

Trinity Weekly News

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April 18 & 19, 2021

Altar Flowers given by Jim and Bonnie Lawler
in celebration of their wedding anniversary

This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 4/18:

8:00 a.m.—Worship Service w/Communion
(in-person and online)
9:30 a.m.—Adult and Child Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service
w/Communion
12:00 p.m. Board of Youth
3:30 p.m.—Pickleball
6:00 p.m.—JCC

Monday 4/19:

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m.—Worship Service w/Communion

Wednesday 4/21:

8:45 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
5:00 p.m.—Pickleball
5:30 p.m.—Life Team

Thursday 4/22:

6:30 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study
8:45 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
6:00 p.m.—Board of Elders

Saturday 4/24:

9am—JCC & HS Youth Adopt-a-Highway

Sunday 4/25:

8:00 a.m.—Worship Service w/Communion
(in-person and online)
9:30 a.m.—Adult and Child Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service
w/Communion
3:30 p.m.—Pickleball
6:00 p.m.—JCC

LIFE TEAM UPDATE



Our annual diaper shower to support Lutheran Family and Children's Services will begin on Mother's Day, May 9, and run through Father's Day on June 20. Donations of diapers and wipes will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, our Life Team training that was canceled earlier this year has been rescheduled for the fall. This training is a great opportunity to find out what a Life Team is, what ideas it is based on, and its purpose in our congregation. Attending is a good way to see if membership would be a good fit for your life at this time.



YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group extends deep thanks and appreciation for the support that came through your orders of our first-ever Easter Breakfast Take-n-Bake Baskets. Your donations will greatly assist us in serving others.

All JCC students and senior high youth are invited to participate in the Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up April 24 at 9am. We'll enjoy pizza afterwards!

MARY MARTHA GUILD

The regular cleaning of the Fellowship Hall Kitchen will be Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 9am.



BIBLE QUIZ QUESTION

How many pastors does it take to cobble together a newsletter without our dear Andrew?

LECTIONARY LESSON
For April 25, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

1. Acts chapter four is a continuation of last week's account, the healing of the crippled man at the Beautiful Gate and Peter's sermon. This week the stakes are raised. What happens in v. 3 and who enters the picture, vv. 5, 6?
2. Using vv.10-12, what is different about the Apostles' understanding of Jesus ("The Name") compared to the Temple rulers? Or, how do believers view Jesus' name compared to unbelievers? The *Apology of the Augsburg Confession*: "Christ's name is received only by faith. Therefore, we are saved by confidence in Christ's name, and not by confidence in our works. For 'the name' here means the cause that is mentioned, because of which salvation is gained. To call upon Christ's name is to trust in His name as the cause, or price, because of which we are saved." (IV.89)

1 John 3:16-24

3. In v. 20, what happens if we fail to love? What is the work of God's law? What does it do to our conscience? How does this happen, according to v. 17?
4. What surpasses this sense of guilt, according to vv.23-24?
5. Is believing a two step process, according to v. 23? Does sanctification happen after justification, or do faith and works happen together? What three letter word in this verse gives the answer?

John 20:11-18

6. What does the good shepherd do according to v. 11? Where does his authority to do so come from, according to v. 18?
7. If there is salvation in no one else, to whose voice are the sheep listening? Read v. Acts 4:12, and John 10:4, 5.
8. Goose Chase Warning: In v. 16, who are the other sheep not of the fold? Romans 11:17-18 gives another illustration, but is also metaphor. Read Matthew 15:21-26. Who is Jesus referring to? Now read Romans 1:13-16. Historically speaking, which fold/flock do we belong? Historical distinctions aside, how are all gathered into one fold? Romans 1:17.

LECTIONARY LESSON(S)
REWIND! For April 18, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:11-21

1. *Why do we read from Acts instead of the Old Testament during Easter?* Since medieval times, there were typically two readings: the Epistle and Gospel. Long before then in the early church there was (sometimes) an Old Testament reading. St. Augustine (354-430 AD) informs us that theologian and bishop, Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386 AD), read the Book of Acts during Easter in his churches. His reason for doing so came as a result of the worship service known as the Great Vigil of Easter (all night long service from Holy Saturday to Easter dawn). At the Vigil, at least 12 long readings from the Old Testament were selected, covering all of salvation history: Creation, Abraham, Moses, through the Exile. These Old Testament readings *looked back* on salvation history and pointed *toward* Jesus' cross. The reading of Acts orients God's people *forward* from the resurrection to us who live in the promised salvation taught in the Old Testament: the time of the New Testament church, and the hope of the heavenly banquet, the Lamb's high feast in eternity. Acts counterbalances the lengthy Old Testament readings heard at the Vigil. Our practice today comes from Cyril, even without the Vigil (interestingly enough, the Vigil is making a comeback in many congregations). More than you wanted or needed!
2. What appears to be Peter's reason for preaching to the people who had gathered? Read Acts 3:1-10.
3. What does Peter mean by "Author of Life" in v. 15? Read Hebrews 2:10, 12:2, Romans 8:29, and Colossians 1:15, 18.
4. In v. 21, Peter speaks of restoration promised by prophets. What will be restored? Read Isaiah 65:17-25 and Revelation 21:3-5. What is removed in this restoration?

1 John 3:1-7

5. Why has Jesus appeared, according to verse 5? How is sin removed, according to Peter's sermon in Acts 3:19?

Luke 24:36-49

6. What does Jesus instruct his disciples to preach in v. 47?
7. When can the disciples' leave Jerusalem, according to v. 49? To what event that occurs 50 days after Easter is Jesus pointing?
8. How do Jesus' words in vv.44 line up with Peter's sermon in Acts?