

# HOLY TRINITY

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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**May, 2020**

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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 pm  
Sunday at 9 am  
(*Sunday Church School  
at 10:30 am*)

### ***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,

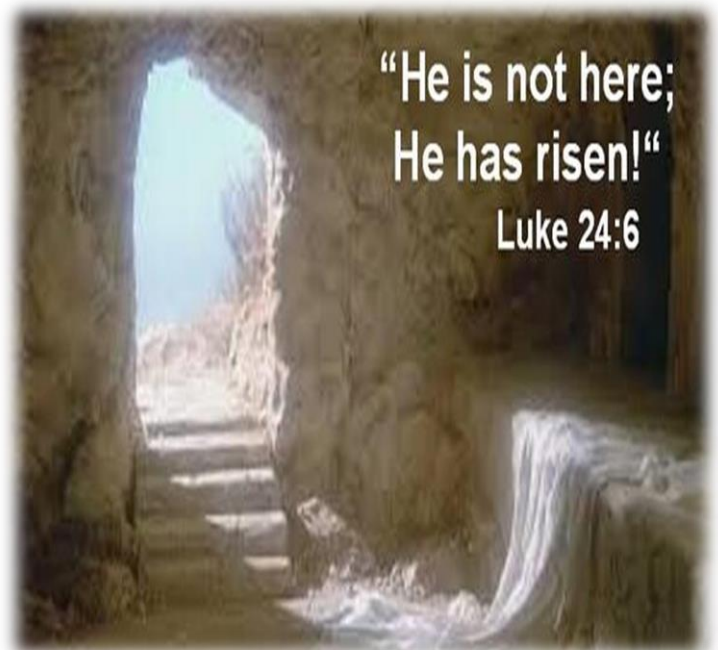
An excerpt from The Templeton Project:

A Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

Dear Heavenly Father, You show compassion to Your wayward children and deliver us from all evil. Help us always to have confidence in Your loving care. In this time of pandemic, help us to think first of those around us, serving them in their needs, and spare us from fear of illness and death, always remembering that we are promised eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Michael G. Tavella  
March 27, 2020

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.

From the latest Newsletter of the  
Atlantic Mission District of the NALC

## **A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER**

Lord, help me to be Your disciple  
and always do Your will,  
to put Your desires before my own,  
Your work to faithfully fulfill.  
Help me set a good example  
for those who look to me,  
to see in my daily living what  
a Christian life should be.

Amen.





# Healing Prayer Ministry

After the 9:00 AM 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 Meets on the **3rd Monday** of each month.

Due to restrictions on social gathering during this time of Covid-19, we continue to meet online for prayer.

If you would like to join us or have specific prayer requests please contact

Rosemary Hinkle @

[Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net)

### 2020 Schedule

May 18

June 15

(Last meeting until fall)

# 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 or initials) The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including:

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, Carol, 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, Emily, Emma, Eric, Erica, Frank, Gavin, Gene, George, Gina, Gloria, Grace, 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, Louise, 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, Tex, Thomas, Tiffany, Tina, Todd, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, Xave, Yana, Zach.

**Please pray for the following families:**

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for the: Bell, Bell-Powell, Blakes, Bolger, Brown, Caldwell, Camp, 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, Moritz, Mumford, Novak, Powell, Reiff, Rosa, Schenck, Sears, Shikhvarg, Smith, Spring, Steinhof, Sullivan, Tredinnick, Vargas, Ward, Werner, Yakscoe, Young, Zaroli, Zimmermann.

**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 and that He would please send workers into the Harvest.  
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in. For all who are fighting 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.  
For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations.  
For refugees and immigrants.  
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.



## SALT AND LIGHT

*"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so, they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

*Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus Christ means we are either salt or we are not salt. But the salt may lose savor. It may lose its ability to cleanse and preserve and it then ceases to be salt at all. It stops working. Likewise, Dietrich Bonhoeffer states in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, "The discipleship mission is to save the world, but if the community ceases to live up to its mission, if it loses its saltiness, its mission may be lost. The call of Christ makes those who respond to it the salt of the earth in their total existence." He continues, "...either we follow the call or we are crushed beneath it."

