



Trinity Trumpeter



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Mission statement: “To make disciples of all people through a faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament.”

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Lent has begun and Easter is just weeks away. Some years Trinity Lutheran has offered the Easter Vigil on the Saturday night before Easter. It has not been a well-attended service and perhaps it is because it is not a well understood. Let us discover, what is the Easter Vigil?

In *Lutheran Worship: History and Practice*, Fred Precht traces the Vigil back to the early fourth century. *Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book* refers to the early centuries of the Christian church and defines “vigil” as keeping watch “through the night in expectation of Christ’s return.”

We can see biblical roots of the Vigil service in the exodus of Israel from Egypt. As God stepped into human history to rescue and deliver his people, the Israelites were to gather at twilight, prepare and partake of the Passover meal, and await his mighty deliverance in the dark hours of night, when he would slay the firstborn of Egypt (Exodus 12). The Passover was their very own deliverance, because “It was a night of watching by the Lord, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the Lord by all the people of Israel throughout their generations” (Exod 12:42). Forty years later, when Moses prepared the Israelites to enter the Promised Land, the succeeding generation—who had not lived through the oppressive slavery in Egypt nor the exodus from that land—were also to celebrate the Passover as their own story. Moses told them: “Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night. And you shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the Lord your God, from the flock or the herd, at the place that the Lord will choose, to make his name dwell there” (Deut 16:1–2).¹² When Moses instructed God’s people to observe the Feast of Weeks (seven weeks after the Passover), he said, “You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and you shall be careful to observe these statutes” (Deut 16:12)

In the New Testament, all four Gospel writers explicitly connect our Lord’s final meal, His crucifixion, and His resurrection to the Old Testament Passover deliverance. In John’s Gospel, the Feast of Passover marked the time “when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end” (John 13:1). When Pontius Pilate summoned the crowd to behold their king, the apostle John specifically notes that it was “the day of Preparation of the Passover” (John 19:14; cf. 19:31, 42), the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ, “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), was sacrificed on the cross. Later in the New Testament, the apostle Paul connects the Old Testament Passover story to first-century Christians as their own story. For example, 1 Corinthians 5:6–8, the traditional Epistle for celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord, refers to “Christ, our Passover lamb” who “has been sacrificed” and exhorts believers to “celebrate the festival” as they “cleanse out the old leaven that

[they] may be a new lump.” Thus, God tells his Passover salvation story in order that his people may receive it, live it, and proclaim it.

Next month we will learn about why we are just learning about the Easter Vigil in the past few years. *Excerpts taken from - Asbury, R. (2019). “Reclaiming the Easter Vigil and Reclaiming Our Real Story Concordia Theological Quarterly 83: 325–340*

Pastor Kohnke

Ladies Tuesday Bible study will be March 3rd at the home of Kathy Muller, 1077 N. 162nd St. Study starts at 12:45pm.

Sunday Morning Bible Pastor Holtzen with the continuation of the Stories of the Old Testament Bible study!

Monday Night Bible study will be on hold during the season of lent.



Our Mission Dollars at Work

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Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 136 million people worldwide each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 50 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM’s flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**,

airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network.

We encourage those people who are reached through these ministry efforts to respond by contacting staff or volunteers. LHM then cultivates relationships with those who respond to ultimately facilitate a relationship between them and a Christian community, thus helping grow the kingdom of God.

OUR IMPACT

- More than **136 million** people hear or read the Gospel each week through LHM programs, services, or materials.
- More than **1 million** listeners to **The Lutheran Hour** each week
- More than **800,000** individuals intentionally provide contact information for follow up in response to LHM’s culturally relevant outreach efforts.
- More than **57,000** individuals were referred last year to local Christian communities internationally for spiritual growth and nurturing;
- More than **22,000** individuals became engaged in a Christian community following their referral last year.
- Nearly **60,000** individuals participated for the first time in **Bible Correspondence Courses** offered by LHM’s International Ministry Centers.
- More than **94,000** individuals completed a ministry activity last year to more effectively share the Gospel with others.
- Individuals from more than **4,500** congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church—Canada are using LHM resources.

The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons ~~ Rev. Douglas K. Escue Part 3

Gold is the optional color for Easter Sunday. It is also the suggested color for the last Sunday in the church year when that day is observed as Christ the King Sunday (LBW). Its use may not be popular yet, but its emphasis is undeniable. Gold represents value and worth. The golden festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the event that gives our lives meaning and worth. He is worthy of our praise as we adorn His altar with the color of splendor.

