

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo,

*Bishop of the North American
Lutheran Church*

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus.*

M. Mus., Director of Music

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,

Parish Secretary

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

*(Sunday Church School
at 10:30 a.m.)*

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

*Deadline for submission of material
for the Echoes Newsletter is 9 am
the 15th of each month*

Dear Parish Family,

New post on The Templeton Project

The coronavirus has created a furor. The store shelves are empty of hand cleanser and other such products; prices are steeply rising for supplies related to the pandemic; the media has rung alarm bells while calling people to calm; the restaurant where I ate breakfast this morning was empty but for the staff and myself; we are passing the peace in church with a pat on the back instead of the handshake; and warnings and advice are being sent out by organizations that serve the public. The politicians are fighting about how to respond and blaming each other for inadequate measures. So what is new? They fight about so many things.

What should Christians do as a witness? Trust God in life and death; don't panic; do what is necessary to keep you and the neighbor from contracting the disease; and don't foment hysteria. We must lead. We must show that death is not the worst thing that can happen to us, while at the same time we should not be careless. We should pray for others and call on the Lord in this time of affliction.

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From The Pastors

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In our conversations with others we may find opportunities for witness and may have to defend the faith in light of the sickness and death that comes from the pandemic. We must also remember that at this time the virus has not resulted in mass death. Such a thing happened in 1347 and the following years with the advent of the Great Mortality, or Black Death, in the East and West. A multitude of people died. In those years about one-third of the European population met death because of the disease.

For now, we pray that we may continue to trust the Lord in all things including this time of the spread of the coronavirus.

In Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella
The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

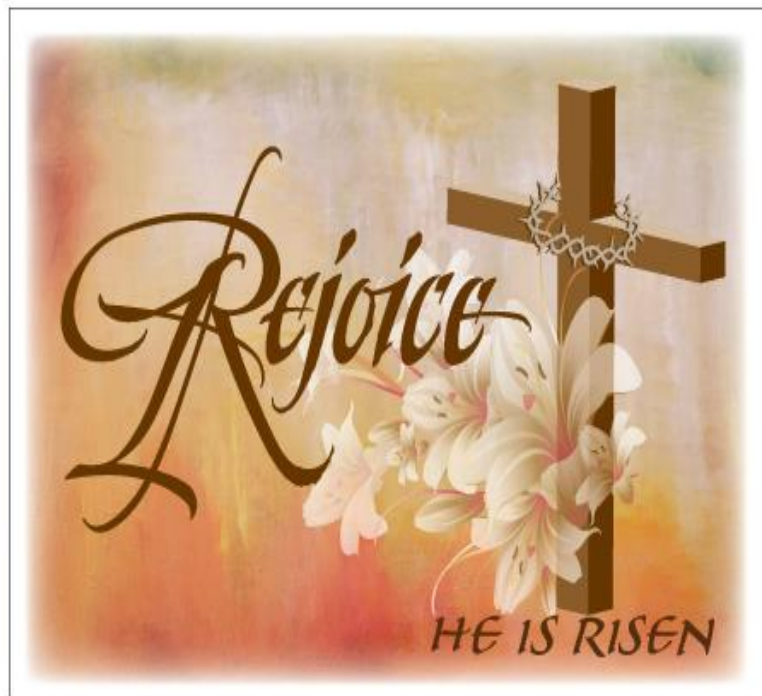
Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love for the purpose of glorifying God in worship and in fulfilling His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.





Healing Prayer Ministry

After the 9:00 A.M. Sunday Service, trained members of the Healing Prayer Team are available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to meet with you for healing prayer.

Prayers are offered for your physical, emotional, and spiritual health.



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
Usually meets the
3rd Monday evening
@ 7:30 p.m.
of each month.

Due to the coronavirus and
the need for social distancing
we are praying virtually.

If you feel called
to join us please contact
Rosemary @

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

Temporary 2020 Schedule

April 6, 20

Updates coming
in the May Echoes.

"We have to pray with our eyes on God,
not on the difficulties."

