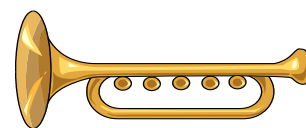




TRINITY TRUMPET



April 2022

PASTOR'S LETTER

I may have shared at one point that my senior capstone paper in seminary was on the marks of the church, specifically what is it that distinguishes worship. It would be interesting to go back and revisit that paper now, because after two years of social distance worship, virtual worship, mask worship, outdoor worship, of laughing while candles won't stay lit on Christmas Eve in the snow, of Dugan (the cat) protesting my attempts at singing, of the feeling of community when thumbs up and hearts would pop across the Facebook Live feed on my phone, I've learned that worship, that God, happens, comes to us, in more ways than I'd ever thought possible. And I had a pretty broad understanding of how and where God could meet us to start with.

I've also learned that there is something that happens when we are together in a physical space. There is a moving of the Spirit when the people of God are together doing the work of worship (fun fact: liturgy, the fancy church word for the parts of the service, literally means "work of the people" in Greek).

Facebook worship is here to stay, and I am so grateful to live in a time where the technology is possible. I love still worshiping with our snowbirds, homebound members, and snowed-in members. I love that you don't have to feel left out or disconnected if you are home sick or out of town or snowed into your driveway or whatever. Facebook worship IS worship. Fully and completely, 100%. I experienced worship with you in my living room on my phone, in the sanctuary with my phone on a tripod, and every Sunday when I look up to the streaming camera and know you are on the other side. However, whenever, you join me in worship, we are in worship together.

And, also, I want to offer this invitation. If/when you are able, please come back to worship in the building. Not because Facebook worship isn't good worship, but because I miss you in worship, we miss you in worship. We worship together because we worship for each other. I think I've probably shared before that we say the creed and the Lord's prayer aloud together, because we say them for each other. When my voice is weak, my faith is doubting, you say the words for me, and vice versa. That is obviously true however and wherever we are, we say the creed with the whole church across time and space. But on any given Sunday, hearing another's voice when mine stumbles strengthens my faith.

A quick word about masks. We have continued to encourage mask wearing during worship because the council has heard feedback that with the coronavirus still circulating, the majority of Trinity members feel more comfortable wearing masks in worship. But while I know it is true for a lot of people, I also know it is not true for everyone. For people with asthma and other breathing problems, the masks are not comfortable and are in fact a hindrance to your worship. If you've been staying away because you're concerned about having to mask for that long, know that you are welcome to take off your mask in worship if you need to. We're masking for the comfort of others, and if you can't breathe then you can't be comfortable, so you need to do what you need to do to breathe.

And finally, a word for our homebound members. The greatest thing about Facebook Live is I know that some of you who have not been able to be in worship for a long time are able to attend regularly again. As we start

to come out of the pandemic, I am starting to get back into making regular visits to bring communion to you. I'm still working on establishing a schedule, and I need your help. If you would like a visit, please never hesitate to call me. If you know someone who needs or wants a visit, either encourage them to call me, or call and let me know.

In Matthew 18, Jesus said that "wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We have learned over these past two years that there are a LOT of ways to gather. However, we gather, there too is Christ. I am glad to worship with you, in all the ways we worship. Snowbirds, soak up some sun for me and travel back safe.

Peace,
Pastor Kjersten

DA CAPO

The musical term, Da Capo, means to return to the beginning section of the music. Most musical terms come from the Italian language because Italy was a center of musical composition when composers were wanting more specific instructions included in the music as to how it would be performed. These Italian terms stuck and are now universal and have remained in use over the centuries. Da Capo literally translates to “from the head” (cap, top) of the piece. It’s frequently abbreviated to D.C. We’ll return to Da Capo in a minute.

I just read the play on which one of my very favorite movies was based. This is Horton Foote’s *The Trip to Bountiful*. Foote is probably best known for his screenplay adaptation of Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird* in 1962. He also did an original screenplay for *Tender Mercies* in 1983. He also adapted John Steinbeck’s *Of Mice and Men* in 1992. *The Trip to Bountiful* is the moving story of an aging woman, Carrie Watts, who desperately wants to return to her childhood small town where she has always remembered herself as perfectly happy. She now lives (trapped) in a 3-room apartment in 1940’s Houston, Texas with her hen-pecked son and her controlling daughter-in-law and longs for a time past. It reminds me of Da Capo. She wants to go back to the beautiful house that has remained unaltered in the scrapbook of her wishfulness. Of course, it’s a ghost of what it once was. But there is some joy in the act of returning, no matter what awaits her. It also makes me think of the discouraging stories of the uprooted people of Ukraine. And, again, the resilient spirit of hope is a defining characteristic of so many people we hear about in that sad situation.

