

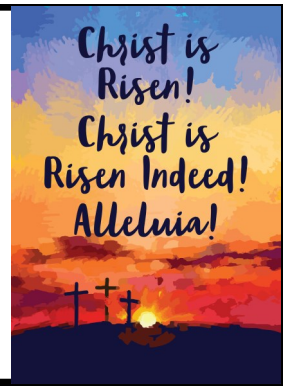
The Trinity Trumpet

April 2021

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The Palms

The Gospel Lesson for Palm Sunday tells about the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Some of the multitude gathered about him "cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road" Matthew 21:8. Because these branches were from the palm trees, the church year commemorating this event was named *dominica palmarum*, or the feast of palm leaves, and the day became known popularly as Palm Sunday.

The palm tree was important in Palestine at this time. It was the date palm, and was a source of valuable food. One tree might bear a cluster of 200 dates, and a tree often continued to bear fruit for 200 years. The trees rose gracefully to heights of from 50 to 90 feet. Incisions were made at the top of the trunk and the sap flowing from this would yield as much as 20 gallons of wine in a month. The deep green leaves, from 9 to 12 feet long, were used to make mats and baskets. Cordage was made from the stalks. The leaves produced welcome shade and were often used for thatching house roofs. The tree trunks were useful as lumber.

It is natural that such an upright, green, fruitful and imposing tree should become a source of symbolism. The Psalmist wrote: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree" (92:12). It was carved on the doors and walls of the temple (1 Kings 6:29). Its leaves were used as symbols of rejoicing at the Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:40). It stood for the qualities of constancy, gracefulness, righteousness, and usefulness. But it came to be regarded especially as a symbol of victory and triumph.

It was in accordance with custom, then, that the people carried palm leaves in honor of Jesus when he entered Jerusalem. They meant to salute him as a king proceeding to his coronation. The palms were emblems of his triumph and the people's joy.

The writer of the book of revelation in his vision sees the palm as the symbol of ultimate triumph for the Christian. The redeemed will "stand before the throne and before the lamb clothed in white robes with palms in their hands" (7:9). May Palm Sunday, remind us of Christ's triumph over sin on our behalf, and of our blessed condition as believers in Him!

Together in Christ!

Pr. Eric

An Invitation to Serious Faith

I will strive to...

PRAY daily
WORSHIP weekly
READ the Bible
SERVE at and beyond Trinity
 Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage spiritual growth in others
GIVE of my time, talents & resources

Trinity Lutheran Church



Focusing on the **CROSS**.
 Following Christ's **LOVE**.

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Thursday, April 1 — Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m. Worship
Friday, April 2 — Good Friday, 6 p.m. Worship
Sunday, April 4 — Easter, 7 a.m. Sunrise Worship, 10:15 a.m. Worship
 No Sunday School/No Breakfast



We need your help! Adult and older school aged teen volunteers are needed for VBS week! Due to Covid, Ingham Okoboji (our camp leaders) have limited their team sizes to up to 4 total staff. Normally, we host approximately 10 counselors! So as you can see, we could really use your help this year! We will be pre-registering kids this year. The link for registration will go out on Facebook on April 1st. Please get your kiddo's signed up ASAP. There will also be a link for volunteers to sign up as well! If we have to cut back on the number of kids who can attend, we will go off of this pre-registration list on a first come first serve basis. Hopefully though, we'll have enough volunteer leaders to match the number of kids able to join us! We're looking forward to a great week of fellowship and fun with our day campers!

June 28th—July 1st

Upcoming Dates

Saturday, March 27th— Afternoon movie at the Phoenix in Neola. Starts at 2 p.m.. We will watch the already voted upon "I Still Believe."

Sunday, April 11th— 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 24th—Activity and time to be determined.



Church Council

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**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
02/28	115	10,943.00
03/07	125	3574.47
03/14	95	2383.00
03/21	101	3547.00

Please do your part to respect the guidelines and to be respectful of our neighbors and the diversity of opinions on the guidelines while in church. Please enter for worship thru the West doors. Please note that those doors will open only 10 minutes prior to service. You are encouraged to find your seat promptly upon entering. Also upon entering the sanctuary, you will see hand sanitizer and masks for your use. Wearing of masks continues to be highly encouraged. Pews have been marked every other pew for use. Families are asked to sit together. After service concludes, please be patient upon exiting to give others space to exit and exit thru the North door. Please maintain 6 feet of distancing as each situation allows.