- Oswald Chambers

Prayer List



**One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship
is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer.**

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names)*

Albert, Alex, Alexandr, Alexei, Alan, Allan, Allyson, Alyson, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Antonette, Baby Brooklyn, Barb, Barbara, Barbara-Jo, Barry, Becki, Ben, Bette, Bill, Bob, Bobby, Bonnie, Brett, Brian, Brianna, Carl, Carly, Charles, Charlie, Christopher, Cindy, Dallas, Dan, Daniel, Dan-Ning, Dave, David, Deb, Denise, Derek, Diane, Dick, Donna, Dottie, Drew, Ed, Eda, Edie, Edith, Edward, Ekaterina, Eleanor, Emma, Eric, Erica, Frank, Gavin, Gene, Gina, Gloria, Greg, Guy, Hank, Hannah, Harry, Helen, Henry, Igor, Irina, Isabel, Jack, Jane, Jason, Jen, Jennifer, Jim, Joe, John, Johnny, Joseph, Joy, Joyce, Julia, Juwan, Karen, Kas, Kate, Katie, Kathy, Keith, Kerry, Kim, Kyle, Laura, Lauren, Laurie, Leo, Levi, Linda, Logan, Lorraine, Lynn, Maggie, Marge, Margaret, Marie, Marina, Mark, Marissa, Matt, Matthew, Max, Megan, Michelle, Mikhail, Mike, Mina, Myrna, Nancy, Nate, Neena, Nikki, Pat, Patsy, Paul, Paull, Peter, Ray, Regina, Rich, Rick, Rita, Robert, Roger, Rosemary, Russ, Ruth, Ruth Anne, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Scottie, Sharon, Shelli, Sherri, Solomon, Stanislav, Stephen, Stover, Susan, Suzanne, Suzie, Thomas, Tiffany, Tina, Todd, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, Xave, Yana, Zach.

Please pray for the following families: Bell, Bell-Powell, Blakes, Bolger, Brown, Caldwell, Cassady, Cassidy, Custer, Delash, Disimone, Drobish, Engelbert, Erb, Frank, Frezza, Greco, Gregg, Guckin, Hale, Harris, Heller, Hendricks, Johnson, Lacy, Lewandowski, Lewis, Maieron, McCardle, Meyers, Minges, Mumford, Novak, Powell, Reiff, Rosa, Schenck, Sears, Shikhvarg, Smith, Spring, Steinhofner, Sullivan, Tredinnick, Vargas, Ward, Werner, Yakscoe, Zaroli.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.
For the sick and the grieving.
For all congregations of the NALC.
For all travelers and for the dying.
For the military and their families.
The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.
For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Joyce Cox, Sharon Koch and the entire Cox family
on the death of

Robert Thomas Cox

March 18, 2020

Beloved son, brother, husband, father and uncle.

Psalm 112:6

“For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.”



Memorials have been received

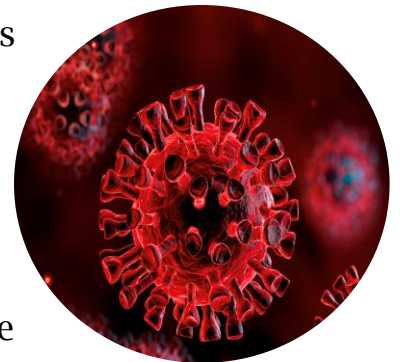
In Memory of...

Dick Erb

Due to the State mandated restrictions and ongoing requirements for social distancing many of our annual events are cancelled or postponed for the immediate future.

As we all move forward, respectful of our own families and our neighbor's health and well-being , we at Holy Trinity will continue to update you via our website www.holytrinity.net and our Facebook page (go to Facebook and type in **Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**).

If you are not online contact Deb at the church office (215) 659 - 2642 Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for updates.



Join the Conversation!

We want to hear from you! Pastor Mandy has a blog on which she posts regularly. This blog is embedded right in our website at www.holytrinity.net. Your feedback is wanted! Please come on in and check us out. At the bottom of each blog there is space for your comments. Let us hear from you.

