

# The Desert Voice

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Holy Week & Easter 13 Schedule Cemeteries and particularly grave markers announce what we all know — people are born, live and then die.

By contrast, Jesus Christ's grave tells a different story. He, in behalf of all people, lived, died and rose again from the dead. He has restored life-eternal to all who trust in His victory. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 announces this glorious truth: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Iesus Christ."

But not everyone rejoices over this joyful turn of events. Many insist that Jesus Christ didn't rise from the dead. The first recorded denial is found at Matthew 28:13: "(The chief priest) told them (Roman guard), 'You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole Him away while we were asleep." Far from disputing the soldiers' testimony, the chief priest demanded that the soldiers fabricate and tell an enduring lie. Many continue to deny the resurrection today.

It is vital that we affirm the fact of Christ's resurrection. Why? As 1 Corinthians 15:17 states, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." If Jesus is dead, the Christian Faith is a delusion and we still simply live only to die. But how shall we defend the resurrection?

The Bible presents Christ's resurrection by eyewitness testimony. This recognized method of

presenting evidence occurs in courtrooms around the world today. Acts
1:3 reports: "He (Jesus) presented
Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to
them during forty days and speaking
about the kingdom of God." The
word "proofs" was a term designating "legal evidence" or "indisputable
information." Christ ate with the eyewitnesses and invited them to touch
Him and determine for themselves
that He was truly alive.

The Apostle Paul also presents Christ's resurrection through evewitness testimony as one would in courtroom. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me." (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

The eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ refused to deny their testimony as they were cross-examined by opposition and suffered torture and even martyrdom. They unwaveringly rejoiced in the victory of Christ of over sin and death. They remained steadfast in the reality and power of His bodily resurrection.



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#### Deadline for copy:

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# PLEASE COME TO HELP!

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Bill Marsaglia, Ross Ryding

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(friend of Kris Chamberlain)
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(son of Pastor & Eunice Ruiz),
Terrie Medeiros (friend of
Willard Mears)

# TLC Bible Study Schedule

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Catechism Study on Zoom

Tuesdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

 $\underline{Fridays}$  @ 10am DOA (**D**aughters **O**f the **A**lmighty)

Women's Bible Study (Oct.—May)

2nd Saturday of the month @ 8am Men's Bible Breakfast Fellowship Center (Sept.—May)

We invite you to join us each week for Bible studies that are offered via Zoom, Tuesdays and Thursdays

A link is sent to your email with the clickable link and pass code which enables you to enter the Zoom class

Please contact Pastor Smith if you are interested in joining an online Bible study.

Pastor Smith @ 760 485-5171 or Email: Revs455@verizon.net













# M.A.S.S. NEWS Men Assisting Seminary Students

#### Jacob Manning

Vicar Manning has survived his first Advent season as an almost Pastor. He noticed Pastors can be a little busy at that time of the year. He preached the mid-week service which was a challenge for him. He was teaching, all a little chaotic but he loved it! He now understands that the Advent season is one with a duality about it. There is the birth of Christ, but there are people who experience Christmas without the loved one with whom they have been celebrating Christmas for the longest time.

Jacob is a little bit busy with his wedding plans which will be August 9<sup>th</sup>. He is asking for prayer for his fiancé Julie and himself for all the planning that goes in to said occasion. Speaking of prayer, he also asks for our prayer for the fire victims in the LA fires.

#### Ben Wagner

Ben is learning that seminary studies are not getting easier. He is also enjoying the increase as each week brings new insights and challenges. He continues to be amazed by how much the Lord is teaching him.

He is dealing with a viral respiratory infection that hit him hard. The virus took away his voice for two weeks. Ben is keeping up with his studies, but other programs have been pushed back some. One course is Hebrew exegesis (If you wish the definition ask goggle).

