

TRINITY/ST. JOHN LUTHERAN PARISH, MAY, A.D. 2021



Beloved in Christ, God's peace be yours living out the Easter life!

With the Easter Season, we rejoice with all of Christendom in the good news that God's Son has conquered our dreadful foes: sin, death and Satan. Jesus is alive. He's risen from the dead! That's the greatest news ever given to creation! God confirms His word as true; new life and salvation are ours through His Son!

Though routed, wily Satan still tempts us to disregard our triumphant Savior/Lord. A check of worship attendance numbers for most churches on Easter Sunday versus the next Sunday reveals how quickly even Christians put other things above the Lord's worship and praise. The Second Sunday of Easter has even received an informal nickname to mark the phenomenon: "*low Sunday*."

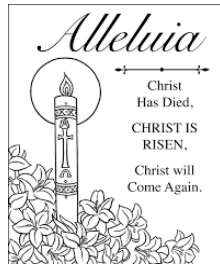
What changed? Do we only occasionally need the once dead (*because of us*) but now living (*for us*) Christ? Do we *not* need Jesus throughout our earthly sojourn? Does He *not* live to bring us God's grace and peace *every week as our very life*?

We must each examine our lives and give our own replies to such questions. I pray that our answers agree with Jesus' unchanging word in John, Chapter 10: "***I am the Good Shepherd. . . My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.***" Jesus further bore witness to the truth, saying: "**Whoever is of God hears the words of God**" (John 8:47). And so, to neglect the regular practice of hearing and following Jesus puts us at great risk. For Jesus warns in Matthew 7 that there will be many to whom He will declare: "***I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.***"

To avoid facing that awful reality, Jesus counsels us to keep hearing Him and, holding tight to Him in faith, to live as His disciples of old who, when the Lord of Life asked, "***Do you want to go away as well?***" replied in word and act with Peter, "***Lord, to whom shall we go? You (only) have the words of eternal life.***"

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

Jesus said, "***Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and put it into practice.***" Luke 11:28



St. John and Trinity Lutheran Parish May Worship Schedule:

St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro

- 5/02, 10:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Easter – RECEPTION, NEW MEMBERS Service of Prayer and Preaching**
- 5/09, 10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday of Easter – MOTHER’S DAY Divine Service, Setting One w/Holy Communion**
- 5/16, 10:30 a.m. Seventh Sunday of Easter – CONFIRMATION Divine Service, Setting One w/Holy Communion**
- 5/23, 10:30 a.m. Day of Pentecost – Divine Service, w/Communion**
- 5/30, 10:30 a.m. The Holy Trinity – Guest Preacher, Rev. Arie Bertsch Divine Service**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope

- 5/02, 8:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Easter - Divine Service**
- 5/09, 8:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday of Easter – MOTHER’S DAY Divine Service with Holy Communion**
- 5/16, 8:30 a.m. Seventh Sunday of Easter –Divine Service**
- 5/23, 8:30 a.m. Day of Pentecost – Divine Service w/Communion**
- 5/30, 8:30 a.m. The Holy Trinity – Guest Preacher, Rev. Arie Bertsch Divine Service / Fifth Sunday Mission Offering**



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

LWML NEWS

Four ladies from St John and two from Trinity attended the ND Eastern Zone Spring Event last month in Fargo. Our pastor, the new Zone Counselor, presented the Bible study. Fifty-two ladies attended, the largest group in years!

Check out the LWML card display in the dining room at St. John for Graduation, Confirmation, Birthday, Mother's Day, & Sympathy cards.

St John LWML meets on Saturday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us!



Summer Camp Registration at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is open. A full listing of camps, dates and details are on the shretreat.org website. Brochures are on the Narthex table at St. John, and on the rear table at Trinity. You can sign up either with a paper copy or online. Early bird registrations received before May 15 will get a \$15 discount.



Calling all Youth in Grades 8 through 12!!!

We are exploring a group from Trinity and St. John attending the next **LCMS National Youth Gathering on July 9-13, 2022 in Houston, TX.** From personal experience, I can tell you how inspiring it is to join over 20,000 Lutheran youth and adults in this mass event, with huge worship gatherings, servant events, and small group activities. This event is open to all high school youth and to those in Eighth Grade in the 2021-22 school year. College-aged youth and adults may attend as chaperones. Group Registration opens in October, so we need to decide this summer whether or not to go. To help defer costs, fundraising events would be a part of advance preparations, as would activities among all who'd attend. **INTERESTED?** **An informational meeting will be held in June.**

St. John April Attendance

April 4 th	65
April 11 th	29
April 18 th	61
April 25 th	53

Average worship attendance for the month = 52

St. John Treasurer's Report – March 2021

General Fund	March.	YTD	
Receipts	\$8,874.97	\$26,354.06	
Expenses	\$9,017.91	\$27,166.25	
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$142.94)	(\$812.19)	

St. John LWML is currently gathering the items below to aid the need:

- eyeglasses & cases
- tabs from cans
- coke rewards points
- trial size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion and toothpaste
- UPC codes from Our Family products.

