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Holy Week
Outdoor Worship–9:30 am
for
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Easter Sunday

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From the Pastor ...

April 2021

75th Anniversary of Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief began immediately after World War II, when 1 of every 5 Lutherans in the world were struggling after war destroyed large chunks of Europe. With many Lutherans in the United States still had family in Europe, there arose a quick response to help and LWR was born. Here is a link to a video celebrating its early days. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4oKvk CAjo>

What began as a relief organization, soon transitioned into other ministries. They saw that if we acted pro-actively in development, we could alleviate some problems before they became a catastrophe needing relief. LWR started with health kits, school kits, layettes, then they helped in digging wells, teaching better agricultural practices, and granting access to better health care and information, especially for women and children.

LWR didn't stop there, however. They saw that there was still work to be done to prevent disasters, while also giving hope to an ever-growing, more diverse and interconnected world. That is when LWR got involved with advocacy with the Coffee Project, of which Pastor Tim was instrumental in getting started.

In talking about advocacy, they used the old story, "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day; but if you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime," but then they added this question, "But what if the man has no access to the lake in order to fish, then what do we do?" They saw the "giving of a fish" was the relief part of LWR. They saw the "teaching how to fish" as the development part of LWR. The "ensuring access to fish" became the advocacy part of LWR. They saw that people in primarily northern climates (who drink a lot of coffee!) were exploiting people in southern climates (where coffee is grown) through unfair trade practices and hazardous working conditions. They partnered with Equal Exchange, a Fair Trade company, that guarantees prices for coffee, seeks to work with the farmers directly, and helps them provide a better product while also giving them voice over what to do with their profits. For example, by working with the farmers directly, their co-operatives were able to afford to build their own schools, keep their children in school, and keep the family unit together. (Because of poor wages, fathers often had to migrate to other areas to work to support their families. This caused a trickle-down effect which made the children leave school to work locally harvesting coffee.) LWR worked to raise awareness of where our food, clothing, and other goods come from. They wanted us to grow in our awareness of our global neighbors, so that we weren't hurting the same people (with our consumer dollars) that we were trying to help with our offering dollars.

LWR still does a lot of relief, development, and advocacy work. LWR has come a long way from simply being a relief organization, but behind all of it is our faith. We sincerely believe the gospel message: that in response to the forgiveness, mercy, and love of Christ, we are now free to love our neighbor. Love is more than saying, "I love you." Love means that we are to care for our neighbors' well-being and livelihoods, whether they are our next-door neighbors, the neighbors across town, or our neighbors on the other side of the world. We love our neighbors simply because our Lord does. They

do not have to be a Christian to receive our love. They do not have to be Lutheran to receive our love. They do not have to have the same color of skin, speak the same language, or have the same education level to receive our love. They do not have to be of the same gender or sexual orientation, have the same-size bank account, or anything else in order to receive our love. In God's economy, the only thing they need is need. If they have a need, and we have an abundance, we are called to use our abundance to fill the need. LWR - working with us and for us – does just that.

Let us celebrate the great gift of Lutheran World Relief - and the millions of lives they have touched through the gospel – that has been going strong now for 75 years. As we continue to support LWR and their global mission, may we be empowered to do relief work, development work, and advocacy work locally. It is Christ's mission through us who believe.



Worship for Holy Week

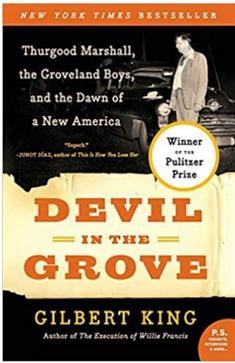
There will be **outdoor worship opportunities** for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We will gather at **9:30 am on each of those days**. While this is a challenging time for many who work, we are afraid that our parking lot could get to be too hot later in the day. We ask that you bring your lawn chairs, hats, sunglasses, and umbrellas to protect you from the sun.

Maundy Thursday – This is the day when we remember Christ's commandment that we 'love one another. 'Maundy' comes from the same word as "mandate" and "commandment." Christ showed his love for his disciples by humbling himself and serving them. While foot-washing is often a key component to this service, we will not be doing foot-washing due to the pandemic, the command is still there. We show our love for God by loving and serving our neighbors. There will still be confession with an individual absolution and Holy Communion (wafer only).

