

Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2021

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

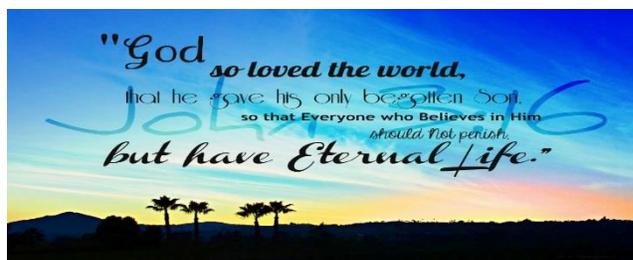
Have you ever noticed how God uses what is most perfectly broken for his glory? Just thinking about those things broken in the scriptures: a broken alabaster jar comes to mind by which Mary anointed Jesus for his death long before it happened, the pride of Peter is shattered when the Lord rebukes only for the Lord to entrust him with “his sheep” a few weeks later. And what about how God used a broken man named Paul, now in prison, having been blinded and then restored, shipwrecked, marooned, and scourged all because of the Lord, to now be given the most uplifting words to write in support of and the encouragement of the Lord’s own church. The most significant use of that which first had to be broken was the Lord’s employment of his own body. He was bruised for our iniquity, stricken, smitten of God and afflicted, the chastisement that would bring us peace was laid upon him, and by his stripes we were healed.

This broken body Jesus foreshadowed on the night he was betrayed when he took bread, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you, for the remission of sins. Do this in Remembrance of me”. When we receive the bread of Holy Communion and drink the cup of His New Testament, we are communicating with the very body and blood of Christ. In this, God's love breaks through as he uses this blessed sacrament to strengthen us in faith toward him and in fervent love toward each other.

As the troubles of this world tend to wear at you and break you down, turn to the Lord, remembering that he offered his flesh to be broken for you, and be healed at his invitation. He endured the cross, scorning its shame, for the joy of knowing that you would be restored by his death and resurrection. A bruised reed he will not break and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. He heals the wounded spirit and binds up the broken hearted because his desire is that whole world might be saved. He died that we might live, and he rose that all who live and believe in him might have eternal life.

Yours in His Service

Rev. Timothy Azzam



STEWARDSHIP

Come and See

On His way to Galilee, Jesus called Philip to be one of His 12 disciples. After receiving Jesus' call, Philip, pleased to be a disciple, told his friend, Nathanael, that he had found Jesus of Nazareth, the person whom Moses and all the prophets had foretold in the Old Testament. Nathaniel responded, "*Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*" (John 1:46). Philip responded, "*Come and see.*" Jesus calls us to be like Philip and to say to our families, co-workers, neighbors, friends, and all people, "*Come and see.*" As God's people, we have been given a wonderful privilege and a responsibility to be the hands, feet, and mouth for Jesus. We are His instruments through whom He works so others can hear the Good News of the Gospel.

In our conversations, we could use the words "come and see" in many different ways. When we acquire new furniture, a dress, or a car, we may say, "Come and see." How much more important it is that we ask others to "come and see" Jesus as He has revealed Himself to us in His Word. We have the opportunity to introduce people to Jesus Who has given the world the greatest miracle that has ever occurred. Jesus, the Son of Man, condescended to come to earth to live as one of us, to be humiliated and die for the sake of those He loves, and then to rise victoriously, the "*firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*" (1 Corinthians 15:20). This miracle is one to be shouted from the housetops, for it is meant for all humankind. Christ has died for our sins and risen again so that we might live forever with Him. We are called to go and invite people to "come and see" Who Jesus is and what He has done for us. We invite people, and the Holy Spirit does the rest.

So why are we often hesitant to invite people to "come and see" Jesus? Do we fear we'll be rejected? That we won't have the answers to questions we're asked? That we'll look foolish? All these things may happen but that's God's business. Not everybody is going to want what we have to offer, but many do. Our task is to invite, "Come and see." If we love God, we will love His people (1 John 4:20), and, if we love people, we will be compelled to witness. Our love will overcome our discomfort. Our compassion will overcome our inhibitions.

We should all be encouraged to pray that the Holy Spirit will make us aware of the opportunities He lays before us, the people He places in our lives—people we know and sometimes complete strangers. As Philip invited his friend, let us invite all who will listen, "Come and see." The investment of our time and effort will be an investment that pays eternal dividends.

--Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



April Mission of the Month Well Springs Lutheran Services

Wellspring Lutheran Services is April's Mission of the Month. Their vision is: ***Changed lives. Strong families. Transformed communities.*** Well spring is an abundant source of hope, flowing to people in need. Christ is at the core of who we are. We seek to release and be a channel of the love that Jesus, by his example, poured out in abundance. It's a love that places the good of neighbor above personal interests and engages those on the "outside," as he did with a woman he met at a well. Because of this meeting, her life, her family and community were transformed.



In Our Prayers

Joan Abney, Eugene Azzam, Jackie Azzam, Joyce Davis, Chris Exnowski, Shirley Frink, Wayne Fortney, Steve Ogden, Sue Pisarski, Elmira Pruitt, Shirley Frink, Edna Rainey, Bill Ruckel, and Ted White

Homebound:

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge
Richard Fitzgerald
(Oscoda Senior Condos)

Military:

Jason Cooper
Courtney & Karina Pierce (Army)
Marc Stiller (U.S.A.F. – Sherman)
Nathan Boettge (Marines – Fortney)

Bible Study



Bible Study Opportunities

- Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. – Jesus’s I Am words. When you call in for worship, please let us know if you plan to attend Bible Study. The room can accommodate 16 people.
- Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study online via Zoom – For more information contact Ron Weidenfeller at 724-7701.
- Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets from 9:15-10:30 a.m. via Zoom – For more information contact Ruth Golm at (989) 724-5679.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – In-person in Sunday School wing. Please use the side entrance.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

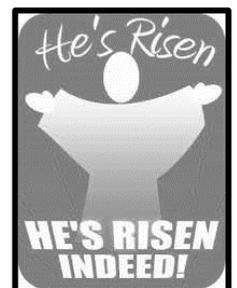
Palm Sunday (March 28th) – Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (April 1st) – Worship Service at 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 2nd) – Worship Service at 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday (April 4th)

- Indoor Worship Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Outdoor Worship Service in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m.



