

Trinity Tidings

March 14, 2024

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Lenten mid-week round robin worship will be Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at Trinity. When one of the other pastors is here, Pastor Chuck will be at one of their churches.

2024 Lenten Series - Sing with All the Saints

March 20

St. Patrick

Pastor Chuck

Devotionals will be available on Facebook and YouTube on Wednesdays during Lent.



Attention Singers!

The Chancel Choir would like you to join their voices in worship on Maundy Thursday, March 28.

Practice will be on Wednesday, March 13 and 20 after the midweek Lenten service.

March 2024

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Sunday, March 17

- Adult Bible Study 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM
- Story Time 10 AM

Monday, March 18

Tuesday, March 19

- Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 20

- Soup Supper 5:30 PM
- Lenten Worship 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 21

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Quilting 10 AM
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6 PM

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24 - *Palm Sunday*

- Adult Bible Study 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Palm Sunday Brunch 10 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM
- Story Time 10 AM

Click [here](#) for the most current calendar.

Click [here](#) for worship.

Office Hours:

8 AM - 12 noon

Monday - Thursday

Other times by appointment

Please join us for a Palm Sunday Brunch on March 24, after worship

Pancakes and breakfast pizzas will be provided by a couple of generous members of the Support and Service committee. Thank you!!

There will be a Freewill offering with the proceeds going towards future congregational meal supplies.

Sign up at the Info Center to bring fruit, milk, or juice or to help with clean up.



Email or call with your request.

- Tony Krajna - friend of Dan Wesenick, cancer
- Judy Gregory - cancer
- Jim Schmidt - friend of Dyreson's, recovering from surgery
- Shelley Langkau - cousin of Vigil's, cancer
- Bryan Price - friend of Vigil's, cancer
- Jake Guyer - son-in-law of Kirk & Amy Van Dreel, recovering from an accident
- Kristin - friend of Kelly Newton, health concerns
- Sue Luba - recovering from surgery
- Carla Fulcer - friend of Sue Luba, cancer
- Keith Krueger
- Genie Shaw - friend of Dixie Hill, cancer and other health concerns
- Mary Jo Driessen - friend of Wesenick's, cancer
- Erin Larson - recovering from surgery
- Paul Bock - recovering from surgery
- Betty Anderson - friend of Amy Kuehl
- Brian Miller - health issues
- Trista Jo Westphal - health concerns
- Ginny Halverson - friend of Lehl's, recovering from a stroke
- Peter H. - friend of Dyreson's, leukemia
- Patty Dyreson - recovering from surgery
- Julie Smith - daughter of Jean Smith, recovering from transplant surgery
- Leslie Larson - uncle of Marta Wesenick, cancer
- Mike Loppnow - cancer
- Beth Cochran - friend of Dan Wegner, health concerns
- Kaden Wegner - grandson of Michael Wegner, health concerns
- Pastor Dean Desilet - friend of Pastor Chuck, health concerns
- Dixie Hill - health concerns
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer



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Journey Through
Holy Week

March 24: Palm Sunday Worship • 9 a.m.
Children's choir sings at worship + brunch following worship

March 28: Maundy Thursday Worship • 6:30 p.m.

March 29: Good Friday Worship • 1:30* & 6:30 p.m.
*1:30 p.m. Worship is Ecumenical at Trinity Lutheran

March 31: Easter Worship • 6:30 a.m. | 9 a.m.

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For latest details, read the Weekly News at TrinityNewLondon.com.
Watch live or recorded services at TrinityNewLondon.com



If you are willing to serve as an usher, lector, communion assistant, slides presenter, or live stream operator for Holy Week worship services, please sign up at the Info Center or contact the office.

Palm Sunday activity during brunch

We will have a table set up in the fellowship hall to decorate crosses to be displayed on Easter in the church. Crosses and beads will be provided. Your ability to glue things to the cross will be the only thing needed!



Help decorate our church for Easter!

We invite you to order a flower in honor of or in memory of someone. The cost is \$22 each for a lily, kalanchoe, or begonia.

Please sign up at the info center and complete the order form.

Order deadline is Sunday, March 17.

Personal Care Kits through Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Collection during Lent

Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

You will find bags in the narthex that have some items in them already. A list is attached so you can complete the kit. Once all those bags are gone, you can just start fresh with the list.

Completed personal care kits can be dropped off in the narthex.

Sue Krejcarek, LWR coordinator



Next community meal is Wednesday, March 27, from 5-6 pm.



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Grilled brats will be served on 3/27.

Donations needed for the March meal are:

- Healthy snacks (e.g. raisins, craisins, dried fruit, granola/protein bars, jerky, etc.)
- Desserts (packaged or homemade)
- PLEASE NO NUTS and NO ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION.