Jesus also calls his disciples the light of the world. Jesus says, "Let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." "The light is not an instrument which has been put in your hands, such as preaching. It is the disciples themselves.... You are the light in your whole existence, provided you remain faithful to your calling.... And since you are the light, you can no longer remain hidden, even if you want to. It is the property of light to shine" (Bonhoeffer).

There are so many ways we can witness our faith to others. But one common denominator in all testimonies is this: they describe a turning point in one's life — how Christ's saving action made a difference and change in one's life — relationships, lifestyles and ministries.

Although there are countless ways to give testimony to how God is making a difference in your life, there are two ways, not often mentioned, that we can be salt and light which leave a lasting impression on others and lead them towards Christ: goodwill ambassadors and legacy giving.

**First: Is your witness salty? Does it flavor, cleanse and preserve the mission of Holy Trinity? How do you leave a lasting impression, a stamp of "goodwill" on others?** Paul states in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "Therefore, we are ambassadors of Christ, God making his appeal through us." Through Christ's death and resurrection, God reconciled the world. We through faith become God's agents for reconciliation. Thus, as ambassadors, with God's help, we are to comply with every part of the gospel in our relationships. Every day, God gives us opportunities to recognize, exercise and maximize our influence through testimony!

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You are called to be goodwill ambassadors for Christ, being unified, talking positively about Holy Trinity’s mission and promoting the greater mission of the NALC. You and I are God’s representatives. People are influenced by our words, actions and decisions. When we speak positively and passionately about our congregation’s leadership and ministry, we are more apt to draw family members, coworkers and friends into the church rather than turn them away.

**Second: Do you speak well of Holy Trinity’s mission and ministry to others? Words have power and can influence for good or bad. Even when you disagree, does your light continue to shine?** “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17). The responsibility of testimony is in the hands of each of us. And our testimony is sharpened in community.

Paul is imploring us to be reconciled to God, to be coworkers in the ministry of the gospel and to not be a stumbling block to each other. “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Colossians 4:5-6). A goodwill ambassador is one who works for the greater good of the mission — not tarnishing but building up the reputation of Holy Trinity and the NALC.

How do others outside the church experience the testimony of Holy Trinity? “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Philippians 4:8).

You are salt. You are light. How will your choices in the way you serve flavor and reflect the mission of Holy Trinity? **Spiritual Gifts Commitment Weekend is May 9 & 10.** You should have received the Time & Talent Packet by email. If you are not on the email list, copies can be mailed to you. Simply call the church office (215) 659-2642 Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to request your Spiritual Gifts Commitment packet. Please review the ministry teams and select when and how you want to serve our community. The Stewardship Team is praying that during these next few weeks, the Holy Spirit will open your heart and mind to hear God’s Word and put into action the work of the Lord.

You can scan and email ([secretary@holytrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holytrinity.net)), mail, or drop off your completed Time & Talent sheets at the church office, no need for contact, simply leave them in the vestibule of the office during office hours or mail them in to Holy Trinity, 2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001



**Be these.**  
Matthew 5:13-16



## Reopening of The Bread of Heaven

We plan to reopen the Bread of Heaven Food Pantry **Thursday, May 7, 2020** using a pre-packed bag format and observing the proper social distancing guidelines, and requiring face coverings. We will have a maximum of 5 volunteers at a time, some of whom will be outside to guide guests in the new procedures.

Our biggest challenge will be resupply as the items we usually give out are items in short supply. If you are able, please purchase any of the following items when you do your own shopping and drop off in the office vestibule: **Canned tuna or chicken, rice, canned green beans, corn, peas or carrots, canned fruit or applesauce, pasta sauce and pasta, PB & J, soap, toothpaste, tea, mac & cheese, soup, sweetened and unsweetened cereal or oatmeal, bread, toilet paper, and paper towels.**

We appreciate your past support and look forward to resuming this vital ministry.

