



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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## Trinity Messenger

May 2023 Issue 2

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*Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia. John 14:6*

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*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"*

~John 20:19-28

This scripture from John's version of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is one we hear and reflect upon each year on the second Sunday of the Easter season. It is commonly known as the story of Doubting Thomas, and it is on Thomas and his interaction with Jesus that we most commonly focus. However, when I reflected on this piece of scripture this year and its multi-layered messages of belief and unbelief and Jesus' gift of peace amid the disciples' uncertainty something new occurred to me. Our resurrected savior is broken, which is good news for you and me.

When Jesus appears to his disciples he does not return as a physically perfect being—wounds healed, scars gone, and all signs of the terrible ordeal he had gone through just days before at the hands of his captors. Instead, Jesus appears to his disciples, who have been traumatized by the events of their friend's arrest, beating, and crucifixion, no doubt fearful for their safety and uncertain about the future. He comes to them physically imperfect and relatable amid their fears, looming doubts, and all that burdens them.

It is Jesus' human nature and the relatability of his broken, imperfect condition, which he presents to his disciples, then and now, that makes him a savior through whom we can find healing and restoration. If Jesus presented himself as a flawless pillar of human perfection, a condition which is unattainable for those to whom he came to give new life, his efforts would fall short of the desired outcome. Instead, we have a savior

who greets us in Godly perfection with reassuring words, “peace be with you,” in a state of human imperfection that we allow to define and burden us. Our savior knows our pain, wears our scars, and willingly shoulders our burdens, and it is through this intimate connection we share with our broken savior that we experience the singular healing power of God’s love.

Restored by God’s love,  
Pastor Mark

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**IF THERE ARE ANY HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR GRAD SCHOOL GRADUATES IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THIS SPRING, PLEASE LET SUE KNOW by MAY 12 with: name, school, degree, future plans.**



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### **Visioning Forum: May 21**

The Visioning Team will be hosting a forum on Sunday, May 21 immediately following worship in the Gym. Through this event the team will be continuing its effort to gather information from you develop a vision that will fully engage church members in the life of the church and help guide the ministry of Holy Trinity as our congregation moves forward in serving God and our community. We are hoping for a good turnout of faithful members who are committed to helping God’s mission among us grow. Come as well to share in a lunch that will be provided and fellowship with each other. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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### **STEWARDSHIP APPEAL-MAY 2023 AARON’S ACRES SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND “Embracing Possibilities Beyond Disabilities”**

Since 1998 Aaron’s Acres has provided children and young adults with disabilities something very unique-possibilities.

The possibility to learn, to grow and succeed despite any challenges. With every family we serve, our goal is always the same: to provide social and recreational programs that nurture important socialization and communication skills. All children regardless of ability can partake in Aaron’s Acres experiences.

Aaron’s Acres is most grateful for all donations that have been received in the past and continue to receive in the present. When you become a partner with Aaron’s Acres, your contribution does more than help spread our message. A contribution to an annual campaign and special event directly benefits the children and young adults, ages 5-21 with disabilities we support. All donations are truly appreciated.

At Aaron’s Acres, we have always been committed to providing assistance to those families who have needed to explore other payment options. It is our hope to continue to do so for this coming summer camp.

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## Notes of **THANKS**

Dear Siblings in Christ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Thank you for your recent gift of \$516.89. As we celebrate Christ's victory over death and the new life that he gives us, we look forward to the coming camping season with appreciation for devoted and supportive friends such as yourselves. Thank you so much for your generosity! Camp supporters, enables thousands of campers of all ages to experience this good news each year. Thank you so much for your generosity. May the peace that transcends time and place be with you. May the peace that transcends time and place be with you.