Place donations in the bin outside of church.



March's Joy of Giving is Mission of Hope House

Serving all of Waupaca County & Rural Central Wisconsin Mission of Hope's Resiliency Center is a 16 bed peer supported living environment that offers programs and services designed to help our clients break free from poverty, substance abuse disorder and homelessness. We are here to give those most in need in our community a hand up to a brighter future. Our programs are structured in a way to directly address access to housing, mental health concerns and substance use disorder. We aim to improve the wellbeing of the communities we serve!

Mission of Hope also operates The Bridge, a resale store that is open to the public; proceeds from sales support The Mission of Hope House's programs and, therefore, benefit residents of Waupaca County and surrounding rural central Wisconsin. As we grow awareness about this store, we can also grow awareness about the issues that these sales are supporting.

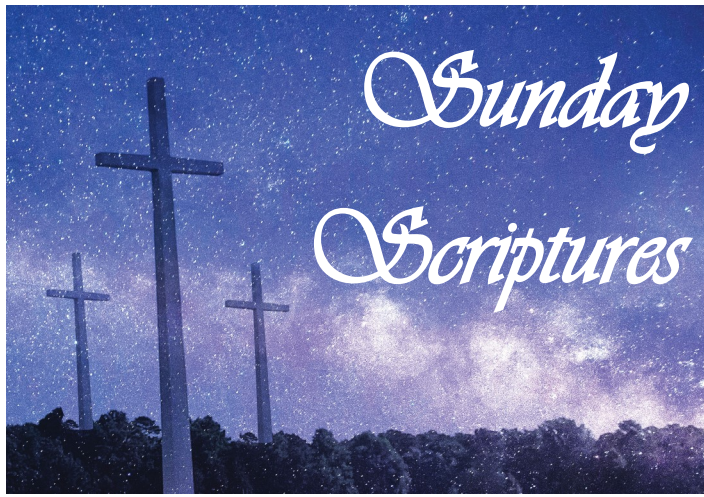
Please show your support, giving online or using your Joy of Giving envelope.



Thank you to everyone who purchased t-shirts!! If you ordered, but haven't picked yours up, they are available in the office.

If you didn't order but would still like one, there are 9 left for purchase : 2 medium, 1 Large, 2 Xlarge, and 4 2xlarge.

Payment can be made to Becca, Sue K., or the church office.



Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
²Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.
³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.
⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and

right in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

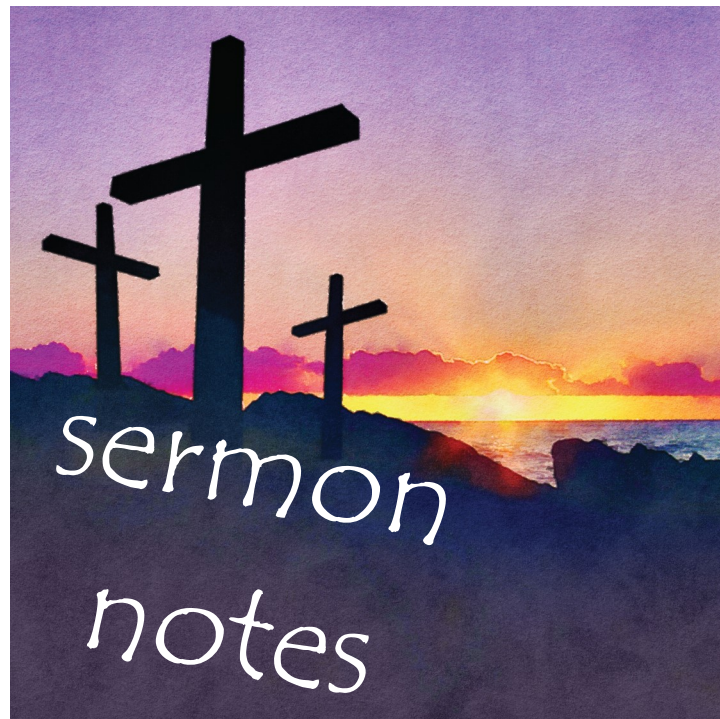
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see

Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



Help!

Alex Haley, the author of "Roots," had an unusual picture hanging on his office wall. It was a picture of a turtle on top of a fence post. When asked, "Why is that there?" Alex Haley answered, "Every time I write something significant, every time I read my words and think that they are wonderful, and every time I begin to feel proud of myself, I look at the turtle on top of the fence post. And remember that he did not get there on his own. He had help.