Communion Offered at all Three Easter Services



Notes from the March 11th Church Council Meeting

- The Financial Secretary, Karen White, has begun using the Memorial Book and also sending out acknowledgements. The church received a donation from someone who has been listening to Pastor online.
- Melissa Davis was hired as the new church custodian.
- The church's ventilation system was checked because some members have been experiencing problems. Goyette found nothing in the duct work or the furnaces. All filters were changed, and a good CO² detector was installed. Stanley Steamer cannot clean the ductwork as the furnaces would have to be removed to do so. Bruce Welther will try to find a company that might be able to clean the air ducts and ask for a quote.
- Concordia University in St. Louis has a new president, Dr. Thomas J. Egger. Concordia College in New York will be closing at the end of the year, as well as Concordia University in Portland, Oregon. The remaining Concordia Universities are doing well. Concordia in Ann Arbor has a program for training nurse practitioners. They had the largest incoming freshman class of 1,000 students.
- April 18th is "Here I Stand Day" celebrating the 500th anniversary of the proclamation.
- Pastor performed a private baptism in March.
- Pam Carroll transferred out as she moved to Nebraska.
- There is a new program for training deacons.
- A funeral service for Phyllis Fitzgerald will be held on May 22nd.
- The synod convention has been postponed for a year.
- Treasurer Sue Barnhart reported that expenses exceed income for the month of February by \$3,812.13.
- Treasurer is working on a grant for technology from the synod. They will be awarding approximately 100 grants for up to \$1,500 nationally.
- Seating in the sanctuary has been changed to every other row which allows for a few more seats.
- There will be a new communion set-up beginning on Palm Sunday.

**THROUGH FAITH, WE CAN BE READY AND WILLING
TO DO GOOD WORKS GOD HAS PREPARED
IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO.**

"[Jesus] gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14).



Through the Spartan Nash Direct Your Dollars Program our church can earn \$1,000 per year simply by collecting \$150,000 in eligible receipts from Family Fare or any of the more than 160 Spartan Nash owned retail stores or fuel centers in nine states. A container is provided in the fellowship hall for collecting your receipts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jonalee Engstrom	4/1
Adel Astala	4/4
Caroline Barrett	4/5
Beverly Cornel	4/6
Michael Dettmer	4/6
Judith Audritsh	4/8
Birgit Faught	4/8
Tyler Tudor	4/11
Bradd Chisholm	4/14
Bruce Welther	4/15
Lily Bilbey	4/17
Nancy Marshall	4/20
Nancy Perry	4/21
Irene Walentovic	4/21
Shirley Webber	4/22
Madison Schimmer	4/25
Anna Loyer	4/28
Pat Wright	4/28
Melina Ludeña	4/30
Lila Wetenhall	4/30

Happy Anniversary

Joe and Linda Hock	4/20
Mitchell & Margaret Davis, Sr.	4/21

Know the Elders

The Board of Elders concerns itself with the wellbeing and spiritual life of our congregation and pastor. Pastor Azzam and your Elders are happy and eager to hear from you!

They may be reached at:

Pastor Azzam - 739-4820
Mitch Davis, Jr. - 989-820-1469
Roger Tack - 989-293-8050
Ron Weidenfeller - 724-7701

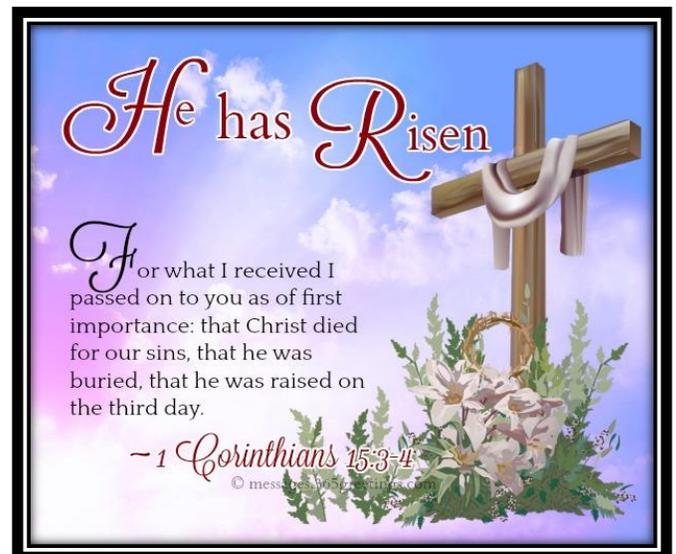


**Tuesday, April 6th
2:00 p.m.**



**Church
Council Meeting**

**Thursday, April 8th
2:00 p.m.**



QUIZ

1. What were the first recorded words of Jesus?
2. What were the last recorded words of Jesus?
3. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?



God Himself buried Moses and no one knows where.

The 3 most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English.

The word "Pennsylvania" is misspelled on the Liberty Bell, the strike note of the Bell is in E-flat, and it weighs a whopping 2,080 pounds!

HUMOR



DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the May Newsletter is April 18, 2020



- Answers to Quiz:
1. "... I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49b)
 2. "It is finished" (John 19:30)
 3. Hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5)