Treasurer's Report

February 29, 2020 (For the Year 2020)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 62,877.17	\$ 8,680.00
Carry over from 2019	\$ 1,195.17	\$ 27,909.95
Expenses paid to date	\$ 72,082.69	\$ 19,641.11
Surplus/(Deficit) 2019	(\$10,400.69)	\$ 16,948.84

"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."
– Matthew 28:6

"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there." – Clarence W. Hall

"God doesn't want something from us. He simply wants us." – C.S. Lewis

"Peace is not the absence of trouble but the presence of Christ." –Sheila Walsh

"Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them."
– E. Paul Hovey



Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

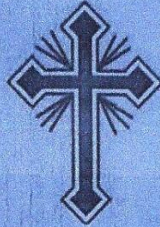
Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

Christopher Biehl
Michael Boerner
Conor Gowton
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
C.J. Hess
John Quici
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS



Date Feb 21, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ!

We are very happy to hear from you and receive a gift of \$8447.63 wired in our Church account in the previous Sunday, members of our congregation were delighted to hear from you and receive the gift with high respect and applaud.

Currently, Nefas Silk Mekane Yesus congregation with its four hundred thirty four members; most being youth is highly motivated and engaged in the construction work and glad to inform you that we have also called a very young evangelist named Ermias Aweke to the ministry.

We are thankful that you are working with us in the kingdom work and would like to affirm that that your gift will be properly used for the construction of the new building. We are also happy that the new building will enable us to welcome your members hear in Addis, serve members in a better facility, enhancing better communication, Church and together for more fruits and souls to the kingdom of God.

Once again our warm greetings to those of you who are retiring pastor Mandy Grimmer, pastor Mike and a warm Welcome to pastor John Minges, secretary Deb Mumford and your team.

"But my God shall supply all your needs according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father be glory forever and ever. Amen." Phil 4:19-20

Church Elders List below:-

- 1. Reverend Fikadu Ejeta
- 2. Reverend Tameru Deresa
- 3. Mr. Seleshi Demlew
- 4. Mr. Alemayew Teshome
- 5. Mrs Aster Yohannes
- 6. Mr. Fekade Slomon

- Council president
- Reverend Congregation
- Council vice president
- Council secretary
- Council Treasury
- Council secretary

In Christ,

Reverend Fikadu Ejeta,
President of Nefas Silk Mekane Yesus congregation

31/02/20



Dear Friends in Christ,

Due to the concern about COVID-19 Holy Trinity is offering virtual Saturday and Sunday worship Service of the Word via our website, holytrinity.net. We anxiously await the signal to reopen to observe Lent and Holy Week and celebrate Easter. While our doors are closed, our financial obligations continue.

We know that some, possibly many of our members, are suffering financial hardship caused by the pandemic. The Church's financial obligations and commitments continue. So, we prayerfully encourage and ask each member as they are able, to mail in their offerings to the church office, through Simply Giving, or through your bank's bill payer system. Please consider making contributions to Bread of Heaven as well.

These are trying times; fear and anxiety are high for all of us. As Pastor Mike said in his first virtual sermon, as Christians, we believe that God is with us and that by faith in His Son Jesus, we all share in Eternal Life with Him.

We want to trust God but there are times, like right now, when peace eludes us. We're worried and anxious. We don't want to be brave this time. Then God reminds us, "Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous.** Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

He assures us, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

Courage is fear that prays and calls on God.

Continue to give love and kindness to your neighbors. Continue to pray for health and well-being for all. Lastly, may God calm our fears, inspire increased kindness, and bring healing to our weary world. Amen.