In Christ,  
Heidi Simmons



## 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](http://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

March 31, 2020 (For the Year 2020)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
<b>Year to date received for current income</b>	\$ 103,024.53	\$ 12,896.80
<b>Carry over from 2018</b>	\$ 1,195.17	\$ 27,909.95
<b>Expenses paid to date</b>	\$ 107,506.60	\$ 16,215.30
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2018</b>	(\$5,677.24)	\$ 24,591.45

## 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](mailto: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

"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you remember Christ crucified and be silent."

- John of the Cross

"There is no greater lifestyle and no greater happiness than that of having a continual conversation with God."

- Brother Lawrence (1614-1691)

"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

- Martin Luther

"To know the Word of God, to live the Word of God, to preach the Word, to teach the Word, is the sum of all wisdom, the heart of all Christian service."

- Charles E. Fuller



Please remember your Church in your will.





# NOTES OF THANKS

April 6, 2020

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Thank you so much for the Virtual Services.

Sincerely,  
Donna Poe  
(Marilynn Murphy's mother)

*Thank you*

Dear Pastors,

Thank you for your constant care and concern for all of us at Holy Trinity. Our church is really our family. Thank you to the Pastors, staff, Tom Schied, council and the wonderful musicians under Jackie's lead. We look to the day we can open the building again to worship in the pews.

Love,  
Barbara H.



To Our Holy Trinity Family,

We wanted to express our most sincere and heart-felt gratitude for all of the prayers lifted for us. There was not a day that passed that we didn't feel God's love and comfort. We also thank you for the cards, calls, emails, and messages we received - each one lifted our spirits and reminded us that we are not alone. With warmth, gratitude and wishes for God's Peace,

Allan and Laurie Shikhvarg



Dear Pastors Mike, Mandy & Larry, Charlie, Dean and everyone involved in keeping digital worship going,  
Thank you to everyone who put together the Passion of our Lord and The Saint Matthew Passion! God bless you all! I look forward to the day we can all be back together!

Linda Frezza





March 10, 2020

Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Luther Church Family,

I am writing with great thankfulness for the many ways you have supported Young Life Montgomery County through the years. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated as we work to present the love of the Gospel to students across Montgomery County.

One of the many exciting things that the Lord has been doing over the last couple of years is to establish Young Life outreach ministry in Abington and Cheltenham high schools. There is now an outreach club that meets weekly in Glenside, right in the middle of these two school districts.

Elias Johnson has been working part time in Abington over the past year and a half. He along with his team of volunteers have been reaching out to the students at Abington High School and students are taking notice. They are spending time in the lives of students, going to where the students are, modeling the incarnational outreach ministry of Jesus. Jesus is all about going to where the people are.

Worthy and worthwhile endeavors such as these would not be possible without the generous giving from Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Your giving has enabled us to help get club up and running and to continue to reach out to more and more students by helping us cover our general budget which makes all the work with students possible.

I would like to end with a quick story about a student from Abington. "Susie" has had a rough go of it, she is a local student and has been getting into things that are not good for her, the tough allure of things that promise life, but leave students in need. One of our committee members has been praying for her by name, that she would come to club. Susie came to club, she was really hesitant at first and it took a while for her to open up. However, just the other day Susie weighed on what she thought about club, she said that it should be longer, that it is over too quickly. Susie is enjoying club and is coming back and is hearing and experiencing the love of Jesus, the truth, the place where real life is found. Please continue to pray for the Truth of Jesus to speak louder than the many lies that bombard students.

Thankfully,

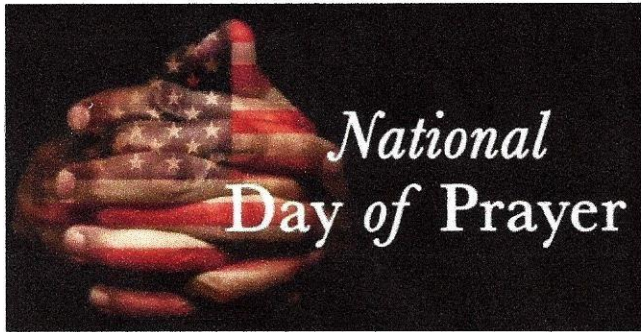
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Pearson'.