Good Friday – This is the day we recount Jesus' crucifixion. It is a solemn service, which has as its focus the bidding prayer and the procession of the cross. This year I will be focusing on "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Easter Sunday – This is the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. It promises to be full of joy as we sing, pray, listen, eat, and praise the gift of new life that comes to us every moment of every day! Invite others to join you!

The Sunday Study



The next book our Sunday Study group will tackle is *Devil in the Grove*, which was the winner of the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction.

(From its back cover)

Arguably the most important American lawyer of the twentieth century, Thurgood Marshall was on the verge of bringing the landmark suit *Brown v. Board of Education* before the U.S. Supreme Court when he became embroiled in a case that threatened to change the course of the civil rights movement and cost him his life.

In 1949, Florida's orange industry was booming, and citrus barons got rich on the backs of cheap Jim Crow labor with the help of Sheriff Willis V. McCall, who ruled Lake County with murderous resolve. When a white seventeen-year-old girl cried rape, McCall pursued four young blacks who dared envision a future for themselves beyond the groves. The Ku Klux Klan joined the hunt, hell-bent on lynching the men who came to be known as "the Groveland Boys."

Associates thought it was suicidal for Marshall to wade into the "Florida Terror," but the young lawyer would not shrink from the fight despite continuous death threats against him. Drawing on a wealth of never-before-published material, including the FBI's unredacted Groveland case files, as well as unprecedented access to the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund files, Gilbert King shines new light on this remarkable civil rights crusader.

We selected this book so that we could better understand racism, white supremacy, and the march of civil rights in our own state. It promises to be a great read with fruitful discussions! All are welcome to join us via Zoom at 11 am on Sundays. This study will begin on Sunday, April 11.

April 11: Prologue-Chapter 2, pages 1-32

1. Mink Slide
2. Sugar Hill

April 18: Chapter 3-5, pages 33-71

3. Get to Pushin'
4. Nigger in a Pit
5. Trouble Fixin' to Start

April 25: Chapter 6-8, pages 72-112

6. A Little *Bolita*
7. Wipe This Place Clean
8. A Christmas Card

May 2: Chapter 9-11, pages 113-177

9. Don't Shoot, White Man
10. Quite a Hose Wielder
11. Bad Egg

Join Zoom Meeting via computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81415640321>

Join Zoom Meeting via telephone

1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 814 1564 0321

Monday Morning Bible Study on Zoom at 11 am

Feel free to join us! (Zoom information is shown after the lessons)



Bible Studies for April

4/5 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 *The believers' common life*

Psalm 133 *How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)*

1 John 1:1--2:2 *Walking in the light*

John 20:19-31 *Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

4/12 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 *Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

Psalm 4 *The Lord does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

1 John 3:1-7 *The revealing of the children of God*

Luke 24:36b-48 *Eating with the risen Christ*

4/19 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 *Salvation in the name of Jesus*

Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

1 John 3:16-24 *Love in truth and action*

John 10:11-18 *Christ the shepherd*

4/26 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 *Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian*

Psalm 22:25-31 *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)*

1 John 4:7-21 *God's love perfected in love for one another*

John 15:1-8 *Christ the vine*

5/3 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48 *The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles*

Psalm 98 *Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)*

1 John 5:1-6 *The victory of faith*

John 15:9-17 *Christ the friend and lover*

Monday Bible Study Zoom information:

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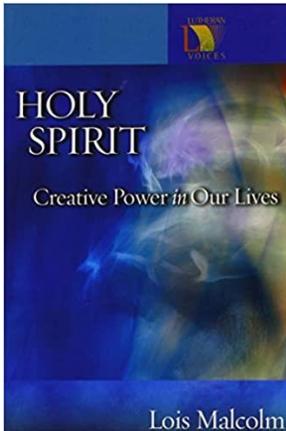
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SAVE THE DATES



Holy Spirit: Creative Power in Our Lives

Book Study and Discussion

Wednesday evenings in May (5, 12, 19, 26) at 6:45 pm via Zoom

Author, Seminary Professor, and Guest Speaker Dr. Lois Malcolm will be with us on May 25!

Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Spirit work in our lives as individuals, families, communities, and in the world at large? What would happen if we claimed the promise of our baptism - that the Spirit truly is with us, creating within our bodies the new life we have in Jesus Christ? Drawing on Scripture, Luther's writings, and contemporary theology, Dr. Lois Malcolm invites readers to experience the Spirit's creative life and power - precisely within the complexity of our everyday lives.