In Christ,

Linda Bell-Powell
Stewardship Chairperson

Eric Gregg
Past Council President



John Mingos
Council President



From Your Social Ministry Committee:

Food/Pharmacy Support During Social Distancing

Recognizing the various situations of need that members of our church family might be experiencing currently, your Social Ministry committee is setting up a support system with four areas of concern. Some of you will have needs while others will feel you are in a position to help meet those needs. Please see the four categories below. Then email or phone coordinators John Cappel or Rosemary Hinkle to share either your needs or your ability to help/participate. **Please provide your full name, address, phone number, and email and your preferred way to be contacted.**

- 1. Emergency:** Are you willing to be texted or called to help meet a pressing need for food items or a prescription pickup? This is NOT a 24/7 commitment but a daytime-evening willingness, as you are available. Your contact information will be given to one or more people and you will know who they are.
- 2. Volunteer Shopper:** You are willing to pick up extra food store/pharmacy items for those who feel at higher risk and are trying to avoid going out. You would be given one or two names of people who live nearby.
- 3. Higher-Risk Members:** You are trying to avoid or minimize your time in public and need some food shopping support.
- 4. Buddies:** You would appreciate being paired with another person/family who lives nearby and would take turns shopping to reduce in-store frequency. You might shop for yourself and one other person/family one week, and the next week they would reciprocate. Once you are paired, you can coordinate with each other.

Please Express Your Need OR your Desire to Volunteer. Perhaps you started this social distancing feeling in a good position, but now you could use some assistance. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! Contact:

John Cappel @ jpcappel@gmail.com or

Rosemary Hinkle @ Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net or 215-704-3701. Please leave a voicemail if she does not answer and she will get back to you shortly.

Guidelines: To respect social distancing, shoppers will coordinate a delivery time with the recipient. The shopper will leave the packages at the door but will not have personal contact. The recipient can arrange payment by leaving an envelope with cash or check or using electronic transfer via Venmo if both have access.

PLEASE FOLLOW GUIDELINES from the CDC in making decisions about your involvement: here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>



Why are Lilies the Flower of Easter?

More than any other flower, the Easter lily is the traditional, time-honored flower of Easter. Symbolic of the resurrection, Easter Lilies rise from earthly graves as scaly bulbs, and bloom into majestic flowers that embody the purity, virtue, innocence, hope and resurrection they symbolize.

Dating back to Biblical times, the lily is mentioned numerous times in the Bible. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ told His listeners: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet ... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Tradition has it that when Eve left the Garden of Eden, she shed real tears of repentance, and from those remorseful tears sprang up the lilies of Easter. These lilies sprang up to remind Eve that God would never forget that He had promised Adam and Eve that He would send the Messiah to defeat "that ancient serpent" who had deceived them into disobedience.

The pure white lily has long been associated with the baby Jesus and Mary, his mother. In ancient paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to the Virgin Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus, prefiguring His resurrection.

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprang up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in His final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time

by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of eternal life.

The majestic white flower has so thoroughly come to symbolize the Resurrection of Christ, that the phrase "to gild the lily" has come into common usage meaning "a foolish attempt to improve on perfection." To many artists and poets it has seemed that, if any flower could have one, the Easter lily would have a soul.

Enjoy Your Lilies for Years to Come!

Once all danger of frost has passed, you can move your lilies to a sunny location outside.

To plant your Easter lilies, prepare a well-drained garden bed in a sunny location with rich organic matter (one part soil, one part peat moss, one part perlite). Good drainage is the key for success with lilies. Plant your bulbs 3 inches below ground level, and at least 12-18 inches apart in a hole sufficiently deep that the bulbs can be placed in it with the roots spread out and down. Spread the roots and work the prepared soil around the bulbs and roots, leaving no air pockets. Water immediately and thoroughly after planting.

As the original plants die back, cut the stems back to the soil surface. New growth will soon emerge. Your lilies will bloom again **NEXT YEAR IN JULY**. It is possible that they could bloom again later this summer, but most likely you will have to wait until the summer after this one to see your lilies bloom again. (It is only under controlled greenhouse conditions that these bulbs can be forced to bloom in March or April.)

The Easter Lily is surprisingly hardy, even in cold climates. Just be sure to provide winter protection for your bulbs by mulching them generously. Remember: Lilies like their roots in the shade (mulch) and their heads in the sun.