April/May Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday, April 3, 5:00 p.m.	Easter Sunday, April 4, 7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday, April 4, 10:15
Scriptures & Prayer	Roger Nelson	Dora Rock	Deb Meissner
Acolytes	N/A	Kaden Jorgensen	Emma Blotzer
		Sunday, April 11, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday, April 11, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer		Peggy Osbahr	Amanda Holst
Acolytes		Tucker Osbahr	Makenna Paulsen
	Saturday, April 17, 5:00p.m.	Sunday, April 18, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday, April 18, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer	Dorothy Nelsen	Nancy Kelly	Amber Johnson
Acolytes	N/A	Collin Harder	Ella Johnson
		Sunday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday, April 25, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer		Greg Petersen	Travis Lane
Acolytes		Tyson Osbahr	Charlie Lane
	Saturday, May 1, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday, May 2, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer	Dick Brown	Nancy Collins	Robb Jacobsen
Acolytes	N/A	Ava Paulsen	Zach Nielsen

Please note: If you are down to read and do not wish to do so at this time-please do not hesitate to let Sue know.

If you are sick or experiencing any symptoms of COIVD- Please STAY HOME!



Jerry & Joyce Mez– Given In Memory of Edward, Alberta, and Robert Schmid; Max, Wilma, & Ronnie Mez

Jerod & Amber Johnson Family– Given In Memory of Jackson W. Johnson

Alan & Suzette Blakestad– Given In Memory of Ethan Tyler Holst

Dick Brown– Given In Memory of Sandy Brown and LuAnn Brown Mead

Darlene Eggers– Given In Memory of Ken Eggers

Don & Dorothy Nelsen– Given In Memory of Teresa Kardell

Gary & Kathy Soetmelk Family– Given In Memory of loved ones and In Memory of people who have died from Covid

Peggy Osbahr– Given In Memory of Mom, Beulah Strong, and Dad, Oscar Wiemann

Chris & Wendy Dierking– Given In Memory of loved ones

Henry & Sue Paulsen Family– Given in Memory of Cheryl Haynes and Jason Woodward

Ginny Lamp– Given In Memory of loved ones

Kris McCarthy– Given In Memory of Meighan McCarthy Johansen & Ayzlee McCarthy

April 01	Jorden	Johnson
April 01	DeLores	Krummel
April 02	Linda	Feekes
April 02	Kathy	Jacobsen
April 03	Dean	Schuelman
April 04	Connie	Schroder
April 05	Melissa	Christian
April 06	James A.	Johnson
April 06	Barbara	Lynch
April 06	Blakely	Maassen
April 06	Maelie	Madden
April 06	Sally	Matthies
April 07	Makenzie	Whyte
April 08	Baylee	Meyers
April 10	Trevor	Coon
April 11	Nancy	Kelly
April 11	Rylinn	Madden
April 11	Kyle	Rock
April 11	Traci	TRUE
April 12	Katherine	Roush
April 13	Reva	Bylund
April 13	Mark	Gress
April 13	Abbie	Willett
April 15	Emma	Blotzer
April 15	Milton	Hanson
April 15	Christian	Jorgensen
April 15	Roman	Scheffler
April 16	Leslie	Nielsen
April 18	Cody	McCreedy
April 18	Nancy	Mohr
April 19	Bella	Lamp
April 19	Kamryn	Tooley
April 20	Ronda	Holst
April 21	Harleigh	Brockhoff
April 21	Lucy	Krohn
April 22	Hugo	Dittmer
April 22	Roger	Kubik
April 23	Cristin	Rold
April 23	Talon	Stevens
April 24	Shela	Jacobsen
April 26	Ross	Pattee
April 26	Harley	Spencer
April 27	Lisa	Willett
April 28	Lacey	Brockhoff
April 28	Karen	Dittmer
April 28	Heather	Smith
April 28	Nicole	Tiarks
April 30	Tenley	Pattee
April 30	Katelin	Schroder



This is like an egg as it is a beginning!