Jeff Pearson

Area Director Young Life Montgomery County



# National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7



The National Day of Prayer, launched in 1952, is observed on the first Thursday in May. The President of the United States signs the annual proclamation, encouraging all Americans to set aside time to pray on this day. What time will you designate for prayer for your community, your church, your nation and all

leaders? Here are some prayers to consider in addition to your own offerings.

*Psalm 27: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.*

*Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.*

*Psalm 33: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.*

## **Wise Leaders Prayer**

Father God, good leaders, come from you. Lord, this nation needs leaders with discerning hearts and wise minds. We come to you today asking you to give us wise leaders that will lead this nation in the right direction. Remove from influential positions wrong people that are corrupt and living against your Word. Let our leaders be people who honor your holy name for it is only from you that they will get true wisdom. It is in the mighty name of Jesus that we believe and pray, Amen.

## **A Nation that Honors You Prayer**

Father, I repent on behalf of this nation. We have become people who are only interested in things that give us temporary pleasure. We no longer fear you, Lord. I ask you to forgive us. Purify this nation with the blood of Jesus. Turn our hearts away from different idols that we have created as a nation and individuals. Help us to walk in ways that honor your Holy name. Give us leaders that will lead us towards you and your Word. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

## **Peaceful and Quiet Lives Prayer**

Lord God, we have not been faithful people in these recent times. As a result, our peaceful and quiet nation has turned into a chaotic one. So many bad things are happening all around because we have given the enemy a footing over our lives and nation. O heavenly Father, turn our hearts towards you. Help us to live peaceful and quiet lives. Let our leaders advocate for peace and love instead of chaos. May the words that come from their mouths be words that edify the nation. May we find peace within our borders in Jesus' name I believe and pray, Amen.

## **Right Advisers Prayer**

O Lord, I bring our president and other leaders in different positions before your throne of grace. May they find mercy and grace before you as they look for solutions to the different problems that are affecting our nation. May the president find the right advisors that will give him wise counsel. Expose and remove wrong people around these leaders that are up



to no good. May all their demonic-inspired counsel be exposed and destroyed in Jesus' name. Thank you God for leading us in the way that we should go as a nation, in Jesus name I pray, Amen.

### **Healing Prayer**

O Precious King, the world and everything in it belongs to you. Daddy God, we come to you because the people of this nation and everything in it belong to you. We are not here by accident; you are the one who set us in this nation at this particular time for the glory of your name. But Father, people in this country are turning against each other. We no longer live like brothers and sisters. Brother has turned against brother and child against parent. But your Word says that **if we humble ourselves and turn from our wicked ways you will heal our land**. Lord, heal our hearts, heal our land. Remove bitterness and resentment from our hearts and help us to live as brothers and sisters in Jesus' name Amen.

### **Fear of God Prayer**

Loving Father, your word says that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. God, help us to be a nation that fears you, a nation that is not afraid to acknowledge that you are the true living God. Help us to stop looking at worldly solutions and to focus on you because it is only through worshipping you in spirit and truth that we will be able to get knowledge and understanding about the issues of life that are affecting our nation. In Jesus' name, I believe and pray, Amen.

### **Protection Prayer**

Father, you are Lord over our beautiful nation. Nothing that happens in this country escapes you or catches you by surprise. That is why I am here today to ask you to protect us from all the evil plans of the enemy. Lord, by the authority you have given us, we declare and decree that places, where drug trafficking, prostitution, and other kinds of immoral activities are happening, are shutting down. Take charge, O Lord, and let your glory fill those places in the name of Jesus we believe and pray, Amen.