ORDER FOR EASTER LILIES

Place Orders by 9:00 a.m.,

Thursday, April 2, 2020

(Easter is April 12, 2020)

____ Lilies (6 Bloom) @ \$12.00 TOTAL \$ ____

() In memory of _____

() In honor of _____

() Other _____

Your Name _____

Enclose your order and payment in a white pew envelope.
Write "Lilies" on the envelope and place in the offering plate.
Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity".

Will YOU Spend One Dedicated Hour with the Lord?



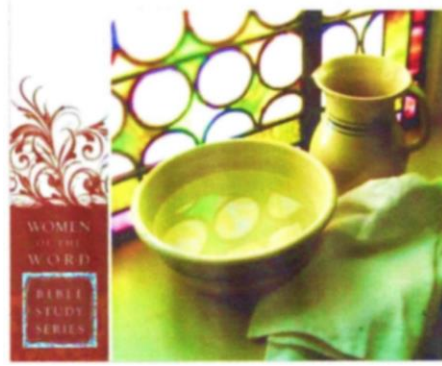
In keeping with our Good Friday prayer tradition, usually in the church but now at home, we are currently receiving signups for **your commitment to one hour of prayer between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Good Friday, April 10.** We hope that every time slot will be filled by multiple people. Please use the link below to add your name OR see your email dated Wednesday, 3/25 at 1:38 PM. for another way to access the live link.

Good Friday Vigil is a time to be with God, to contemplate what Jesus has done for you, to pray for your church and pastors and the wider body of Christ, world events, and all you hold dear. It is a time for special Bible or devltional readings, such as Stations of the Cross, to grow your soul.

Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jW-FPh3S5y2Lt_zcVCfbraa7rrw7HQWdjShXXs_4HP0/edit?usp=sharing

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



APRIL CIRCLES

Love is Discerning

"If anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6: 1-2

April's topic is a challenging one: learning to understand that love must be discerning when dealing with someone who is continuing to sin and/or harm others. Sometimes love needs to be tough and confrontational. Discerning love sometimes must say no and set healthy boundaries. Agape love that always seeks the highest good for the other individual is a discerning love that will recognize when a person needs tenderness or firmness. The two things we'll focus on this month will be:

- 1) To discover how God's love toward us is a discerning love.
- 2) To help us grow in discernment so that our love will result in the highest good for the other individual.

We'll come to understand that loving confrontation is not easy! It may leave us wondering if we've destroyed the relationship or if the confrontation is accomplishing anything positive. At the same time, we must recognize the awesome potential of Spirit-led and loving confrontation. Discerning love is careful in the manner in which it attempts correction and confrontation. Gentle instruction and the truth spoken in love are far more effective. Love without guidelines and boundaries is not a healthy love, and is not the way God wants us to love. Repentance, forgiveness and restoration are always the goal of discerning love.

At the end of our study, we'll be asked to pray Philippians 1: 9-11 daily and whenever we feel a need for greater discernment in our love:

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God."

As we go to print, we do not have a date determination for in person activity to resume, therefore we encourage our circles to use available technology to meet online via Zoom or other apps or to use conferencing. Rosemary Hinkle is looking at options and will send an email to circle leaders. If any of you are currently using an online option that works well please contact Rosemary Hinkle and share. Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

Here is the original schedule for April should circumstances change:

Hannah Circle - Sunday, April 19th at 11:30 a.m. in the HTLC Café

Contact: Deb Mumford (215) 659-2642 debssam@msn.com

Miriam Circle - Monday, April 13th at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rosemary Hinkle

1164 Wheatsheaf Lane, Abington

Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

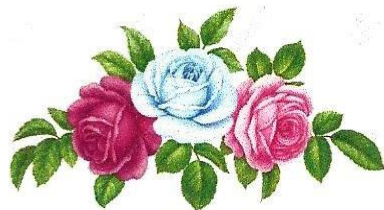
Eve Circle - Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 sharonkoch1304@gmail.com

Dear Women of Holy Trinity,

REBOOT RETREAT

It is with disappointment that I must announce postponement of our women's retreat. As we are three and a half weeks away and the news is not bringing indications of this severe virus abating in the near future, I believe we cannot risk our health at this time. If unfolding events prove me wrong, we will all rejoice. If, we would find it safe to gather, we might consider putting something together for us during the day—Saturday, April 18—at Holy Trinity. For now, I pray for all of us to take the recommended and directed precautions as we pray for God's healing power and await that time when our lives will return to normal and we can all be together again.



