



# Trinity Trumpeter



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### When the Diagnosis Doesn't Look Good

"...I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my Hands..." Isaiah 49:15b, 16a

Somehow, it just doesn't have the impact until you're the one facing the probable diagnosis of a serious or terminal illness. You run the course of your life... plan your plans... set your goals... perform each day's routines...and then, it happens...as it has now. The situation doesn't look good.

And nobody can crawl inside your skin and understand what you're feeling. Not really. Oh, your loved ones hurt and ache because they love you. But, still, it's you and you alone...your body...your mind...that's been invaded.

And the questions: "Why me?" Why now? Did I do something to deserve this? Does God understand? Does God love me?"

It's quite a reality check, isn't it? The truth swirls through every fiber of your being. "I'm not going to live her, forever. This could be the beginning of the end." Although we all realize we are going to die, the reality of a prolonged illness - possibly death -- as you are facing this moment, is shocking and repulsive!

In the Book of Isaiah, the forty-ninth chapter, we are given a lament by God's people because of what they had to endure. "But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.'" (Is. 49:14).

And look at God's response for His people...for all times: "~Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands..." (Is 49:15,16a).

Quite a truth, isn't it? Think of something engraved --scarred -- into the palms of your hands. It's always there! You always feel it! You can't let go of it! It's in your grasp! It's part of you!

Dear friends, that's exactly where you are with God through faith in Jesus Christ this very moment of your life. **YOU ARE ENGRAVED ON THE PALMS OF GOD'S HANDS.** He's always there. He holds you dear to him. He can't and won't let go of you. You are in His grasp. You are part of Him.

And if you are thinking that, possibly, God is angry with you because of your sinfulness or that your less than perfect life has caught up with you, then you would do well to remember: Jesus willingly went to Calvary to bear ALL the punishment for ALL of your sin. "As far as the east is from the west, so far had He removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for He KNOWS how we are formed, HE REMEMBERS that we are dust." (Psalm 103:12-14 NIV).

And Paul writes, "Therefore, **THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION** for those in Christ Jesus..." (Rom. 8:1 NIV).

"But what about tomorrow?" you ask. "What about the unknowns yet to come in whatever process of suffering, or healing, I have to face?"

Do you remember what Jesus said about a sparrow falling to the ground? "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Matt. 10:29-30 NIV)

Wonderful thoughts, wouldn't you agree? If the Lord doesn't allow a sparrow to fall to the ground apart from His will, then you can be sure that all your tomorrows and whatever trials and suffering you face will be in accordance with His good and gracious will for your life -- earthly and eternal! Besides, "the very hairs of your head are ALL numbered." He already knows the details of your life.

Of Course, you don't know the unknowns. But God does, and His promise is yours: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Heb. 13:5b).

And there's something else. It's what we might call THE BIG PICTURE. Those bought with the blood of Christ are, finally, not to set their hearts and minds on this world. Paul writes, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. (That is to say, who you really are and what you really are will fully be revealed in eternity!) When Christ, WHO IS YOUR LIFE, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." (Col. 3:14).

Isn't that amazing? Those raised with Christ don't even belong to this world. And the truth is, God so very often uses the trials and sufferings of life to focus, sharpen, and re-focus our gaze on the joyous eternity that Jesus won for us at Calvary and the empty tomb.

That's why Peter writes these glorious and heart lifting words: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us a new birth into A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade -- KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU... In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had TO SUFFER GRIEF IN ALL KINDS OF TRIALS. These have come so that your faith...may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. though you have not seen Him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, FOR YOU ARE RECEIVING THE GOAL OF YOUR FAITH, THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS." (II Peter 1:3-9).

Indeed, no-one can fully understand the isolation, fear, conflict, and anger you might be feeling right now as the result of this trial that has come into your life. No-one understands...except Him who made you and, for the sake of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, loves you with an everlasting love: Your Father in Heaven.