At some time or another we all need help. We cannot get through life in our own.

Remember the Beatles song "Help, I need somebody!"

However, we would prefer to believe that we are self-made.

When we have trials we like to think that we can handle them on our own.

"pull yourself up by your own bootstraps!"

How many of you have heard this expression: "God won't give you more than you can handle?"

Many quote it as if it is Scripture.

It is well intentioned, but actually is a misreading of I Corinthians 10:13, which says God will not let us be tempted beyond what we can handle.

The saying refers to temptations, not to general trials in life. And even a quick reading of Psalms or the epistles shows that very godly people regularly experienced far, far more

Serving at worship on Sunday

Ushers

David Newton, Jack Thurk

Lector

Amy Kuehl

Communion Assistant

Amy Kuehl

Slides

Lisa Graetz

Livestream

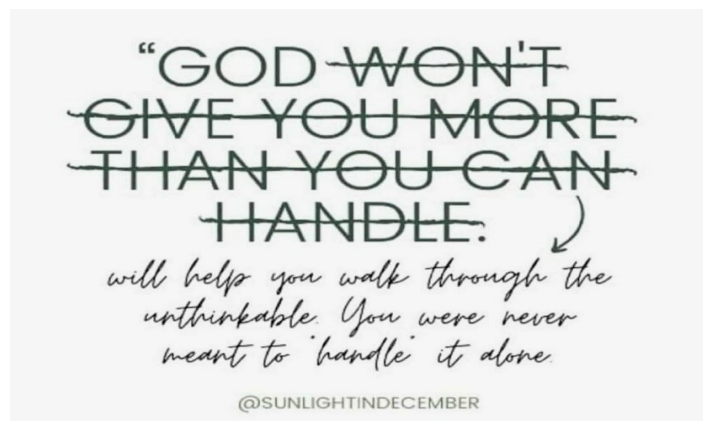
Terry Lathrop

Altar Guild

Sue Krejcarek, Sandy Krueger

than they could handle and cried out to God for help. We weren't promised troubles we could handle—we were promised help through the troubles.

This saying can also be a form of victim-blaming. First of all, it implies that whatever bad things the person is currently experiencing did actually come from God. Second, it implies that the person can in fact handle the circumstances on their own and just need to shape up. A far more helpful concept to remember is that everyone faces trials, but through it all, God is there to help us.



In Hebrews we read that we have a great high priest who is here to help us, one who intercedes for us.

That of course is Jesus Christ.

Jesus is one who was like us in every way except that he was without sin.

Priests in the Bible were peoples' representatives before God.

The priests performed the rituals needed on behalf of the people such as sacrifices to receive God's mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus is our representative before God who bore our sins on the cross and through whom we receive God's grace and forgiveness.

To emphasize the fact that Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, the author speaks of Jesus suffering and being tested, alluding to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus "offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death" (verse 7). The author maintains that even though Jesus was not saved from death, he was "heard because of his reverent submission." Even though he was the Son of God, "he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all

who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek" (verses 8–10).

Who is Melchizedek? In his brief appearance in Genesis 14, King Melchizedek of Salem, called "priest of the Most High God," meets Abraham as he is returning after winning a battle. Melchizedek shows hospitality to Abraham, bringing him bread and wine, and blesses him in the name of the Most High God. Abraham then gives Melchizedek "one-tenth of everything"—in other words, one-tenth of the spoils of war (Hebrews 7:1–2a).

The author finds significance in the name of Melchizedek, which means "king of righteousness" in Hebrew, and in the fact that he was also king of Salem, which means that he was "king of peace" (7:2b). Salem has the same root as the Hebrew word for peace: shalom. Melchizedek, furthermore, appears without genealogy and without any mention of the beginning or end of his days, leading to the conclusion that he was eternally a priest (7:3; see also Psalm 110:4).

What's more, the fact that Abraham offered Melchizedek a tithe signifies that Melchizedek's priesthood is of a higher and more perfect order than the Levitical priesthood (7:11). Jesus, then, who was not of the tribe of Levi but of Judah, belongs to this higher order of the eternal priesthood of Melchizedek (7:13–17), confirmed by an oath from God (7:20): "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever'" (7:21, citing Psalm 110:4).

Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord, is always there to help us.

He is our representative, along with our advocate, the Holy Spirit.

We never have to face trials alone.

We are like turtles on a fence post.

God has brought us to where we are today, helps us with our heavy loads, and promises to lead us into an everlasting future with him!

When we feel overwhelmed we can remember these 3 steps, which summarize the 12 steps from addiction recovery groups:

I can't

God can.

I'll let Him.

Help is on the way!

Amen.