Scarlet (a vivid red, or orange) is the fifth letter in the "Bg-Bgs-Pwr" acronym that is called for use during Holy Week; from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday. It is a color worth investing in because it stands in contrast to the traditional red that is used on Festival Sundays. Scarlet's use during the somber days of Holy Week help to offer a different message. As the Manual on the Liturgy points out, "scarlet is a color anciently associated with the passion . . . the color of blood" (p. 25).

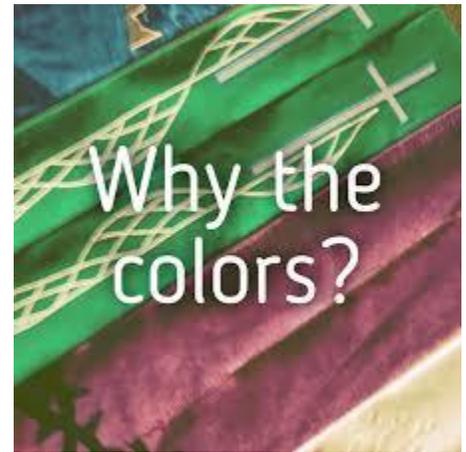
Purple, like black, is a penitential color, in contrast to a festive one. It is appropriately used during Lent and, still in many parishes, during the season of Advent. The forty days of Lent, including the six Sundays that fall during this season, use this deep, rich color which has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence, and prayer. Page 4 of 6 Violet or purple was a very cherished and expensive color in the world Jesus lived. The dye used to make the color was painstakingly acquired by massaging the neck of a Mediterranean shell fish that secreted a special fluid. It was therefore afforded only by the rich and worn most exclusively by the royalty. Jesus, the king of the Jews, wore a purple robe only once. As the soldiers mocked and tormented Him, the Scriptures record they placed on Him a "purple garment" in order to ridicule Him and belittle the claim that He was a monarch. Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn he endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation. Ecclesiastical purple should remind all Christians of their daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.

Dinner Out: Will be March 15th @ the UNL Chapel for Valentino's pizza, Trinity is hosting Please let Karen Luebke know if you will be joining the group!! This is a great outreach for our congregation. We encourage everyone who is able, to join!!

Sunday Circle group: Our meetings are on the first Sunday of the month after church service. New members are always welcome! We collected items for the Clinic With a Heart through-out February. The Sunday Circle group is donating \$100 toward either bus passes or grocery store gift cards, whichever they need more. We would like to thank everyone who brought in items to donate.

The materials have been bought for our next banner. We meet on February 22nd @ 9am to work on the banner.

Youth Group: The youth and a few of their friends had an exciting bowling outing on February 14th. We hope the friends continue to join us in our adventures. Our next event will be at the church. Starting with a Bible study, guitar hero, flashlight tag and pizza. Youth 10-17 are invited to join the fun! 5-8pm on March 27th. RSVP to Karla by March 24th. 402-304-5766



IN THE LAST 15 YEARS,
CLINIC WITH A HEART HAS
SERVED OVER 28,000 PATIENTS
- ALL SERVICES PROVIDED
AT NO COST. CAN YOU HELP
US CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR
COMMUNITY?
#GIVETOLINCOLN #CWH

Mary & Martha League: Will next meet on March 19th @ 1:30pm.

The Mary and Martha League would like to thank the congregation for their support of Mom's Food Pantry in Bennet. On February 17th, we delivered 63 food items, 9 health items and 5 clothing items to the food pantry. We encourage you to continue to support this worthy cause. Remember that the 3rd Sunday of every month is Food Bank Sunday. Donations can be given at any time by placing your donation in the grocery basket inside the north door of the church.



We would also like to thank the congregation for their contributions to the Mite Box on the ledge opposite the mail boxes. Since January 1, 2020, we have contributions totaling \$73.76. Remember every penny helps. We have also placed some small mite boxes on the ledge for you to take home.

On January 26th, the Mary and Martha League served approximately 45 members of the congregation a meal of sloppy joes, chips, baked beans, fruit and brownies, so that these members could do the work of Trinity Lutheran Church by attending the Voter's Meeting.

The Mary and Martha League meets the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the church basement with refreshments. We would like to invite the women of the congregation to join us.



Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:

The five members that started group met on January 22nd. These members are: Roger Krahmer, Delbert Eickhoff, Deb Rocker-Krahmer, Marie Lantz, & Joyce Oetjen. They no longer wish to continue with the group. The meeting was scheduled to discuss where they wanted the raised funds to go. A second meeting held after church on January 26nd with the remaining members of the group. They were told of the previous meeting, and asked if anyone wanted to continue the group. No one stepped forward. The balance of money in the account was dispersed to the following: VBS: \$400, Cemetery \$300, Christmas lights bus tour – Mike Kemper \$118.90. Lillie Chambers Food Pantry \$200.