It is the Lord's hand that is working in your life. Engraved on His palms, he will carry you through this difficult time. With confidence you can declare with David, "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Psalm 123:16).

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Kohnke*



**Monday Night: A Study on the *Criminals of the Bible* - Monday Evenings @ 7:00 P.M. will be on hold through the Lenten season.**

**The *Criminals Bible* study will resume April 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday Morning Bible study continues with Old Testament stories with Pastor Holtzen. 9-9:45am!**

## Our Mission Dollars at Work

Our April \$500 donation goes to support Lutheran World Mission. Their three areas of concentration are Missions, Grants and Charitable Giving.

For Missions, they have four main goals: to share God's message of Grace through Faith in Christ Jesus; to support missions locally, nationally and globally; to provide education about charitable giving; and to provide philanthropy and grant services to assist with disaster relief.



For Grants: to provide grants to new missions and ministry opportunities locally, nationally and internationally.

For Charitable Giving: to assist Missions and individuals with creating a charitable foundation to create lasting legacy endowments.



**Ladies Aide Report:** meeting is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month in the church basement at 1:30 p.m. They would love to have some new members.

**Sunday Circle group:** Meets the first Sunday of every month after church and are always looking for new members to join the group.

**Over the Counter Medicine:** 11 Containers Cold Medicine, 2 Containers Child Cold Medicine 3 Containers Hand Sanitizer, 5 Tubes Neosporin, 12 pkgs. Cough Drops, 3 Containers Laxatives, 1 Tube Muscle Rub, 1 Tube Anti-Itch Cream, 3 Containers Dental Floss, 3 Containers Allergy Relief, 1 Box Band Aides, 8 Bottles Tylenol, 2 Boxes Alcohol Swabs, 3 Containers Ibuprofen, 2 Containers Shampoo & Conditioner, 2 Containers Anti-Diarrheal, 1 Tube Hemorrhoid Cream, 1 Bottle Pepto-Bismol, 8 Bottles Aspirin, 1 Gut Belt, 6 Bottle Antacid, 1 Container Lice Treatment



**For the Waiting Area:** 1330 Plastic or Styrofoam Cups, 5 Coloring Books, 1 Container Coffee 10 Containers Disinfecting Wipes

**Clothing Items:** 29 Pairs of Socks, one T-Shirt, 11 Pairs of Gloves, Scarfs & Hats

**Cash:** \$40.00

### **A letter From Clinic with A Heart:**

Dear Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you for donating to Clinic with a Heart! We appreciate each of you and are thankful for your support. Generosity, like that of Trinity Lutheran, makes our organization possible.

On behalf of our patients, volunteers, board and staff, thank you. Clinic with a Heart is proud to be able to fulfill our mission of helping people in need in our community and we could not do it without the wonderful support of congregations and friends like you.

Sincerely,

Teresa M. Harms Executive Director

## **Christ is Risen. Celebrate Easter with us.**

### **Lent and Easter Schedule 2019**

#### **Lent 5 April 3 A Time for Renewal of Priorities**

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world-the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-comes not from the father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:15-17)

#### **Lent 6 April 10 A Time for Renewal of Godly Fear**

You did not receive a spirit that make you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. (Rom. 5:15)

#### **Maundy Thursday- April 19 A Time for Renewal of Christian Unity**

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body. For we all partake of the one loaf. (1Cor. 10:16-17)

#### **Good Friday – April 20 A Time for Renewal of Faith**

We are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. (Rom. 3:24-25)

**Easter Vigil** – The Board of Elders decided not to offer an Easter Vigil in 2019.

#### **Easter - April 22 Easter: A Time for Renewal of Hope 7:00 a. m. Service**

Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. (Ps. 130:7)