Yours in Christ, Michael Youse, Executive Director

### May 7 - 13 Calendar

Sunday, May 7	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Adult Forum
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
2:00pm	Trinity Game Day
Monday, May 8	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, May 9	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
Wednesday, May 10	
6:45pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 11	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, May 13	
7:30am	Walking Group



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## MAY 7th Servers

**Council:** Barry Kreider, Kevin Gingrich  
**Assisting Minister:** John Fuehrer  
**Lector:** Ed Quirke  
**Acolyte:** Anya Gilbert, Carly Gilbert  
**Ushers:** Phyllis Peters,  
 Tom & Kitty Dickersheid  
**Altar Guild:** Michelle Cable, Jo Hurst  
**Linens:** Lori Spitzer  
**Deliver Flower:** Dan Doremus



## Office Hours: May 8-12

We recommend you call the office prior to stopping in to ensure hours have not changed.  
**Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831**

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM -10:00AM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM -10:00M	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 - 11:00	OFF



### What Time Is It?

.....Tea Time!

**May 7, 2023 2-4PM**

Well, almost time. . .

If anyone is interested in helping with another "Not So High Tea" in May, please tell Kathy Kuhns by phone, in person, or online.

610-301-8001 or sign-up sheet in gathering

### MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

Ephrata Area Social Service is in need of food items and other household items.

**Items needed:** Canned fruits, canned meats (chicken, spam, tuna), canned pasta, canned carrots, mixed vegetables, peas, corn, canned soups, cereal, hamburger helper, instant potatoes or au gratin, spaghetti sauce with meat, egg noodles, flour, sugar, jelly, pancake mix and syrup (regular & sugar free), tissues, toilet paper, flushable wipes, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, body wash, bars of soap, baby wipes, diapers, personal hygiene products, dish soap.

**THEY DO NOT NEED:** Spaghetti noodles or green beans.

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[tibby2002@hotmail.com](mailto:tibby2002@hotmail.com)

*“Pinky fingers up,  
Ladies!!*

**SUNDAY GAMES**  
Holy Trinity Church  
First Sunday of the  
Month 2 to 4 PM  
**Next Game Day -  
May 7, 2023**

An opportunity to come together with adult members and friends of Holy Trinity (High School & Up) to share fellowship through Corn Hole Bean Bag Toss in Gym and Table Games in Fellowship Hall. Children below 9th grade must be accompanied by an adult family member.

You are welcome to bring your favorite game or use games that are presently here. Snacks and drinks are provided in the Fellowship Hall. Corn Hole Bean Bag Toss will be set up in the gym for friendly competition (NO CRYING!) Games such as: Mexican Train, Farkle, Pinochle, Sequence, Quirkle, Shoot Baskets, or any game you bring.

We hope you will join us ~ Fellowship Committee

**THE ADULT (all adults are welcome)  
LUNCH BUNCH**

Will be going to The Kinght and Day Diner after Sunday School

## GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST 2023

The church will be decorated with red geraniums on **Pentecost Sunday, May 28**. Please submit your order by

**Deadline to order is May 10.**

**Cost of Red Geraniums**  
quantity

6 ½"/pot @ \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

4 ½"/pot @ \$3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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on May 21. We'll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by May 20 at 625-3187. Plan to join us!

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### **Interested in Going to a Phillie's Game?**

We are taking a survey for which game to go to. Please place your name/s under the date you would like, the most names under a date...that date wins!! We can carpool and I will secure tickets. More info? Contact Kathrin Baltz 610-517-7039. Ticket price depends on game and seating. Survey is on the table in the Gathering Area. **Please make your choice and sign the survey by May 10.**



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### **MOYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The John H. Moyer and Erma R. Moyer Scholarship Trust of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity has been established through a gift by their son, John R. Moyer, to honor his parents and perpetuate the family's belief in the importance of higher education.

The Trust provides for a one-year scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be awarded annually to an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. As the investment grows, the Finance Committee can recommend to the Congregational Council increasing the amount. The Finance Committee will notify the Congregation Council in June each year of the amount available to be awarded so the Council can determine the number of scholarships that can be offered.

Applications and detailed Scholarship selection information can be obtained from the Church office. Completed applications and transcripts must be returned to the Church office no later than July 15. Congregation Council will approve all applicable scholarship applications. Scholarship checks will be produced and presented to each approved applicant in September.

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***Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!***