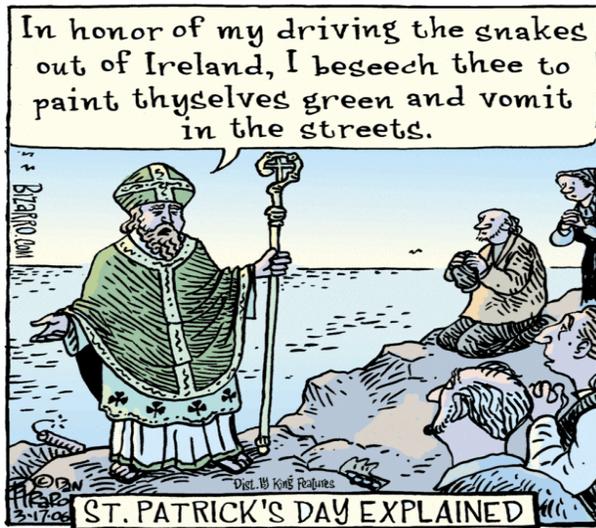
March Birthdays

- 3/6 – Grace Kohnke, Julie Maahs
- 3/7 - Diane Lemke
- 3/10 - Ryan Plager
- 3/10 - Terry Klopfenstein
- 3/14 - Chelley Peterson
- 3/17 - Gary Finke
- 3/22 - Roseanne McClarnon
- 3/23 - Deb Rocker
- 3/25 - Sandy Siefert
- 3/26 - Bob Bremer
- 3/31 - Kim May, Marie Lantz

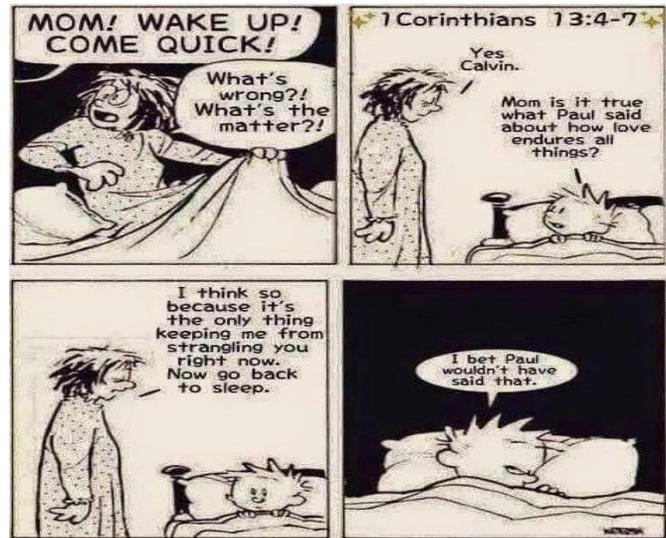


Anniversary
3/24/84 - Steve & Lori Cartagena

Alberts Joke of the month!



From your Secretary!



Lent, Holy Week and Easter Service Themes Wednesday evenings at 7:00 Easter Sunday: 7:00am & 10:00am

Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020 Shadows of the Savior—A Father's Sacrifice of His Son Text: Genesis 22:1-14

Lent 2 March 4, 2020 Shadows of the Savior- Melchizedek

Text: Genesis 14:18-20

Lent 3 March 11, 2020 Shadows of the Savior—Joseph

Text: *Genesis 50:20*

Lent 4 March 18, 2020 Shadows of the Savior—The Sacrifice of the Lamb

Text: Exodus 12:1-14

Lent 5 March 25, 2020 Shadows of the Savior - The Bread from Heaven

Text: Exodus 16:14-15

Lent 6 April 1, 2020 Shadows of the Savior—The Water from the Rock

Text: *Exodus 17:1-7*

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020 Drama of Remembrance

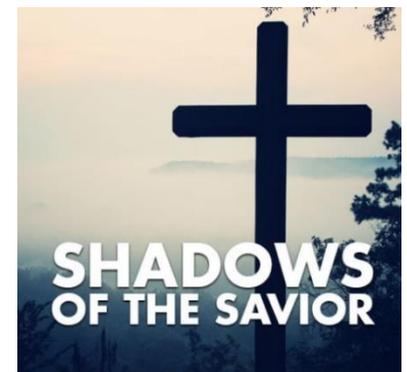
Good Friday, April 10, 2020 Shadows of the Savior—The Bronze Snake

Text: *Numbers 21:4-9*

Easter April 12, 2020 Easter Comfort from an Early Cemetery
Text: Job 19:23-27

Choir will practice on Wednesday evenings after the 7:00 service. Song(s): TBD
Becki Maahs is providing the breakfast on Easter Sunday between the two services.