#### **Easter - April 22 Easter: Jesus Has Risen (Drama) 10:00 a. m. Service**

Narrator: Rev. Kevin Kohnke	Angel: Laura Nisley
Mary Magdalene: Rosanne McClarnon	Mary Mother of James: Mary Kohnke
Salome: Becky Nisley	Joanna: Shirley Retzlaff
Peter: Roger Pearson	John: Hank Oetjen
Props: Shirley Holtzen	

### **Easter Breakfast sponsored by the Youth Group!**

Becki Maahs will be leading the Youth Group Easter morning to provide breakfast! If you come for the early 7am service or plan to attend the regular 10am service, know that breakfast will be served about 8am. Bible study and Easter egg hunt for the kids will be around 9:00.

### **Save the date! The next Voters' Meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

We will have another election for a new Elder. Nathaniel Kemper has stepped down from the duty of being an Elder as he is moving to Omaha. Please have your reports in by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Sending them as a Microsoft word/spreadsheet is best. Please use Times New Roman as your font, with the size being 12, this is very helpful for copying and pasting into the final document.

## April Birthdays

4/3 Doris Heineke  
4/4 Sandy Dorn  
Shirley Retzlaff  
4/5 Erin May  
4/9 Erin Singh  
4/12 Ethan Singh  
4/14 Tom May  
4/15 Margaret Broening  
4/19 Jill Rink  
4/21 Betty Hodtwalker  
Roger Krahmer  
4/25 Andrew Haase  
Nancy Malone  
4/27 Mary Kohnke  
4/28 Bianca Singh  
4/29 Andrea Rocker



### Anniversary

**4/29/2012 Jim & Laura Hametis**

## May Events!

Dinner out is May 19th  
Newsletter deadline is Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Confirmation is May 5<sup>th</sup>  
No Nibbles in May.  
Cemetery Clean-up Day  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, if it rains: 18<sup>th</sup>

## Choir Practice!

Choir will continue practice on Wednesday's after the service. John Recknor will be leading us. We are singing a song written by our own Pastor Holtzen called *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood*.



### Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:

Meetings held the second Wednesday of the month @ 10:30

Thank you for all those who attended Irish Nibbles. I am sure you can agree that the corned beef and cabbage was wonderful. We heard a couple of people say the best they have ever tasted.

A special thank you to our 3 newest members: Ruby, Willa, and Lydia Oetjen. Our three little hostesses make everyone feel welcome.

Upcoming Events: There will be no Nibbles Plus in May as we will be celebrating Mother's Day. Trinity Walton Lutheran Church 2nd Annual Picnic is in the planning stages, details coming soon. We pray you have a Blessed Easter. He has risen, He is risen indeed.

## Confirmation class of 2019 Grayson May, Sophia May, Maddie Rink, & Matthew Rink.

**Student questioning in preparation for Confirmation** will take place on Sunday, April 14 after the service. Anyone is welcome to attend. Confirmation is Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## History of Best Loved Hymns

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

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Any attempt to declare one hymn the greatest in the English language would ignite a heated argument. But that is what Matthew Arnold called Isaac Watts' great hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Certainly it is one of four which head the list of all hymns in the English language. The other three would be "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and "Rock of Ages."

This hymn was written by Watts in 1707 and popularized by George Whitefield in his collection of hymns in 1757. The most moving story I know about this hymn concerns the founder of the Salvation Army, General William Booth. On a visit to the Holy Land in 1905, he climbed Mount Calvary. There on his knees, he unfurled the Army flag, and with tears coursing down his roughhewn cheeks he softly repeated:

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.*



### Alaska Mission for Christ

needs you to be able to make a bold witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every community in Alaska. A short-term mission would mean a commitment up to

10 days. <https://www.alaskamissionforchrist.org> Are you willing to serve in Alaska for 10 days in the Summer of 2019? Would you like to learn more? Please let pastor know! If we have enough interest, we will schedule a presentation at Trinity.