Rosemary Hinkle

Sunday, May 17th The LCW is collecting for

The blue basket marked "**Cradle of Hope**"

will be in the Narthex on April 19

- gift cards can be given to Katie Beyer

The Cradle of Hope Wish List

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES: Mops, toilet paper, paper towels, kitchen sponges, Lysol, Mr. Clean, Soft Scrub, Bleach, disinfectant wipes, Windex, Brillo pads, anti-bacterial hand soap, Purell, liquid dish detergent, liquid laundry soap, printer paper, tin foil, Saran wrap, food storage bags.

PERSONAL: Gift cards in small amounts (\$15, \$20, \$25) for Target, Wal-Mart, CVS, Giant, Acme. (Grocery store gift cards are especially helpful)

BABY SUPPLIES: diaper wipes, Crib sheets, (blue, pink and yellow), twin bedsheets.



Each of you should give
what you have decided in your
heart to give, not reluctantly
or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7



DailyVerses.net

Let us "**BAG**" your old tee-shirts!

We will be gathering (all invited)

Saturday, May 16th at 10 AM

in Fellowship Hall for a fun project:
creating **Tee-Shirt Tote Bags**

Requesting donations of your old,
clean tee-shirts (no holes or rips please)

Bring fabric shears if you have them.

Drop off in the blue basket in the Narthex





Coram Deo

Join us for lively discussions of literature and living life in *Coram Deo*, in the presence of God. Our meetings are in the SS Peter & Andrew Study most Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Please bring your own copy of the reading selection.

*Normal meetings will resume when the church reopens.

Spring 2020

Beginning where we left off with:

Date TBD - *The Warden* by Anthony Trollope

Date TBD - *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Emmuska Orczy

Date TBD - *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead*
by Olga Tokarczuk

Date TBD - *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams

Date TBD - *Saint Joan* by George Bernard Shaw

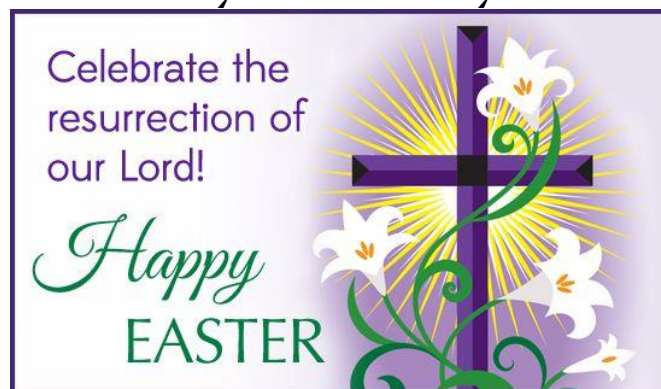
Date TBD - *A Handful of Dust* by Evelyn Waugh

Watch weekly bulletins for future announcements.



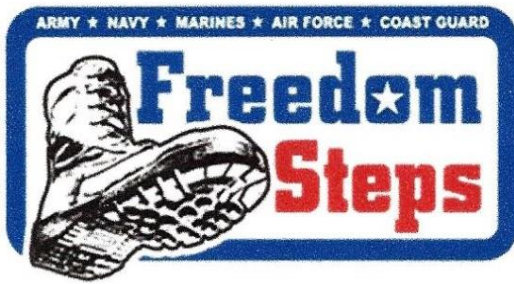
HAPPY EASTER GREETINGS

from your Library Staff.



We have some new books coming in, so remember to keep checking the book cart in Fellowship Hall. Also, feel free to browse the Library located in the Chapel.

HAPPY SPRING READING!



This is probably the hardest message I have had to send. With the COVID-19 virus becoming more and more widespread, the restrictions imposed from both the CDC and from PA

Governor Wolfe (and many other states doing the same), we as the Freedom Steps Committee have discussed how to proceed with our **May 3rd** race.