Sunday School will have their annual candy hunt and activities at 9:00am on Easter Sunday



History of Saint Patrick's Day



St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, first chose the shamrock as a symbol of the Trinity of the Christian church because of its three leaflets bound by a common stalk

Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At age 16 he was torn by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, Calpornius, a deacon and minor local official, and carried into slavery in Ireland. He spent six bleak years there as a herdsman, during which he turned with fervour to his faith. Upon dreaming that the ship in which he was to escape was ready, he fled his master and found passage to Britain. There he came near to starvation and suffered a second brief captivity before he was reunited with his family. Thereafter, he may have paid a short visit to the Continent.

The best known passage in the Confessio tells of a dream, after his return to Britain, in which one Victorinus delivered him a letter headed "The Voice of the Irish." As he read it, he seemed to hear a certain company of Irish beseeching him to walk once more among them. "Deeply moved," he says, "I could read no more." Nevertheless, because of the shortcomings of his education, he was reluctant for a long time to respond to the call. Even on the eve of reembarkation for Ireland he was beset by doubts of his fitness for the task. Once in the field, however, his hesitations vanished. Utterly confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring zeal. In diplomatic fashion he brought gifts to a kinglet here and a lawgiver there but accepted none from any. On at least one occasion, he was cast into chains. On another, he addressed with lyrical pathos a last farewell to his converts who had been slain or kidnapped by the soldiers of Coroticus.

It is not possible to say with any assurance when Patrick was born. There are, however, a number of pointers to his missionary career having lain within the second half of the 5th century. In the Coroticus letter, his mention of the Franks as still "heathen" indicates that the letter must have been written between 451, the date generally accepted as that of the Franks' irruption into Gaul as far as the Somme River, and 496, when they were baptized en masse. Patrick, who speaks of himself as having evangelized heathen Ireland, is not to be confused with Palladius, sent by Pope Celestine I in 431 as "first bishop to the Irish believers in Christ."

Legends

Before the end of the 7th century, Patrick had become a legendary figure, and the legends have continued to grow. One of these would have it that he drove the snakes of Ireland into the sea to their destruction. Patrick himself wrote that he raised people from the dead, and a 12th-century hagiography places this number at 33 men, some of whom are said to have been deceased for many years. He also reportedly prayed for the provision of food for hungry sailors traveling by land through a desolate area, and a herd of swine miraculously appeared.

It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green"—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists.

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15am Sunday Circle	2	3 12:45pm: Ladies Bible Study Home of Kathy Muller, 1077 N. 162 nd St.	4 Lenten Service 2 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7
8 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service Daylight Saving Time	9	10	11 Lenten Service 3 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14 7:30 am Elder's Meeting
15 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service Mom's Food Pantry Dinner Out UNL Chapel 11:30 a.m.	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Lenten Service 4 7:00 p.m.	19 1:30 pm Mary & Martha League First day of Spring	20 Newsletter Deadline	21
22 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service	23	24	25 Lenten Service 5 7:00 p.m.	26 Newsletter Print Date	27 Youth Event 5-8pm Church Youth Room	28
29 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service	30	31				

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

Those serving in March, 2020 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

1st Hank Oetjen, Steve Cartagena
8th Alan Retzlaff, Roger Pearson
15th Tim Holtzen, Steve Cartagena
22nd Hank Oetjen, Roger Pearson
29th Alan Retzlaff, Tracy Refior

Altar Guild

1st Becky Nisley, Laura Hametis
8th Lisa Kemper, Sandy Kemper
15th Erin Singh, Megan Rexroth
22nd Shirley Retzlaff, Deb Pavey
29th Lori Cartagena, Betty Hodtwalker

Ushers

1st Josh May, Ethan Kemper
8th Kirk Nisley, Nate Rink
15th Delbert Eickhoff, Roland Meyer
22nd Jeff Plager, John Page
29th Roland Meyer, Carl Siefert

Acolytes

1st Marin Maahs, Madison Rink
8th Madison & Emma Rink
15th Ruby Oetjen, Marin Maahs
22nd Sophia & Grayson May
29th Emma Rink, Ruby Oetjen

Lent Ushers: 4th Matt Broening, Ryan Plager, 11th Deb Pfeifer, Carl Siefert, 18th Matt Broening, Ryan Plager, 25th Ethan Kemper, Randy Schroeder

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