In the 1985 film, Geraldine Page truly becomes Mrs. Watts. She simply talks, she truly listens, she sings her beloved hymns which give her comfort and help her soul struggle for inner peace. Yes, there is loneliness, loss, grief and fear but there is also a big dose of courage and love. It was exactly the story I needed to hear in our present world filled with some very heavy and dark themes.

Carrie Watts wonders what will still be left after they and the house are gone: the river, the fields, the trees, the smell of the Gulf. She tells her son, Ludie, that they are all part of the land that keeps changing. “That’s what I always took my strength from, Ludie. Not from houses, not from people. It’s so quiet. It’s so eternally quiet. I had forgotten the peace. The quiet. And it’s given me strength once more, Ludie. To go on and do what I have to do. I’ve found my dignity and my strength... We’re part of all this. We left it, but we can never lose what it has given us.” There is no shortage of spirit in the character of Carrie. This is also a play/film that shows all of the characters grow, change and learn to share through their dealings with each other. I highly recommend it — but have some tissues handy.

David Lipps
Director of Music



HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday—April 10

Worship at 10:30 am

Meet in the Social Hall to process with palm branches.

Maundy Thursday—April 14

7 pm at St. Peter Lutheran Church

This is the night we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples, his betrayal in the garden, and the beginning of his journey to the cross. We will join with St. Peter for a service including communion and a stripping of the altar. Come enter into this our most sacred story.

Good Friday—April 15

12 pm spoken service, 7 pm with the choir. Both services at Trinity

St. Peter will join us at Trinity for this Service of prayer and reflection. The service includes a telling of the Passion Story According to John. The noon service will be a spoken service. The 7 pm service will include the choir and other music.

Easter Sunday

April 17

Worship at 10:30 am

Celebratory Coffee Hour Following

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Come celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Roadrunners on the Road to Trinity
11:30 am, Thursday, April 28
Social Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church
2055 E Columbia Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017

Due to the Painted Chair Benefit scheduled for April 21st, we will meet at Trinity on April 28 for a Mediterranean Cuisine Lunch hosted by Pastor Kjersten. We had this a few years ago and the food was delicious. There will be a basket set out for donations. We hope to see you there for great food and conversation.

2022 Tentative Roadrunners Schedule

April 28-TLC (Mediterranean)

May 19-R&R

June 16- Bob Evans

July 21- Lucky Rooster

August 18- J B Whiskey

September 22-TBA

October 20- Turkeyville

November 17-TBA

December 15- Clara's on the River (6:00pm)

Wayne Walentowski



Collecting Family Fare Receipts

As of 3/27/22 I am very happy to report that we are now at \$140,000. We only need \$10,000 to meet our goal of \$150,000 and then receive \$1,000 from SpartanNash for the Church. Thanks to all who have helped us get this far.

Wayne Walentowski

Walking with Jesus and Martin Luther
Indoor Walking and Prayer Group
Tuesdays, April 12 and 26 at 1 pm

Are you someone for whom walking is the best form of exercise? Have you always wanted to study the bible while reflecting on the beautiful and unique qualities of our Lutheran faith? If you answered yes to either question, please join Tresa Tulley for a new walking group, Walking with Jesus and Martin Luther.

The purpose of the group is simply to maintain or increase or physical mobility by walking or rolling inside the church. We will meet together at 1 pm to walk inside the social hall at your own pace and distance. At the start of our time together, we will read a Psalm. The hope is that meditating on the Psalm will strengthen our hearts in the same way that walking/rolling through the church will strengthen our muscles. I hope you will join Jesus, Martin Luther, and me (Tresa) as we meditate on the Psalms and maneuver through the church.



Electronics and Scrap Metal Collection
Thursday, April 14, 12 PM to 5:30 PM
Bailey Park (lot south of CO Brown Stadium)
1350 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017

Event is limited to residential material generated by Calhoun County residents. Please stay in your vehicle.

Items accepted:

Electronics – camcorders, cameras, cellphones, computers, copiers, CRT monitors, DVD players, fax, hard drives, hubs, laptops, LCD displays, optical drives, pagers, PDAs, printers, radios, scanners, servers, stereos, switches, telephone systems, TVs, UPS systems, VCRs, video game systems, household batteries and car batteries, and wires and cables.