### **Prosperity Prayer**

Dear God, a nation that honors you is blessed. Lord, as we come before you to honor your holy name as a nation, we ask you humbly to prosper our economy, families, and relationships with other countries. Open up financial doors so that we can thrive in our economy. Help our leaders to engage in business relationships with the right nations. Let them also engage in treaties that align with your Word and Will in Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Wisdom Prayer**

Heavenly Father, I pray for our nation and leaders. Give our leaders wisdom that they may be able to do things beyond their understanding. Help them to choose the right path when they make decisions on behalf of this nation. Give the president grace and courage to make sound decisions that align with your will for this nation. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

### **Calmness Prayer**

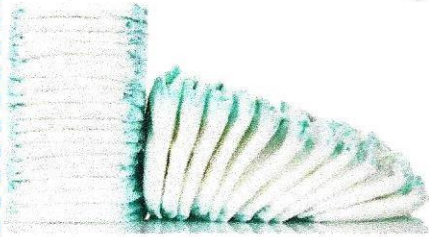
Lord, you rule in the kingdoms of men and women. The earth and everything it belongs to you. We are only but stewards of the things that you have granted us, including this nation. Lord God Almighty let there be calmness in this nation. Sudden terrors are causing us to be filled with anxiety. Lord help us to focus our gaze on your son Jesus and not on what is happening all around us, In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.



## Mother's Day Collection

### Stocking the Bread of Heaven Pantry with Baby Needs

In the past, Holy Trinity participated in an annual collection for Baby Manna, which later morphed into Baby Bites. At a January meeting of the Social Ministry Committee, it was decided to direct this year's special Mother's Day collection to our Bread of Heaven Pantry, specifically to provide some basic baby supplies, such as diapers, wipes, and baby food. Heidi Simmons is stocking the Pantry strategically



with an initial assortment of diapers in every size, along with the other supplies. and will monitor requests for these items. This decision grew out of several of our clients asking if we could provide baby food.

Please make your contributions by check made out to Holy Trinity and note "Mother's Day" in the memo section.



## Coram Deo

*Living in the Presence of God*

Due to current state-wide restrictions we are conducting sessions Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Nancy Berkovitz @[nckb520@verizon.net](mailto:nckb520@verizon.net) to join.

### Spring 2020

May 4 -

May 11 - *Saint Joan* - by George Bernard Shaw

May 18 - Reading of selected poetry (start reading *A Handful of Dust*)

May 25 - No meeting

June 1 - *A Handful of Dust* - by Evelyn Waugh





Congratulations & welcome to God's World!



**Connor John Wyszomierski**

**Born April 18, 2020**

**7 lbs., 11 oz.; 21 inches long**

Congratulations to parents

Steve & Kelly

and big brother Travis!



**Our Christian Sympathy to**

wife Jennifer, daughters Melissa & Jessica,  
son Thomas and his wife Sarah and grandsons

Nicholas Bennick and Logan Camp

on the death of **Donald Camp**

**April 16, 2020**

Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Psalm 112:6

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

*Memorials received*



*In Memory of...*

**Dick Erb**



## Men's Devotional Group

Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the Men's Devotional Group Meeting. Join us **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.** Due to current State mandated restrictions we will be having a virtual meeting via Zoom. Interested in participating please contact Tom Schied (215) 517 - 5505 or email him at **Tschied63@gmail.com**

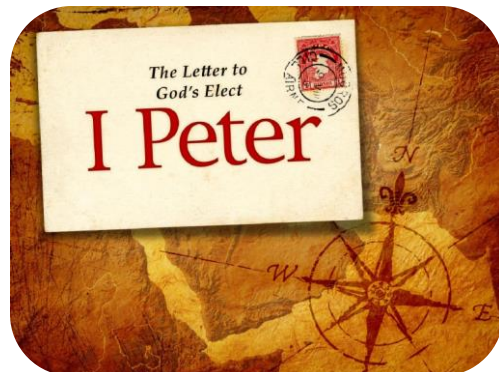


Will resume when in person worship resumes.

At that time Tom Schied will be presenting the last 3 videos in the series

***The Life and Ministry of the Messiah*** by Ray Vander Laan.

If time permits, before summer break, Pastor Guenzel will lead a study of **1 Peter**, the source of the Second Readings in worship through the Easter Season.