If it does not hatch then little is lost.

The TLC library is under new management

(temporary). Yes temporary; if there is no interest in the books in our (I stress the word "our") library then the old friends can gather dust, keeping all the wonderful secrets locked within their covers. No one will trouble them.

A very deep thanks go to the dedication of past volunteers who managed the library. The book arrangement is great and that only comes from hard work.

Just remember a book is more intimate than a computer screen. It will not strain the eyes like the screen. There are no interruptions in streaming. You enter a book and it captivates you while the computer screen just glares back at you. Hi-Tec is good but so are books.

You do not need a password; all you need is your imagination. So give it a try. Hope to see you soon. Soon will probably be about two months.

Just an aside: When I was eight my Father died. A year or so after his death we moved from a very small town to Milbank, South Dakota. I was all alone and one day I was exploring when I saw this brick building and it had a sign with the words Carnegie Library. I went in and there were rows and rows of books, lots of windows with sunlight and dust specs shimmering in the light. There was an aroma from rubbed oil on the floor and the scent of leather from some of the books. The aroma was captivating and the lighting from the windows was perfect in this quiet place. I thought I might see my Father there because this must be heaven.

The library worker.

Submitted by Milt Hanson

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2021

In Attendance: Pastor Eric, Kathy Soetmelk, Dale Krohn, Alan Blakestad, Mike Jorgensen, Ron Winters, Beth Buboltz, Sue Paulsen and Shela Jacobsen. Absent: Leanne McCarthy and Larry Chapman

A call to order was made by Kathy. She opened the meeting with a prayer and silent centering Thank You cards were written to show our appreciation for good deeds to: Jerry Conroy for ordering and helping replace all the lightbulbs in the Sanctuary.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Jorgensen and seconded by Ron Winter. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Mike Jorgensen and seconded by Alan Blakestad. Motion carried.

Shela gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to approve the report by Ron Winters and seconded by Dale Krohn. Motion carried.

Pastor gave his monthly report. He asked if we were aware of anyone sick or in the hospital. Upcoming events are: Host Midweek Lenten Service March 17, Palm Sunday & First Communion March 28, Maundy Thursday April 1, Good Friday April 2 & Easter April 4 with a 7am and 10:15 service. No breakfast will be served this year due to Covid. Pastor also report that Milt Hanson has agreed to be the Church Librarian. Milt asked if he could add other cultures books to the library for anyone interested in them such as Book of Mormons, the Koran and such. It was discussed and Pastor will keep these books in his office for anyone interested as he would like to explain the differences between these religions/beliefs and Lutherans (Christians).

Sue provided the group with the Director of Ministry in Daily Life report. LYO met for lunch on Feb 14 and made crosses and had a discussion on "What the cross means to us". 10 were in attendance. March 5th they had plans to go skiing at Mt Crescent but due to Nice weather, it was cancelled as there was not enough snow left! On March 27th, LYO will be attending a movie at The Phoenix in Neola together.

Church Council Reports: Finance: Mike Jorgensen reported that everything is running smoothly
Worship: no report at this time

Property Management: Dale Krohn reported he, Jerry Conroy, Dean Krohn & Adam Krohn have been working to change every lightbulb in the Sanctuary. He also took down the Basketball backboard in the parking lot due to it being broken. He has an old one he will replace it with.

Education: Beth Buboltz reported that Sunday School is going well. They might look into having other "Generations" help with Sunday School each Sunday. Right now, it's mostly the moms but thought other family members might be interested in helping.

Outreach: Alan has started contacting other organizations in Avoca that help people of our community such as Meals on Wheels to see where we may be able to help them out. Trinity already has volunteers that help out with delivering meals for a 2-month time span but more volunteers are always needed. He will be continuing on this journey asking if we can help with other organizations also. He and his wife also started sending out encouraging notes and have sent them to 22 youths at this time! Stewardship: no report at this time.

