

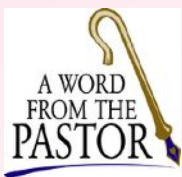


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The Trinity Times

Pastor's Message for April



As we contemplate Easter and the message of the resurrection of our Lord, we remember that before there is new life there is death.

"Very 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."

(John 12:24 NRSV)!

Most families have a particular month that is very significant in their history. Personally, I have 3 members of my family whose birthdays fall in the month of April.

Such that I call it our "birthday month". A time to celebrate God's precious gift of life, as I remember those who are still with us and those who have passed. I believe we remain connected to those we miss, birthdays remind us of our lost loved ones as time marches us forward, without those we miss.

I am reminded not only of my family members birthdays, but also of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord. Sometimes the day of resurrection falls in March, but most years it's in April. The observance is about the movement of the stars, but our Birthdays are based upon our general calendar whose only variation is 29 days in February every 4 years.

Regardless of how we count the days we are uniquely tied to time. Specific days will bring us memories that haunt us, enlighten us, sadden us, and cause us joy and celebration.



As we observe, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Resurrection Sunday, we humbly submit to God all our cares, all our memories, and our sure and certain hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Knowing that the Words of our Lord in John 12 were not only for Jesus, but are also for all of us who rejoice in that certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life that is in Christ Jesus our Risen Savior!

Pastor Jessica



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 (*in person & on zoom*) – tenebrae service with scriptures read about the last days of Jesus' life. There will also be communion, and special music by our choir and Mary Zehring, flutist. This light to dark service is very inspiring and prepares us for the days between the Last Supper and Easter.

Good Friday, April 7 at 12 Noon at Trinity (*in person & on zoom*) – Meditations and Scriptures will be read by the Pastors of the Lebanon UMC Links' Churches with music by a combined choir led by Carol Hollich.

Easter Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 am - Easter Sunrise Service at Coleman's Park - songs, and a liturgical drama with a message of love and hope.

Easter Worship Service, April 9 at 9:15 am (*in person & on zoom*) – come celebrate our risen Lord in a church adorned with Easter lilies & the empty cross!
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)



Easter Lilies



Thanks to all those who helped to make the floral display for our Easter Sunday Worship Service possible. A Remembrance List of loved ones will be included in the Easter Worship Bulletin.

Community Lunch

NOTE: On Sunday, April 30, Trinity is planning to offer a **5th Sunday Community meal**. Please say yes when asked to help with this new ministry!





April Birthdays

- 13 - Carol Masemore
- 24 - Deb Kern



ALL ARE WELCOME

- April 2 (9:15am) - Palm Sunday
- April 4 (1:30) - Choir Rehearsal
- April 6 (10:30am) - No Bible Study
- April 6 (7:00) - Tenebrae Service - (Article p.1)
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86553085006>
- April 7 (12 Noon) - Good Friday (Article p.1)
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88644700439>
- April 9 (6:30 am) - Easter Sunrise (Article p.1)
- April 9 (9:15 am) - Easter Service (Article p.1)
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83455940534>
- April 10 (7:00) - Ad Board Meeting on Zoom
- April 11 - (1:30) Choir Rehearsal
- April 12 (12:00) - Trinity Lunch at Revive Café in Quentin
- April 12 (6:30) - Bible Study on Book of Revelation resumes
- April 13 (10:30) - Thursday morning Bible Study resumes
- April 16 (9:15 am) - 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship
- April 18 - (1:30) Choir Rehearsal
- April 19 (6:30) - Bible Study on Book of Revelation
- April 20 (10:30) - Thursday morning Bible Study
- April 23 (9:15 am) - 3rd Sunday of Easter Worship
- April 25 - (1:30) Choir Rehearsal
- April 26 (6:30) - Bible Study on Book of Revelation
- April 27 (10:30) - Thursday morning Bible Study
- April 30 (9:15 am) - 4th Sunday of Easter Worship
- Apr. 30 - Free Lunch for Community (11:30 to 1:00)
- May 3 - Lunch at Vo Tech (10:30) - Star Wars Theme & limited to the first 12 to sign-up with Sally DeJesus



Date Liturgist

- April 2 - Barb Querry
- April 9 - Dea Kishpaugh
- April 16 - Betsy Allwein
- April 23 - Rev. Richard Clark
- April 30 - Deb Forry



If you are unable to serve as lay reader, please call... 717-838-2812

Altar Flowers



Our Floral Ministry helps beautify the sanctuary and enhance our Worship Services throughout the year with altar flowers and plants. This ministry is headed by Donna Mease who arranges for the orders and delivery of flowers contributed by members of our church family and others who request flowers in the sanctuary. To place flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones or to indicate a specific date, contact Donna Mease at 717-865-2413.