Ben wishes the members of Trinity to know he can't thank you enough for your generosity and prayers. Your support is what allows Ben to be at the Seminary. For those who were unaware, Ben was putting off his going to the Seminary due to a lack of needed funds. Your assistance is why he is there. So far, he has been able to maintain his A average.

He asks for our continued support with prayer also.

Russ Campbell



#### April 12 8 :00 am-9:30 am @ FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Invite a friend and come enjoy some hot coffee, breakfast, Bible Study and great fellowship!

FREE WILL OFFERING





#### What does that mean?

#### **Maundy Thursday**

The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum;" it is from a verb that means "to give" or "to order" - command. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper and walked toward Gethsemane, Jesus taught them a new commandment — "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

#### The Last Supper

On the first Maundy Thursday, after they had eaten, Jesus gave the disciples his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins. Called Holy Communion or the Eucharist, Lutherans believe this to be one of two sacraments — gifts from God. Most worship services focus on the meal and communion as a way to commemorate this day.

#### Stripping of the Altar

At the end of the Maundy Thursday service it is customary to "strip the altar," which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life. In many congregations Psalm 118 is read or sung while the paraments are being removed.

### **Good Friday Service (Tenebrae)** "Shadows/Darkness"

Tenebrae is usually held the evening of Good Friday and includes the gradual dimming of the lights and extinguishing of candles. The Christ candle is removed from the sanctuary and a concluding "Strepitus" or loud noise (slamming shut the Bible) symbolizes the earthquake and agony of creation at the death of Christ.

## **Restored in Christ Lenten Series**

As the season of Lent continues we move forward with our theme of "Restored in Christ". The brokenness of our lives and our world, turns our focus to Christ so that we can be restored by Him through the cross.

Each service in this stirring series has been focusing on a various events in the Lenten story which takes a good, hard look at a broken element from that particular story. Coming to an understanding of how each of these broken elements leads to restoration in Christ is key to understanding what it ultimately means to live today as new creations in Christ.

Join us for the remaining midweek services:

#### **Fourth Week of Lent** April 2\*4pm

"Broken Promises Restored" Matt. 26:69-75

#### Fifth Week of Lent April 9\*4pm

"Broken Justice Restored" 2 Cor. 5:20-21

Also join us for Soup Suppers @ 4pm In the TLC Fellowship Center



#### We Give Thee But Thine Own

When we sing this hymn, we mainly think of giving money. But, what if we changed our viewpoint and think of one of our other assets—Time.

Most of us consider time in worship, time well spent. That is an hour or so a week. What do we do with the rest of the hours in the week. Some have jobs or are busy at home or are at school. Some have other commitments or hobbies.

All of us have a few extra hours to devote to the Lord. There are groups that meet during the month that would enjoy seeing more people in attendance. Clean-up day could use a few more workers. A substitute Sunday School teacher is needed.

Think about it. YOU could be the person God has placed at Trinity to do the job.

The Church Council.

## **DONATE!**

Bring your old reading glasses to church any Sunday from thru **May**. Donations will be sent to **MOST** Ministries.

Donate your old glasses

Ministry
Opportunity
Short
Term.



They will then be sent out into the mission field for those in need. Thank You!

### **Library News**

I have been sort of cataloguing the library. So far, only the non-fiction.

However, I have received some new fiction books and encourage you to check them out. Books are displayed on top of book shelves in the Fellowship Center East Hall.

**Hearts of Fire.** True stories of women martyrs for the Faith. This is being advertised on TV. By: Voice of the Martyrs

John Grisham: *The Exchange, after the Firm. Published in 2023.* 

Court of the Tetrarch Trilogy: Joanna; Wife of Chuza; Herod's Steward By: Katrina D. Hamel

Brock Abeln: **My Journey to Triumph**. Author is a friend of Kevin and Donna Anderson