St. John's members may drop off items in the library at St. John, using the designated white plastic drawers at the west (far) end wall. Trinity members may give the items listed to Pastor Kramp to take to St. John.



To be received on Sunday, May 2, as communicant members of St. John are Douglas Blumer, Rachel Hanson and Denise Sue

Poster. We praise and thank God for their confession of Jesus as Lord that His Holy Spirit has worked in each, and pray God would richly bless them in the fellowship of St. John congregation! Welcome! A brief reception with cake and drinks will be held in their honor after Service.



at St. John Lutheran Church is slated for Sunday, May 16, during our 10:30 a.m. Service.

Five eighth-grade confirmands, having received instruction in Luther's Small Catechism and God's Word, will confess as theirs the faith into which they were baptized: Aidric Gietzen, Carolyn Hall, Graci Miller, Mataya Pelton and Madison Sand. A reception with cake and drinks will be held in honor of the five after Service.



**Class of
2021**

We congratulate in advance these graduating High School Seniors:

Nathan Rage and **Calvin Salander**, who graduate in May from Hillsboro High School. Each will be pursuing post-secondary education. We join their families in thanking God for these young men and their achievements to this point, and in asking the Lord to bless them in their further classes and endeavors.



Pick up your copy of the April–June daily devotions from the Narthex table at St. John or the rear Sanctuary table at Trinity. Grab copies to share with friends or neighbors.

A Blood Drive is being sponsored by St. John on Monday, May 17, at the church. Donate the gift of blood if you can.

May Birthdays

- 4 Zachary Grothmann, Joshua Henn
- 6 Doug Johnson
- 7 Janee Brendemuhl, Wayne Manthey
- 9 Jane Hashbarger, Rev. Allen Kramp
- 11 Travis Bakken
- 12 Dale Grothmann
- 14 Kathryn Hanson
- 15 Elliot Rotvold
- 16 Rachel Meyer
- 18 Joel Hamre, Breckston Overby
- 19 Jalen Hashbarger, Sheila Jager
- 20 Kim Hashbarger
- 22 Judith Barton
- 22 Taylor Manthey
- 23 Kim McRitchie
- 25 Robert McLaughlin
- 28 Kathleen Ford
- 28 Rachel Mulder
- 28 Nancy DickHoff
- 29 Carolyn Hall
- 31 Axton Gietzen, 31 Kim Salander



High School Graduates

Nathan Rage, Calvin Salander



Main Street Living May Programming

May 2: **Rev. Nathanael Biberdorf**, Zion Lutheran Church, Browns Valley, MN, & Zion Lutheran Church, Claire City, SD, preaches on: **“True Vine Connection,”** based on John 15:1-8. *This is the Life’s episode is: “A Dream of His Own.”*

May 9: **Rev. Jared Nies**, of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Corliss Township (Rural Perham), MN, presents the message: **“Blood and Water = Forgiveness and Peace,”** based on 1 John 5:1-6. *“This is the Life’s” episode is: “A Will to Live.”*

May 16: **Rev. Chris Brademeyer**, St. John Lutheran Church, in Oakes, ND, preaches on: **“Endure in Christ,”** based on John 15:26-16:4. In *This is the Life’s: “Home Free.”* a family learns the real meaning of love and that it comes free.

May 23: **Rev. Jacob Wagner**, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Vergas, MN, presents the message: **“Living Life in the Spirit,”** based on Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21. In *This is the Life’s: “Man in the Middle.”* two men are left with a “secret” when one tells the other that he has terminal cancer.

May 30: **Rev. Brock Schmeling**, Peace, Barney, ND, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, ND, preaches the message: **“God in Trinity,”** based on John 3:1-17. *This is the Life presents: “Return Trip,”* a modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.



Programs air at **9:00 am (CT)** on FOX TV station: KVRR Fargo-Moorhead. Or view archived programs

on the 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.

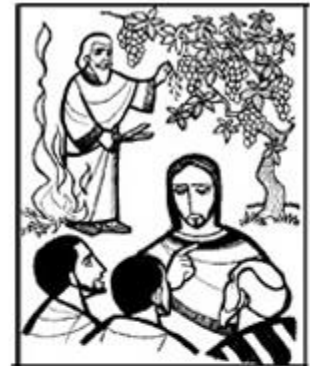
The Resurrection of Our Lord

Branches of the Vine Word Search

I Am the Vine

"I am the vine: you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.," John 15:5 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8



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TRUE	FRUIT	REMAIN	VINE	BEAR

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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*Whoever claims to abide in Him
must walk as Jesus walked.*

1 John 2:6