You are invited to the Munchin' Methodists Luncheon on May 3

Join us as we return to the Vo Tech Center at 10:30 on Wednesday, May 3rd for a Star Wars themed lunch. Please let Sally DeJesus know if you wish to go. We have a table reservation for 12 people. So it's first come, first served. You may order from the menu or pay \$14.00 for the buffet which includes salad bar, soups, entrees, and dessert bar.



A note of thanks to the pastor, organist, lay readers, camera operators, and Zoom director for broadcasting the services on February 26 and March 5. So great to be able to watch from Florida with the Carters! **Carol & George**

MAILBAG

Our hospitality table needs home-made goodies (or store-bought if you're not a baker) for Sunday morning after service snacks! The sign-up sheet is on the music stand beside the snack table.

Thank you! *Secretary, Deb Forry*

Our Church Prayer

*Dear Lord,
We pray for our church family and all of those on our sick and shut in list. Grant them healing, mercy, and grace. We pray for all who are suffering and pray for your Holy intervention into every situation that is need of your loving, guiding, comforting hand. O Lord, help us to continue to magnify your name with gladness and praise you in all that we do.*

*We humbly pray for not just our church to grow, but for the growth of the body of Christ universal. Bless us O Lord, that we may shine your light so that others may see you clearly and follow you in the way we should go. In the Name of Jesus the Christ our Lord and Savior
We Pray. Amen.*



Prayer of Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers

There are names missing from our prayer list! They or their loved ones requested they be taken off the list because they are now healed and are feeling/doing better. We praise your Holy Name O Lord, Sovereign God. Thank you for all those who have been healed! Your Grace and Mercy is from Everlasting to Everlasting. We thank you O Lord for all your healing power among us. We also praise you for our Confirmation class graduates, Liliana and Natalina Harrison. We pray for your Love and Protection to surround and uphold them. Please help us to keep them in our prayers and our hearts as we guide them in their journey of faith.

In Jesus Name, we praise you you and thank you. Amen.



Add your voice

Carol Hollich invites all who like to sing to please come to choir rehearsals at the church on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. We moved rehearsals to daytime hours so no one has to drive at night!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

<i>Jim & Betsy Allwein</i>	<i>The Baron family</i>
<i>Vera Brumbaugh</i>	<i>Jill Brickley</i>
<i>Brossman family</i>	<i>Penny Brown</i>
<i>Joyce Dissinger</i>	<i>Gail Emerich</i>
<i>Joan Groff</i>	<i>Kim Hollich Caroline</i>
<i>Jacobs & family</i>	<i>Wilson Justiniano</i>
<i>Tom Leahy</i>	<i>Steve Miller & family</i>
<i>Joshua Mullins</i>	<i>Karen & Bob Neblock</i>
<i>Linda Perini</i>	<i>Alissa Plant</i>
<i>Gary Robson</i>	<i>Pastor Jessica</i>
<i>Marilyn Smith</i>	<i>Snyder family</i>
<i>Pat Swartz</i>	<i>Reba Sterner family</i>
<i>Jack Stouffer</i>	<i>Brandi Tamayo</i>
<i>Joyce Twigg</i>	<i>Tahlia Valdez</i>
<i>Judith Wentzel</i>	<i>Wire family</i>
<i>Carol Yeagley</i>	<i>Dave Wease & family</i>
<i>George Wilkins family</i>	<i>Walt & Kathy Zehring</i>

*Traveling mercies for all those on the road
Our Church, Community, Country, and World
Families & recovering victims of crime & abuse
All who are sick & shut in & their caretakers
All those devastated by natural disasters
Issues surrounding Turkey & the Ukraine
Our men and women in uniform*

Confirmation Sunday

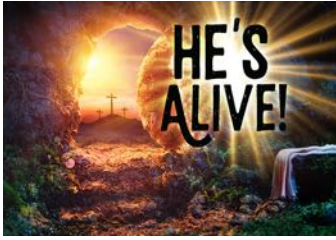


*During the Sunday Morning
Worship Service on March 19*

Liliana and Natalina Harrison were confirmed and received into membership of Trinity UMC. A reception in the Parlor followed the service.