## Garage Sale ~~ June 22, 2019 ~~ Unadilla Days ~~ 8am-5pm

The garage sale will be held the same day as the Eagle Parade. If you are not in the parade and willing to help with the Garage sale (marking items or manning the sale) please contact Denise Moerer 402-219-1010. Unadilla Days draws a huge crowd of people and advertising will be done by the village clerk. Following the sale, we can attend the BBQ with a fee will donation.

We DO NOT need any more items. We have a storage unit full of items. Part of the items will be moved from the storage unit to Delbert's house, the rest will stay at the unit, and we will sell in two places. 100% of what is made goes to the church for future parade funding. 100% of what is made goes to the church for future parade funding.

### **Bridal Fashion show:**

SAVE THE DATE! It's time to get all those beautiful dresses out of the closet! If you have a dress that you or someone else has probably only worn once, get ready to wear it again! Come model your bridal gown, bridesmaid, mother's, flower girl, prom or other special occasion dress. You can also choose to have someone else model your gown or just bring it to show everyone.

We want to hear all about your special day and raise funds for our Vacation Bible School!

Trinity Lutheran Church ~~ Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> ~~ Seven O'clock In The Evening ~~ Cake and Punch Reception to Follow ~~ Adult Tickets \$8.00 ~~ Student Tickets (5-18 years) \$5.00 (4 and under free)

See Kilee Oetjen or Erin Singh (402)560-7845 to enter your gown, the entry fee is the same as a ticket price for the event. Models will not need an additional ticket for event/reception.

Gown entries start March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ticket sales will begin in April.

## Trinity Lutheran Church 2019 Parades

Sing up sheets will be in the narthex prior to each parade. **If you need a Blue Trinity T-shirt please include the size you need when you sign up.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Line up time</b>	<b>Parade time</b>
June 8	Palmyra	Old Settlers	3:30-4:30 p.m. High School	5:00 p.m.
June 22	Eagle	Eagle Days	1:00 p.m. North - Eagle Park.	2:00 p.m.
July 4	Bennett	4 <sup>th</sup> of July	9:00 a.m. Elementary School	10:00 a.m.
July 4	Waverly	4 <sup>th</sup> of July	10:00 a.m. TBD	11:00 a.m.

### Palmyra Old Settlers June 8 – Palmyra Nebraska

Staging and line up at High School 3:30 p.m. Parade at 5:00 p.m.

*If you are willing to participate please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, June 2, 2019*

### Eagle Days June 22, 2019 - Eagle Nebraska – Parade at 2:00 p.m.

This year's theme will be "Day at the Beach"

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Date of Parade -- June 22, 2019.
2. Parade Line up Time -- 12:30 p.m. Line-up will be in the lot North of the Eagle City Park. (1 block north of the intersection of 5th and D streets)
3. Parade Start Time -- 2:00 p.m. You must be in position and ready to move out by 1:40 p.m.

*If you are willing to participate please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, June 16, 2019*



## 2019 Vacation Bible School June 17-21 5:30pm-8pm

Summer is coming which means VBS! We hold a week long VBS every June, where kids are fed God's word as well as super every night. This is completely free to those students who attend and we want to keep it that way.

## VBS Easter Fund Raiser

Easter lilies cost: \$8.00. The sponsorship for each lily will be \$12.00 with the extra \$4.00 going into the VBS account. Anyone who sponsors a lily will be able to take theirs home and plant it in their flower garden for years to come! A note of your sponsorship will also appear in the bulletin

50 Tulips were bought last fall to be planted in the church's cemetery. But life happened and they didn't get planted. They have been potted up and are now available as part of the Easter Fund raiser for VBS. 2-3 bulbs will be in each pot, but 3 tulips will bloom as some are ready to split into two! 21 pots are available for Sponsorship of \$10.00 each. You can take your bulbs home or have them planted in the cemetery by the grave of your loved one.