It is with much heartache that I am announcing we have **postponed this year's 5k indefinitely**. The committee will re-evaluate the situation in early summer in hopes of trying to host our 5k later in the year.

If you have already registered, please be patient with us as we work to refund your registration fees. That said, we are not forgetting our troops so please keep us informed of your loved ones who are or will be deploying and we will do our best to get packages out when conditions permit.

Again, I apologize for this but we want everyone to remain safe and healthy. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the support you give us on a regular basis. We hope to be able to all get together again soon in support of our troops!

Best,
Heather Salazar
Freedom Steps 5k President

Note from Cindy Biehl:

We do not yet have a new date for this important fundraising run.

In the meantime we want to continue sending packages to our service people. If you would like to contribute to this effort, make out a check to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and note **Freedom Steps** in the memo section.

You may mail your check to the office: Attn: Freedom Steps, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2086 Parkview Avenue, Abington, PA 19001.



April Worship Assistants Schedule



April 5

Usher 1	Greeter Al & Pam Eisenmann	Presenters of Gifts	Marilynn Murphy Charlie & Sue Tolton
Count 2	Acolyte Kelly Darreff		
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Healing Prayer Deb Mumford	Lector-Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Deb Mumford John Cappel
Sun Kathleen Ingerson			

April 9 Maundy Thurs. 7:30 PM

Usher 4		Presenters of Gifts	The Ischinger Family
Lector Deb Mumford		Communion Assistants	Jim & Nancy Necker

April 10 Good Friday Usher 5

April 11 Easter Vigil		Communion Assistants	Kevan Berkovitz Allan Shikhvarg
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April 12 Easter

Usher 2	Greeter Kevan Berkovitz, Linda Frezza, Nancy Myers	Presenters of Gifts	The Ickler Family
Count 3	Acolyte Steph Powell		
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Frank Ganther		
Healing Prayer Barbara Harvey	Lector -	Communion Assistants	Charlie Tolton Marilynn Murphy
Sun Nancy Ischinger			

April 19

Usher 3	Greeter The Ickler Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Powell/Schied Family
Count 4	Acolyte Kevan Berkovitz		
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Jim Necker		
Healing Prayer Sherry Breslin	Lector Sat Karen McGovern Sun Alyson Kuenstner	Communion Assistants	Mark & Erica Affleck

April 26

Usher 4	Greeter The Ischinger Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count 1	Acolyte Hannah Mumford		
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Ryan Schied		
Healing Prayer Kathy Ingerson	Lector Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Sherry Breslin John Minges
Sun Allan Shikhvarg			

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement contact the office (215)659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holyltrinity.net

Called to *Serve*



2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 *Kensington Ministry (see Pastor Mike)	2	3	4 VIRTUAL WORSHIP
<p>As long as the Governor's Stay-At-Home Order is in place for Montgomery County, Holy Trinity will be doing only Virtual Worship. Everything else will NOT meet at Holy Trinity until the Governor's Stay-At-Home Order is lifted. If the order is lifted before the May Echoes, we will send out a bulk email with the new schedule. If you aren't on our email list, send your email address to secretary@holytrinity.net</p>						
5 PALM SUNDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP	6	7	8 Kensington Ministry (see Pastor Mike)	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP	10 GOOD FRIDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP	11
12 EASTER VIRTUAL WORSHIP 	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14	15 Kensington Ministry (see Pastor Mike)	16	17	18 VIRTUAL WORSHIP
19 Easter 2 VIRTUAL WORSHIP	20	21	22 Kensington Ministry (see Pastor Mike)	23	24	25 VIRTUAL WORSHIP
26 Easter 3 VIRTUAL WORSHIP	27	28	29 Kensington Ministry (see Pastor Mike)	30		

Special Dates:

- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5, 2020
- Holy Week, April 5-12, 2020
- Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020
- Good Friday, April 10, 2020
- Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

***Kensington Ministry at Sarnelli House** on Wednesdays
 April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Contact Pastor Mike for time)