Adult Sunday School – April



Our Spring Quarter theme, **JESUS CALLS US**, focuses on lessons entitled “**Experiencing the Resurrection**”. Last month we discussed how Jesus disregarded artificial social barriers and this month we grapple with the fears that creep into our life of faith. While we live in God’s kingdom on earth and pray for its fullness “on earth as it is in heaven”, our hope is for nothing if Jesus has not been raised from the dead. As amazing as his resurrection was, we must remember how difficult it was for Jesus’ disciples to grasp that Jesus was raised back to life—and how difficult it must have been to continue to follow him. The weekly titles are...

April 2

The Empty Tomb

Luke 24:1–12

April 9

Disciples Believe the Resurrection

Luke 24:13–27, 30–31

April 16

Jesus Cooks Breakfast

John 21:1–14

April 23

Jesus Reinstates Peter

John 21:15–19

In 1968, little-known film director George Romero made a splash into American Pop-Culture with the release of his black-and-white horror movie, *Night of the Living Dead*. The low-budget movie is the story of young couple, who try to survive the night in a Pennsylvania farmhouse, as they are being attacked by a legion of zombie-like dead people who have somehow come back to life. After a decade, the movie had so captivated the culture that it had grossed a whopping \$42 million dollar. For some people, the story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ may sound a little like a strange piece of fiction.

The Bible’s account of the resurrection of Jesus is an amazing claim. Nevertheless, based on the testimony of Scripture, and the witness of the Holy Spirit, the Church has for 2,000 years affirmed the doctrine that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day. In Luke 24, we find the story of one of Christ’s appearances to His disciples after His resurrection. When He showed up in their meeting, they were shocked and scared. The living Lord asked them, “Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts?”



Think about some famous person who died recently, someone whose death made every newspaper and television news broadcast. Imagine a few days later as you watch your favorite news station, a breaking news alert interrupts. The anchor explains that this famous person has come back to life! As you change the channel, you discover this news is the subject on every station. You go to work and everyone is talking about it. You browse the internet, and everyone is posting and blogging about it. This is monumental. This is impossible. This has never happened before! Or has it?

If we aren't in awe of the resurrection of Jesus as a historical event, we may only see it as a fairytale. The resurrection is scientifically impossible, but historically true. As the newly resurrected Lord talked with His amazed and wide-eyed disciples. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”



As followers of Jesus, as those who believe in His death and resurrection, we have a calling. We have been called to be the witnesses for Jesus and spread the Good News of salvation. And like the disciples we should respond and live out our calling in worship and with joy. Join us in April as we discuss what it means to “**Experience the Resurrection**”.

April 2

1. How did the women respond when they saw the two men? (bowed, prayed, fled)
2. Mary Magdalene was among the women who found the Jesus’ tomb empty. T/F.

Luke 24:5

Luke 24:10

April 9

1. The two travelers were going to what village? (Ephesus, Emmaus, Jerusalem)
2. The travelers said that they believed that Jesus would redeem the world. T/F.

Luke 24:13

Luke 24:21

April 16

1. The fishing net was filled with how many fish? (40, 72, 153)
2. Nathanael asked Jesus who he was. T/F.

John 21:11

John 21:12

April 23

1. How many times did the risen Jesus ask Peter, “Do you love me?” (1, 3, 7)
2. Jesus commanded Peter, “_____ me!”

John 21:17

John 21:19

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Where "Faith, Hope and Love abide to encourage all to respond to the call of Christ."

Palm Sunday - April 2, 2023

(The service begins at 9:15 with the fellowship area opening at 9:00.)

To be a part of worship on the computer go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86862678455> or join by phone by dialing 1-646-876-9923 and entering 868 6267 8455 when prompted.)

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Dale Miller by Roxanne Miller

Gathering Music

Organist: Caroline Jacobs

Prelude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - Burkhardt

Caroline Jacobs

Welcome & Announcements

Liturgist: Barb Querry

Call to Worship

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19 - 29

Liturgist: Barb Querry

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

P: O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

L: The Lord is God, who has given us light.

P: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!



Song

The Palms

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away;
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Chorus: Join all and sing His name declare, let every voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord, Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

His word goes forth and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light. **(Chorus)**

Sing and rejoice. O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation;
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings forth and hope to thee forevermore. **(Chorus)**



Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever. Amen.

Apostles Creed

Old Testament

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Bible O.T. pg.681

New Testament

Matthew 21: 1-11

Bible N.T. pg. 23

Special Music *On the Highway to Jerusalem - Peterson*

Trinity Choir

Doxology & Celebration of Gifts

Hymn #370

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain: Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood
I heard about His healing of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the **victory (Refrain)**
I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. **(Refrain)**



Sermon

The Triumphal Entry

Pastor Jessica Ross

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

UMH # 12

Hymn # 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!