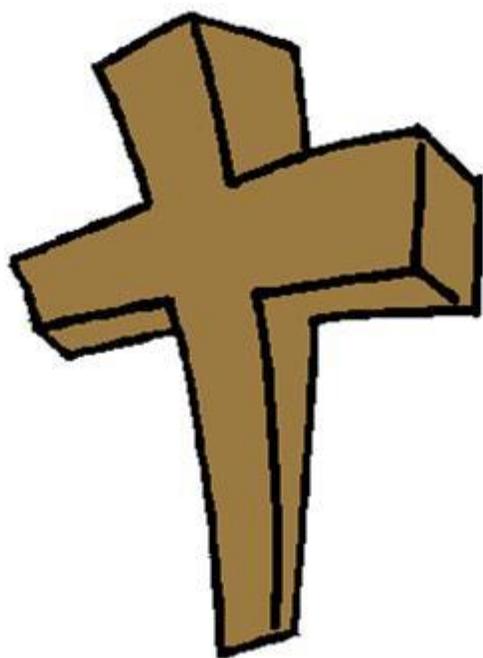
**Please see the bulletin sponsor mailbox in the narthex for the green page sponsorship forms.**

**Or send an email to the secretary to sign up for the flowers.**

# Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R  
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O  
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O  
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S  
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T  
R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E  
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APOSTLES  
CHRIST  
CROSS  
CROWN  
CRUCIFIXION  
HOLY  
JESUS  
KING  
LAMB  
LOVE



MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RESURRECTION  
RISEN  
ROMANS  
ROOSTER  
SACRIFICE  
SALVATION  
SAVIOR  
THORNS

# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 12:45pm Ladies' Bible Study	3 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7pm Lenten Service	4	5	6
7 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service 11:15am Sunday Circle	8	9	10 10:30am Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7pm Lenten Service	11	12	13 7:30am Elder's Meeting
14 Palm Sunday 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service 11:15am Nibbles Confirmation Questioning	15	16	17	18 1:30pm Ladies Aide  7pm Maundy Thursday	19 7pm Good Friday  Newsletter Deadline	20
21 Easter 7:00am Sun Rise Service 8am Easter Breakfast 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service 11:15 Lunch Voter's Meeting	29 7pm Bible Study	30				

**Acolytes, Ushers, and Altar Guild servers** please send an email to Tim Holtzen as he is setting up an email reminder for those who serve. Thank you! [tah@nebrwesleyan.edu](mailto:tah@nebrwesleyan.edu)

**Those serving in March 2019**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

**Elders**

7<sup>th</sup> Roger Pearson, Hank Oetjen  
14<sup>th</sup> Tracy Refior, Tim Holtzen  
21<sup>st</sup> Hank Oetjen, Tim Holtzen  
28<sup>th</sup> Roger Pearson, Alan Retzlaff

**Altar Guild**

7<sup>th</sup> Becky Nisley, Laura Hametis  
14<sup>th</sup> MaryJo Colbert, Rosanne McClarnon  
21<sup>st</sup> Shirley Retzlaff, Denise Moerer  
28<sup>th</sup> Kristi Refior, Allison Kemper

**Ushers**

7<sup>th</sup> Joyce Oetjen, Jeff Plager  
14<sup>th</sup> Randy Schroeder, Mark Moerer  
21<sup>st</sup> Jakob Kemper, Matt Broening  
28<sup>th</sup> Andrew Haase, Ethan Kemper

**Acolytes**

7<sup>th</sup> Sophia May, Marin Maahs  
14<sup>th</sup> Whitney Bruce & Shannon Moerer  
21<sup>st</sup> Grayson & Sophia May  
28<sup>th</sup> Shannon Moerer, Whitney Bruce

Wednesday Night Ushers: April 3, Kirk Nisley, Ryan Plager, April 10: Carl Siefert, John Page.  
Maundy/Thursday: Delbert Eickhoff, Josh May, Good Friday: Roland Meyer, Deb Pfeifer

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