Old Business discussed: Sue reported she talked with Sarah Koch at the school about us wanting to donate to them to purchase TV trays for school lunches to separate the kids more, but she has not heard back from Sarah on this yet

New Business discussed: the Salem Lutheran Home annual meeting is on Sunday March 28 at 2pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan for those attending from our church

Membership changes: Deaths & Funerals: Rogena Schmidt DOD: 9/8/2020 – Funeral to be held 3/27/21
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ron Winters and seconded by Alan Blakestad. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted by Shela Jacobsen – Treasurer (for LeAnne McCarthy – Secretary)

Next Meeting will April 13, 2021

TRINITY'S FIVE & DIME



Welcome to "Trinity's Five & Dime". This section is dedicated to stories, experiences, and devotionals where together we can share God's spiritual candy. Glory be to God for the opportunity to share with you some thoughts, experiences, and scripture regarding our everyday lives. Praise and glory to God for his never changing word, faithful love, and countless blessings. May his life-giving word nourish us and strengthen us as we strive to fulfill the purposes, He has for us. Amen.

Neil Paulsen

Glory to God for the countless blessings, mercy, and grace that He continuously showers upon us, and for sending his Son to rescue us from ourselves and the chains of this broken world. Amen.



Love On The Cross (Part 1)

Recently, as I had been scrolling through Facebook, I noticed a post with a picture of Jesus on the cross. And the caption was, "Nails did not hold Jesus on the cross, love did." And since we are approaching Easter Sunday, I thought it would be a good topic for this story of TLC's Five and Dime. I started to think about how an incredible love it is, and how it was displayed on that Good Friday. Along with that thought, I recalled a recent lesson that we worked on in confirmation about a month ago. We've been studying various parts of the New Testament this year, and on the subject to Jesus, we discussed the four different types of love. The four types of love are: Storge, Philia, Eros, and Agape; and are explained in part by the assistance of an article by C.S. Lewis published in 1960.

Storge is described as affection, and affection covers an array of loves. Like animals, the care of mother to babe is a picture of affection. It relies on the expected and the familiar. C.S. Lewis describes it as humble, and goes on to say that affection can sit alongside other loves and often does. It's the familiarity of, "the people with whom you are thrown together in the family, the college, the mess, the ship, the religious house," says Lewis. The affection for the people always around us, in the normal day-to-day of life, is the majority of the love we experience, even if we don't label it.

Philia is described as friendship, and is probably best recognized in the name of Philadelphia, known as the "City of Brotherly-Love". "To the Ancients, Friendship seemed the happiest and most fully human of all loves," says Lewis, "the crown of life and the school of virtue. The modern world, in comparison, ignores it." However, Lewis thinks friendship likely has closest resemblance to Heaven where we will be intertwined in our relationships. We develop a kinship over something in common and that longing for camaraderie makes friendship all the more wanted.

Eros, described as romantic, between significant other and spouses. The danger in romantic love is to follow blindly after a feeling of passion. Then, we celebrate the passion and think its absence means such love has died. Certainly, true romance is not so fickle. "The event of falling in love is of such a nature that we are right to reject as intolerable the idea that it should be transitory," says Lewis. "In one high bound it has overleaped the massive wall of our selfhood; it has made appetite itself altruistic, tossed personal happiness aside as a triviality and planted the interests of another in the center of our being. It is an image, a foretaste, of what we must become to all if Love Himself rules in us without a rival." There's a reason Scripture teaches this bond of man and woman, from Genesis onward, is the picture of God's love for the world, Christ for his bride, the church. When we discover afresh that romance is more deeply set than the drivel served up by our culture, than we will more rightly hold our spouse in the model of unconditional love.

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Worship	2 Pastor's Day Off 6 p.m.— Good Fri- day Worship	3 5 p.m. Worship
4 EASTER 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship	5	6	7 6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	8 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	9 Pastor's Day Off	10
11 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School	12	13 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	14 6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 8 p.m. Council Meeting	15 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	16 Pastor's Day Off	17 5 p.m.— Worship
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Worship Services

1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m & 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service.

Sunday School during the 10:15 a.m. worship service.