## *Holy Trinity' Women's Semi -Annual Collection*

# Women's Thank Offering

*Dear Women of Holy Trinity,*

*Twice a year, we ask you to provide a thank offering that you collect on your own over six months, adding to it each time you are thankful for a blessing in your life. Normally we collect these offerings at our semi-annual general meetings. However, our next general meeting has not been scheduled for obvious reasons.*

*Your Administrative Board has voted to designate the spring Thank Offering for the Pastors' Discretionary Fund that our pastors use predominantly to help meet vital, emergency needs in families throughout our congregation. As you might imagine, there have been more needs of late. So we ask you to give generously as you are able.*

*Please send your contributions via check, made out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women or Holy Trinity LCW, to our LCW treasure:*

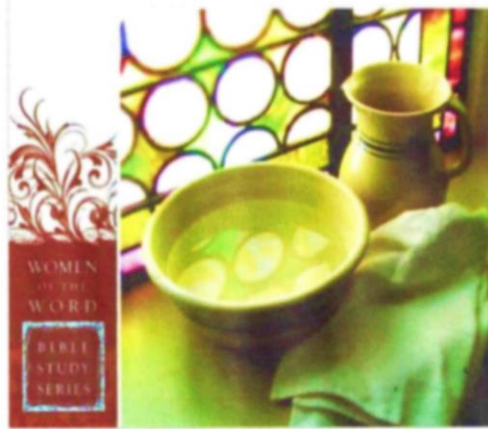
*Joy Alderfer  
202 Newington Drive  
Hatboro, PA 19040*



***WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!***



## Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



### MAY CIRCLES

#### **Love Covers Over Wrongs and is Patient**

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4: 14-16

In this, our final topic before the Summer, we will be helped to understand when and how to cover over the wrongs of others and to understand the role of being patient in love. As we study this chapter, we'll see that God loves us with a patient and enduring love that doesn't magnify our sin, but covers over it with the blood of Jesus. He's in the business of restoring lives, restoring relationships and restoring marriages. Yes, through Jesus there is hope for troubled relationships. Love can be rekindled and revitalized, and sick relationships can be brought to health.

Here are the three things we'll be focusing on:

- 1) To see how God loves us with an enduring love that covers our sin.
- 2) To understand how love covers over wrongs.
- 3) To learn how to build enduring love and renewed hope into relationships.

Before we begin the study, we'll ask God to help us discern areas where our love needs to cover over wrongs; then give Him permission to change us. We'll ask God to rekindle hope and love in relationships where we've been tempted to give up. It's so easy to struggle with discouragement. The principle of sowing and reaping illustrates several spiritual truths that can be applied to loving others. We will reap what we sow. If we sow seeds of love, love will grow in our own lives and our relationships will become more loving. If we sow seeds of bitterness, discord or resentment, we can only expect the same in return.



As we end our topic, we'll be asked to paraphrase the words of 1Thessalonians 3:12-13 into our own personal prayer to God:

"And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints."

Please prayerfully consider coming out to one of the following circles. Please direct questions either to Lutheran Church Women President Rosemary Hinkle (267) 704-3701 or church secretary Deb Mumford (215) 659-2642. Here are the circle times and dates as well as leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual circle.

**Ruth Circle - Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.** will be via Zoom. Circle leader Nancy Necker will send out an email to Ruth circle members earlier that week.

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

**Eve Circle - Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.** will be via Zoom. Circle leader Sharon Koch will send out an email to Eve circle members earlier that week.

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

**Hannah Circle - Sunday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m.** will be via Zoom. Members will receive an email with a link to join the group.

Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 [debssam@msn.com](mailto:debssam@msn.com)



Due to the uncertainty of when we will be allowed to gather again, we have decided to cancel VBS for this summer.

**This decision made with great care and concern for the safety and well-being of the kids & staff, they are always our top priority!**



Not knowing what restrictions, if any, will be in place in July, we thought this was the best decision to make at this time.