Scrap Metal – appliances (Freezers, refrigerators, AC units, dehumidifiers (refrigerant removal available), ovens, dishwashers, washers, and dryers) and scrap metal. Items containing refrigerant must be unloaded by 5:15 pm.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection:
Monday, April 18, 2:30-5:30 PM
Bailey Park (lot south of CO Brown Stadium)
1350 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017

Events are for Calhoun County residents only and items must be residential. Please stay in your vehicle.

Accepted Items:

oil-based paint, fuels (in fuel cans), solvents, acids, bases, pesticides, household cleaners, mercury, medications, sharps (inside rigid puncture resistant container w/lid). household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, propane cylinders, gas cylinders (NO foam insulation), fire extinguishers, aerosol cans, PCB and non-PCB lamp ballasts, oxidizers, self-heating solids flammable solids/liquids, toxic inorganics/organics, lighters, chlorophenols, lead, self-defense spray, peroxides, water-reactives, isocyanates, cyanide

NOT Accepted Items:

latex paint, school chemicals, biologically active material, home-use insulation spraying cylinders, ammunitions, weapons, explosives, radioactive material (includes smoke detectors)

HHW collections DO NOT include trash, tires, yard waste, construction/demolition waste, appliances, or industrial/business-generated waste. These items are not defined as household hazardous waste.

If you would like your gasoline or oil container back, be prepared for a short wait.



Woman's Co-op Presents:

**painted
CHAIR
affair & more**

**A live and silent auction featuring the work of local artists supporting
local women transforming their lives.**

Thursday, April 21st

6pm

Record Box Loft

15 Carlyle St, Third Floor

Tickets: \$30 in advance,

\$35 at the door



Tickets available through

Eventbrite

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

April 3—Tresa Tulley / Teresa Momenee-Young
April 10—Doug Martens
April 17—Kendra Witkowski-Lehman
April 24— Chase Lehman

Sound Volunteers

April 3—Don Boulton
April 10—Ellis Cutler
April 15—Ellis Cutler
April 17—Don Boulton
April 24—Ellis Cutler

Streaming Volunteers

April 3—Chase Lehman
April 10—Travis Sullivan
April 15—Travis Sullivan
April 17—Chase Lehman
April 24—Travis Sullivan

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild volunteers set up for communion and clean up after. Benefits include a fun-filled lesson from Pastor Kjersten on what all the things are called and getting to take part in the sacramental ministry of the congregation. See Wayne Walentowski or Diane Andert to be added to the schedule.

Readings for April

Sunday, April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday, April 10

Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, April 15

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Easter Sunday, April 17

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 24

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April Birthdays

4/13 – Bob Swanson
4/14 – Kathy Chapman
4/15 – Gloria Kolodiziezcyk
4/29 – Don Boulton

April Anniversaries

4/21 - Wayne & Rose
Walentowski



OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT WITH TRINITY

FACEBOOK

Trinity's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/trinity.church.581>

"Like" the Trinity Facebook page to follow events and activities.

WEBSITE

Trinity website: <http://www.tlcbattlecreek.org>

Check out the **What's New** tab to see the latest events going on at Trinity. You can also find transcripts of Pastor Kjersten's sermons under the **Worship** tab.

TRUMPET

To update your newsletter email/mail preferences, contact the church office at office@tlcbattlecreek.org or 963-5356.

Let us know if you would like to be added our quarterly mailing list to receive a color brochure of what's new at Trinity.

ONLINE GIVING

Trinity now has online giving. Simply go to Trinity's website, <http://www.tlcbattlecreek.org> and click on the yellow button that says "Donate" on the bottom left corner of the page. Or go to Trinity's Facebook page and click on the blue button that says "Donate" on the right side of the page.

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Sharon Cutler
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Rose Walentowski

IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Lanny Johnston, Jr. (Sharon's son)
Jim Himes (Maxine's nephew)
Mary (Tish's friend)
Karen Rambadt (Ellis's niece-in-law)



APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30 am Worship Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 10:30 am Worship Choir Rehearsal	11	12 1 pm Walking w/ Jesus and Martin Luther	13 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	14 12-5pm Electronics and Scrap Metal recycling 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship @ St. Peter	15 12 pm & 7 pm Good Friday Worship @ Trinity	16
17 Easter Sunday 10:30 am Worship Easter Coffee Hour after worship	18 2:30-5:30pm Household Hazardous Waste Recycling	19	20 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	21 6 pm Woman's Co-op Painted Chair Affair	22	23
24 10:30 am Worship Choir Rehearsal	25 Trumpet articles due	26 1 pm Walking w/ Jesus and Martin Luther 7 pm Council Meeting	27 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	28 11:30 am Roadrunners @ Trinity	29	30