Open Mouths,” based on Luke 24:36-49. In *This is the Life’s: “The Main Event,”* a boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful eight-year old girl.

April 25: Rev. Tom Batchelder, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Evergreen Township, MN shares the message: “A Little While,” based on John 16:16-22. In *This is the Life’s: “The Prisoners,”* an elderly woman is attacked by a teenage gang.



Programs are broadcast at **9:00 am Central Time** on FOX TV station: KVRR Fargo-Moorhead.

Programs are also archived for viewing on their website www.mainstreetliving.com. Financial support is welcomed. Mail checks to Main Street Living North, 821 5th Ave S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate online.

**St. John & Trinity Lutheran Churches
PO Box 99, Hillsboro ND 58045**

Trinity, Hope: Sunday Worship, 8:30 am
Sunday School at 9:30 am

St. John, Hillsboro: Worship at 10:30 am
Sunday School at 9:15 am

Sunday Services live-streamed at 10:30 a.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro>

Special Services also live-streamed from St. John.

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We recognize the following for their purchase of an Easter Lily:

- *Paul & Kay Brown in memory of Kay's Father
- *Kathy & Don Hanson in memory of our son Todd Hanson
- *Pastor & Ginger Kramp in Honor of Our Lord's Resurrection
- *Wayne & Betty Manthey
- *Rachel Mulder in memory of Ron Mulder
- *Curtis & Stacey Riemer in memory of Family
- *Marjorie Riemer in memory of Family
- *Kay & Darrell Rotvold – Family
- *Richard Schlichtmann in memory of Dianne Schlichtmann
- *Sharon Schlichtmann in memory of Raymond Schlichtmann
- *Tessa Tovar & Douglas Blumer in memory of Roman Tovar & Dianne Schlichtmann

CHRIST RULES IN TRIUMPH!