Benediction

Benediction Response: *Till We Meet*

'Till we meet, 'till we meet, 'till we meet at Jesus' feet
'Till we meet, 'till we meet, God be with you 'till we meet again.

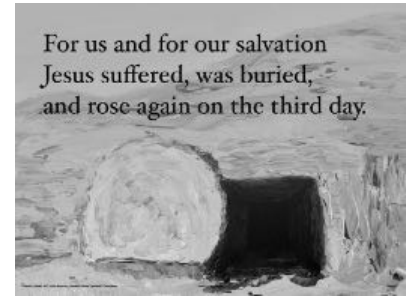
Postlude

Agincourt Hymn - Callahan

Organist: Caroline Jacobs

Study Text: Luke 24:1–12

KEY VERSE: *The men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”* —Luke 24:5b–6a



Some Good News

In the early months of 2020, people around the world were desperate to receive some good news. Shutdowns related to the coronavirus pandemic had begun, creating in people a sense of unease and uncertainty. Further, many people were unable to see their families and friends for an extended season because of concerns about exposure to the virus. Loneliness and sadness were unavoidable. Enter actor and filmmaker John Krasinski. While the global news cycle repeated bad news, John felt that it was the perfect time to share good news. On March 29, 2020, his web video series *Some Good News* premiered. Each episode, about 20 minutes long, was filmed in his house and was posted across various social media platforms. The episodes highlighted several positive, feel-good stories from the previous week. By the time of this writing in late 2021, there have been over 70 million views of the nine-episode run of *Some Good News*, evidence that many people want good news. However, just because people *hear* good news does not always mean that they will *believe* that good news.

More than “Do No Harm”

My work as a hospital chaplain allows me to observe firsthand to the dedication of the hospital’s employees. They prepare treatments, clean rooms, bring food, and provide comfort to patients and their families. The workload is difficult, but the staff rarely complain. These caretakers go above and beyond the health-care principle of “Do no harm.” They achieve this by giving individualized care, no matter how long the patient’s stay. While death—the greatest physical harm—had come to Jesus, the women wanted to care for his body. For the women at the tomb, the angels brought true good news. Jesus had defeated death as he had been raised from the dead. As a result, he is now the resurrected King who rules over all creation. Although other disciples initially doubted the women’s witness, those same disciples would eventually see their resurrected Lord. As they received and believed in that good news, they were called to proclaim it to the whole world. The good news of the resurrection began with the women’s witness and went out to all nations. We believers have a role to play in proclaiming that very same good news! Followers of Jesus are called to proclaim the good news of Jesus’ resurrection to the world. Are you merely *believing* in that good news, or are you also *proclaiming* that good news to the world?

She Is Not Here

I had been overtaken by fear: my young daughter had gone missing. She had accompanied me and my husband to our jobs at college. We had left her in the college’s student center. However, as the afternoon turned to evening, she was no longer there. A quick search of the student center and the surrounding buildings revealed nothing—we had lost her! I panicked and fearfully considered all possible outcomes. About that time, I opened the door to a small conference room and found her there, writing on a whiteboard. I can’t describe my relief as we made our way back home that evening. Imagine the women’s fear and panic when they saw that Jesus’ body was no longer in the tomb. The angels’ promise to the fearful women remains just as true to us today: Jesus *is* risen!

Thoughts to Consider

1. **What are some ways that believers are guilty of forgetting to share the faith?**
2. **What is the significance that Jesus was resurrected in body?**
3. **How would you respond to those who say that accounts of Jesus’ resurrection are “nonsense” or “fictional stories”?**

The Empty Tomb

Lesson 5, Luke 24:1-12, NIV

Multiple Lenses

In your group, choose a short television commercial to watch on a mobile device. After watching the commercial, write below what you saw in each category.

Who was in the commercial? _____

What was the commercial selling? _____

When did the commercial originally air? _____

Where did the commercial appear to take place? _____

Compare your answers among your group members. What answers were different? What answers were similar? How do multiple viewers challenge or support the commercial's credibility?

What's the Story?

In your group, read each Gospel passage and fill in the chart.

	Matthew 28:1-10	Mark 16:1-11	Luke 24:1-12	John 20:1-18
Who?				
What?				
When?				
Where?				
Why?				

How do multiple accounts help non-witnesses believe an event?

How do different versions have a negative impact on a story's credibility?