Join us as Dr. Malcolm engages us to think more deeply about the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

This is a joint event with Salem Lutheran Church in Orlando with their intern pastor, Deborah Gelerter.

You may purchase books online ahead of time to read on your own or join in the Zoom discussion anyway. All are welcome!

Holy Spirit Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting via computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89419945429>

Join Zoom Meeting via telephone

1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 894 1994 5429

April Birthdays



2	Artie Slack
5	Dave Faller
9	Rita Lipinski
10	Mary Mathews
23	Liz Slack
28	Jonathan Weinrich
30	Tyler Hickling
	Grace Kellermeier
	Tim Sherry

A NEW BIRTHDAY SONG

Using the tune KREMSER, *We Praise You, O God*

We celebrate with you the life that God gave you.

We thank him for letting us share in your joy.

God bless you and keep you and shine his light upon you.

With love we sing together happy birthday to you.

**“We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith,
heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace.”**

The guiding stance of *The Center for Congregational Song* of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

+ **Hymn Stories:** *Related Easter hymns: two siblings and three cousins!*

The Day of Resurrection (ELW 361) was written for Easter Day.

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (ELW 363) was written for the Sunday after Easter.

Both texts were written by John of Damascus (c. 675-696 to c. 749-780), a poet of the Greek Church and one of its major theologians and hymn writers. They are related to Exodus 15. From death to life, like Moses and the people going out from bondage to freedom, Christ brings us over and wins the victory. From sadness to triumphant gladness, Israel is loosed from Pharaoh's yoke as Christ bursts his prison. Earth tells out the gladness!

Christians, to the Paschal Victim (ELW 371) dates from medieval times and would have been sung between the epistle and gospel readings. It is an invitation to Christians to offer praises to the paschal victim who reconciles sinners to the Father and in dying wrestles with death and defeats it. Mary's visit to the tomb is recounted, followed by a short announcement of the resurrection and a prayer for mercy. The flowing plainsong melody may have come from 11th century German-speaking people and then became popular throughout Europe. It spawned German vernacular hymns like "Christ is arisen" (ELW 372). Luther used it as a model for his "Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands" (ELW 370).

Christ Is Arisen (ELW 372) is one of the oldest German hymns and both the text and tune are based on 371. It has a powerful rhythmic drive and was one of Martin Luther's favorites. At Wittenberg, one of the ways it was used was alternating stanzas of 371 and 372 between the epistle and gospel readings.

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (ELW 370) is Martin Luther's hymn, created from both 371 and 372. He loved 372 and "bettered" it by expanding the resurrection imagery in the text and adapting the melody into a congregational stanza structure so that the text could be repeated to the same music.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Cantate Domino!

Brian Larson

**Worship In the Home (WITH)
available on our Website**



**Outdoor Worship
Sundays 9:30 am**



Thank You!

Thank You Clean-up Crew!

On Saturday, March 13 a small, but faithful crew met to clear some of the larger pieces of brush from the woods in the back of the parking lot. Led by Joe Kellermeier and Gary Hopkins, the crew of Bob Horak, Chuck McCain, Larry Schaefer, Bev Swanson and Pastor Tim, raked, trimmed, cut and hauled the large pile of brush out to the edge of the parking lot where the city will come to pick up the debris. In only about 90-minutes the tasks were done for the day. It only goes to prove the old adage that 'many hands do make light work.' Thank you all!

Workday Planned at Trinity

We are planning another outdoor workday for **Saturday, April 17 from 9 am to noon**. Please plan on coming to help us clean up our property. If you cannot make it for the whole morning, then come for only an hour since every bit helps. If you have any questions please contact Gary Hopkins, Property Team Leader at 386-212-0999 or garyhopkins1951@gmail.com



Stewardship Message for April

During the month of April, we will focus on our intellectual well-being. Intellectual wellness encourages learning, exploring new ideas, developing a better understanding of how you see the relationship between yourself and other. Particularly at this time of continued pandemic and social distancing, there are ways to continue to stimulate our intellectual wellness.

