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*Those Serving our Congregation in May 2020*

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**Altar Guild**

Ruth Reetz  
Donita Tressner

**Ushers**

Norman Feltmann  
Paul Hedgcorth  
Scott Hedgcorth  
Fred Schwab

**Elder on Duty**

Del Weinhold

**Trustee on Duty**

Tom Pepper

**Communion Assistants**

Jason England

**Sunday**

**Counting Team**

5-3-2020 Terri Schmitt  
Charlotte Dole & Jan Faskell  
5-10-2020 Kathy Huchison  
Donna Mullins  
5-17-2020 Del Weinhold  
Donita Tressner & Jan Schmidt  
5-24-2020 Stan & Sue Cook  
Kathy Wahlstrom  
5-31-2020 Charlotte Dole  
Louis Poth

**Liturgical Color**

White  
White  
White  
White  
Red

**Acolytes**

Oliver Raum  
William Raum  
Brandon Schaupt  
Ethan Schaupt  
Logan Schaupt  
Gavin Ship  
Ethan Ship  
T.J. Jerrel  
Cheyenne Primo  
Victoria Shipp

# Trinity Times

## May, 2020

### ***Mission Statement***

**To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the Sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers and unbelievers**

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In my life, I've turned on the news and seen earthquakes in Asia, volcanoes in various parts of the globe, riots in cities, wars in just about every terrain imaginable. I've seen the phones in my family go from cords to cordless to cellular to "smart." I watched the Berlin Wall come down on the TV...

And I haven't lived that long, in the grand scheme of things. Even so, typically, it seemed that once a month... certainly a couple of times per year... I would see something that widened my eyes and made me think "Have I ever *seen* anything like this...?" And the reality is that two facts are true: each tragedy is different...*and* we live in a world filled with all the *same* tragedies over and over.

But whether a certain season shocks you to the core and drops your head... or simply causes you to *shake* your head and think "...why am I not surprised..." Jesus' instruction is still the same. And it seems strange: "*Lift up your heads.*" Specifically, from Luke 21, "Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Now it can be easy to see plagues, pandemics, and wars and go right to the Apocalypse... and, to be fair, one of these days, it's going to be the *Last* day. That's the Day when our crucified, risen, and ascended Savior *returns*. And there have been believers in *every* generation who were convinced that their generation would be the last one.

Regardless of *when* he chooses to return, I believe Jesus was speaking here to Christians of *all* generations. Because it fits very well with what we are told in Romans: "For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now."

And the groanings continue.

And our redemption is drawing near...  
and nearer every day.

So we believers take all such events  
as reminders of two things:

1. Our call, which is to show Jesus' love to those around us. And,
2. Our Savior, who *is returning* one day to set everything right.

Regardless of the date, every day which passes *must* bring us closer to the Last Day. This means that each groaning of Creation (whether big or small) is a call to do what we can, as best we can. And it's a call, when we are tempted to despair, to remember the Day when *every* cry will be answered. In the middle of the struggle, we take a breath. In the midst of the noise of battle all around us, take a few moments with me as:

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth...  
...The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore  
(Psalm 121:1-2, 7-8).

Throughout all of this upheaval, our Savior is with us as we show his love and care. And one of these days... all of this upheaval... is going to be our Savior coming back...

Rev. Jeremy May



### **Our Mighty Mites**

**April - \$100 St. Vincent, Park Hills  
May – Missouri District**

**“Serve the Lord with Gladness”**

**Ps. 100:2**



### **News from the Mission Field**

Update on Missionary Sue

Sue, our missionary in SE Asia is attempting to return to the USA for a furlough. However, countries keep closing their airports making it difficult to get where you need to go. Presently, she may be going to Malaysia mid May, and hopefully flights will open up for her by June. Please pray for her work, which she continues to do remotely, and also for her safe return. There is an old photo of her posted on the LWMO bulletin board at church. Her advice to us during these troubling times is to use this as an opportunity to point people to Jesus as our only true hope, comfort, and Savior!

from Barb Weinhold





## Our Thanks to Trinity Hand bell Choir

We thank our Trinity Hand Bell choir for previously introducing Hymn LSB 466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" to the congregation. This hymn was used in our service on Sunday, April 26. The music is Tanzanian and adds an interesting rhythm to the tune. The text is by Bernard Kyamanywa who was born in 1938, and it was translated by Howard S. Olson, 1922-2010. It is very sing-able and really tells the Easter story!

Here are the words for your learning

### "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;

And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here. See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there." Refrain

4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

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Linda Dickens	5-2
Scott Hedgorth	5-3
Thomas Pepper	5-4
Tennille Montgomery	5-4
Carol Egger	5-4

Nicholas Jones	5-5
Daniel Eaton	5-9
Shelia Downs	5-11
Norman Feltmann	5-12
Chris Nelson	5-13
Tyler Laplant	5-15
Jade Schmidt	5-18
Alesha Sikes	5-24
Gail Goodman	5-27
Justin Miller	5-28
Lucas Whitehead	5-29
Jase Wadlow	5-30
Rita Francis	5-31

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*Mark and Sue Yates*  
5-9

*Doug and Karen Beck*  
5-14

*Irv and Teresa Rudasill*  
5-15

*Corey and Brandy Jones*  
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*Walter and Lisa Major*  
5-21

*Jon and Meg Daniels*  
5-22

*Gary and Gladys Naeger*  
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*Perry and Candy Mannisi*  
5-25

*Scott and Mary Storz*  
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## STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

### **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” (John 13:15) We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God – that job’s already done!

But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow Jesus’ example of generous giving. And this is not merely an example alone. It’s also our Lord’s command. “The one who contributes, (let him give) in generosity.” (Rom. 12:8)

So, when we give to help others who are in need, and when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. So, we should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought, but according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world.

So, when it comes to our offerings to the Lord, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability – and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3) – we can and should give a

generous portion of the income that God provides us to honor the Lord.

So also, we should give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. Nor do we give grudgingly. We should give freely and cheerfully because we want to out of thanksgiving. "Each as he purposes in his heart," as the Lord says. (2 Cor. 9:7) There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us.

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of love – love for Him and for our neighbor. Genuine love is always love in deed (1 John 3:18), love such as Jesus showed us all. It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we give for a good purpose to thank the Lord and support His gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously for the service of God's gospel purposes, to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle. For that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly – so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving. (Ex. 36:5-6)

In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord's work of bestowing His gifts of forgiveness, life, and

salvation in our congregations through the preaching and teaching of His Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. We should support the Lord's work of caring for those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.



### April Church Statistics

Date	Inside	In Cars
4-5	10	25
4-7	9	0
4-9	10	2
4-10	8	13
4-12	7	49
4-19	7	32
4-26	9	40

### April Offerings Overview

Envelope Offerings:	\$6,931.00
E-giving Offerings:	\$2,765.00
Total Offerings:	\$9,696.00
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$11,412.51
Budget needs not met:	(\$1,716.51)