# May Worship Assistants Schedule



## May 3

<b>Usher</b> 5	<b>Greeter</b> Don & Linda Borkowski	<b>Presenters of</b>	Kevan Berkovitz, Jody and Kiley Cheeseborough.
<b>Count</b> 2	<b>Acolyte</b> Matthew Gregg		
<b>Christophers</b> Sue Tolton	<b>Crucifer</b> Rob Ischinger		
<b>Healing Prayer</b> Sue Tolton	<b>Lectors-Sat</b> Linda Cassady	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Gil & Betsy Zimmermann
<b>Sun</b> Charlie Tolton			

## May 10

<b>Usher</b> 1	<b>Greeter</b> Rich & Lois Hamilton	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	The Nilsen Family
<b>Count</b> 3	<b>Acolyte</b> Audrey Brown		
<b>Christophers</b> Deb Mumford	<b>Crucifer</b> Sherry Breslin		
<b>Healing Prayer</b> Nancy Ischinger	<b>Lectors-Sat</b> Karen McGovern	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Linda Frezza Linda Bell-Powell
<b>Sun</b> Todd Kuenstner			

## May 17

<b>Usher</b> 2	<b>Greeter</b> Allan Shikhvarg Charlie Tolton	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	The Brown Family
<b>Count</b> 4	<b>Acolyte</b> Ryan Schied		
<b>Christophers</b> Nancy Necker	<b>Crucifer</b> Ken Tredinnick		
<b>Healing Prayer</b> Deb Mumford	<b>Lectors - Sat</b> Linda Cassady	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Rob Ischinger Scott Brown
<b>Sun</b> Linda Bell-Powell			

## May 24

<b>Usher</b> 3	<b>Greeter</b> Jim & Nancy Necker	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Linda Frezza, Jim & Nancy Necker.
<b>Count</b> 1	<b>Acolyte</b> Elli Nilsen		
<b>Christophers</b> Mike Breslin	<b>Crucifer</b> Charlie Tolton		
<b>Healing Prayer</b> Barbara Harvey	<b>Lectors-Sat</b> Karen McGovern	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Frank Ganther Eric Gregg
<b>Sun</b> Jim Necker			

## May 31

<b>Usher</b> 4	<b>Greeter</b> The Schied Family	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Sherry Breslin, Deb Mumford, Ken Tredinnick.
<b>Count</b> 2	<b>Acolyte</b> Kelly Darreff		
<b>Christophers</b> Sue Tolton	<b>Crucifer</b> Jim Necker		
<b>Healing Prayer</b> Sherry Breslin	<b>Lectors - Sat</b> Linda Cassady	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Otis Bricker Ann Frey
<b>Sun</b> Betsy Zimmermann			

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@holytrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holytrinity.net)

Called to *Serve*

# MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Special Dates:</b> *National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2020 *Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2020 *Memorial Day, May 25, 2020					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Digital Worship available by 5 p.m.
<b>3 Easter 4</b> Digital Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Council 7:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> 10:00 - Noon Bread of Heaven	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Digital Worship available by 5 p.m.
<b>10 Easter 5</b> Digital Worship  Happy Mother's Day 	<b>11</b> <b>12</b> <b>13</b> <b>14</b> 10:00 - Noon Bread of Heaven				<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Digital Worship available by 5 p.m. 
<b>17 Easter 6</b> Digital Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 - Noon Bread of Heaven  Ascension Day 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Digital Worship available by 5 p.m.
<b>24 Easter 7</b> Digital Worship	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY  Thank you to all our soldiers who give of themselves for our freedom! <small>© 2020 Holy Trinity, 04/27/2020</small>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 - Noon Bread of Heaven	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Digital Worship available by 5 p.m.
<b>31 Pentecost</b> Digital Worship  						

Pastor Mike continues the Kensington Ministry at Sarnelli House weekly.  
Contact him at [MGTavella@msn.com](mailto:MGTavella@msn.com) if you are interested in joining him.