- Read. Pick up a classic or the latest on the bestseller list, fiction or non-fiction. You may similarly enjoy audiobooks, downloadable from the public library.
- Journal. Write down your thoughts or stories from throughout your life. Consider sharing your legacy with your children and grandchildren in this way.
- Play brain games. Try Sudoku or a Crossword puzzle. Check www.lumosity.com for science-backed brain games.
- Experience the Fine Arts. COVID has brought the world closer by expanding our online repertoires.
- Attend a virtual lecture. Pick a topic of interest and search for online opportunities.
- Talk. Share ideas and experiences, especially new ones. Consider recruiting a friend to join you in sharing one or more of these intellectual wellness activities.

Each week, we have several opportunities to gather and develop our intellectual wellness. Consider joining together for Sunday Fellowship (10:30am), Sunday Study (11:00-12:00) and/or Monday Bible Study, all virtual through a Zoom link on the Trinity website www.trinitylutheransb.org

TRINITY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month	General Offering	Expenses	Difference Offering/Expense	General Fund Balance
February	\$20,939.95	\$26,203.35	(\$5,263.40)	
Year-To-Date	\$39,941.22	\$54,995.79	(\$15,054.57)	(\$42,002.45)

FEBRUARY 2021

- Though the General Offering in February was higher than in January, it was not enough to meet our February expenses. We continue to be concerned about the shortfall and our ability to cover expenses, but we are praying that the tide will turn as we emerge from the COVID pandemic.
- The General Offering income thru March 16th was \$10,966 which includes General Offerings, Lent, the Plate Offering and Thrivent Choice Dollars. Our spending plan estimate is a need for \$29,474.23 per month to cover all planned expenses.

GENERAL FUND BALANCE

- Yes, it does look pretty scary when we see a General Fund Balance of a negative \$42,002.45. However, once our Payroll Protection Plan loan is forgiven, this balance will be improved by \$27,741.37. If it had already been forgiven, the balance for February would have been a negative \$14,261.08. Feeling a bit better already!! Note that we are working on the processing of the loan forgiveness documentation and hope to have good news in the very near future.

2021 COMMITMENTS

- We have received 75 pledge commitments totaling \$186,144. Using past history as a guide, we anticipate an income of 1.5x the amount of the commitments which would be \$279,216. Our 2021 expense total is calculated to be \$353,689, a difference of \$74,473.

ON-LINE GIVING

- On-line giving is now available thru the church website: trinitylutherannsb.org.
- Please note that Trinity is assessed a fee when donations are made with a credit card. The fee varies depending on the credit card used and the amount of the donation. You may wish to add 3% - 5% to your donation to cover this cost when using a credit card.
- When on-line donations are made with a check or debit card, Trinity is not assessed a fee.

AMAZON SMILE

- Please remember that anything ordered on Amazon Smile with Trinity as the designated charity earns .05% for us. Simply start your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2332805 to confirm "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church" as your charity of choice, and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our organization.
- For more information, please email Paula Bernbaum at nsbide@aol.com

QUESTIONS? If you have questions or concerns about our budget and finances, please call or email Paula Bernbaum. 386-405-6668 or nsbide@aol.com

Psalm 27:1

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear. The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid."

TRINITY COLUMBARIUM



COLUMBARIUM NICHE SUBSCRIPTION FEE

MEMBER: \$2000.00

NON-MEMBER \$3000.00

Includes one niche which will hold two urns, a faceplate (to covers the niche) that is engraved with name of deceased, plus year of birth and death.

APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Contact one of the following:

- Marilyn O'Connor (386-402-4304)
- Jean Haughwout (386-478-9650)
- Church Office (386-428-4307)

A Prayer of Shelter and Shadow

-- It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.

-- It is in the shadow of each other that the people live.

We know that sometimes we are alone, and sometimes we are in community.

Sometimes we are in shadow, and sometimes we are surrounded by shelter.

Sometimes we feel like exiles –in our land, in our languages and in our bodies.

And sometimes we feel surrounded by welcome.

As we seek to be human together, may we share the things that do not fade:

generosity, truth-telling, silence, respect and love.

And may the power we share be for the good of all.

We honour God, the source of this rich life. And we honour each other, story-full and lovely.

Whether in our shadow or in our shelter, may we live well and fully with each other. Amen.

Pádraig Ó Tuama (Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community)

Submitted by Grethen Marz