Eric Metaxas: 7 More Men and the Secrets of their Greatness

Michael Webb: The Master's Quilt. Time of Christ

Lynn Austin: God's Kings Hezekiah

Samuel Hodges: Grieving with Hope

Steven Lungus: Out of Black Shadows

George Barna: Think Like Jesus, Make the Right Decision Every Time



## **April Birthdays**

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Jan Aamoth
Bill Marsaglia
Blake Carlson
Beverly Anderson
Matthew Johnson
Thomas Oduor
Grace Dewell

## **April Anniversary**

Paul & Karen Miller
Sean & Cynthia Elliott
Alex & Maggie Negron
Loren & Janet Krause

# Greeters April 2025

#### April 6

Donna Ellerbusch & Ramona Haugen Wanda Lahn

#### April 13

Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

#### **April 20 Easter**

8:30am/Donna Ellerbusch & Ramona Haugen
11:00am/Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

#### April 27

Karen Johnson

# TLC Ushers Schedule April 2025

#### April 6

Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

#### April 13

Bob Wirtenberger & Jim Ducatte

#### **April 20 Easter**

8:30am/Russ Campbell &
Jerry Ellerbusch
11:00am/Bob Wirtenberger &
Jim Ducatte

#### April 27

Bob Wirtenberger & Jim Ducatte

# Altar Guild April 2025

#### April 6

Renee Young & Ramona Haugen Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

#### April 13

Beverly Ducatte & Alice Musashi Irene Wirtenberger

#### **April 20 Easter**

Sharlene Kay & Cynthia Berke Beverly Ducatte

#### April 27

Ali Young & Renee Young Jeri Burgess & Sharon Leath



If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please Contact the church office: 760 347-3971 Or Trinity81500@verizon.net

## "Who Killed Jesus"

Who killed Jesus? God did! Jesus Himself! This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. Acts 2:23

The day after He rode into Jerusalem to loud Hosannas, Jesus disrupted things in the Temple. The Jewish leaders, the chief priests, the scribes, the Temple leaders could have called for Jesus to be killed then. So, while they plotted to put Him to death they did nothing. The time had not come.

The people of Jerusalem, the ones who a few days before had shouted Hosanna now yelled "Crucify Him." All these disparate people who hated each other, were, for once, in agreement. They found it beneficial to work together to kill the Son of God.

The Romans were afraid Jesus would lead an insurrection. Pontius Pilate claimed to find Jesus innocent. He washed his hands of Jesus blood, but, turned Him over to the Romans.

Jesus death on the cross secured salvation for millions and provided the only way God could forgive sins without compromising His holiness and perfect righteousness. It was the ultimate expression of God's love for sinners. God put Jesus to death for our sin so we could live in sinless righteousness before Him, righteous only because of the cross.

For our sake He made Him to be sin Who had no sin, so that in Him we might become the right-eousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Who was it that killed Jesus? All of us, because of our sin, are guilty. And yet, we are not wholly responsible for Jesus death in the ultimate sense-for our redemption from sin and its

penalties, through the suffering and death was according to the Will of God, the father and Jesus Himself.

God himself gave His only begotten Son... John 3:16. Isaiah tells us the Lord decided his Servant would suffer sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of others Isaiah 53:10. Jesus Himself said I lay own My life... no one takes it from Me but I lay it down myself. This command I have received from my father. John 10:17-18. The crucifixion happened only because God the Father and Jesus' willingness. It was God's plan from the beginning.

We who have come to Christ in belief are guilty of His blood, shed on the cross for us. He died to pay the penalty for our sins. But He Who was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities. Isaiah 53:5

The death of this Man is at the heart of our faith. For us, Jesus death restores our broken relationship with God. Hallelujah!

Phyllis Hafliger

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Today, we share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection in our baptismal faith. Romans 6:4 declares, "We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Christ's resurrection restores life to all who trust in Him.

What cemeteries and grave markers announce has been demolished and a new reality is in place. "Death has been swallowed up in victory... thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:54b & 57).

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! And we are alive through Him!

Pastor Smith



# Easter Volunteers Needed

It's time for those that can to sign up to help with our Easter morning festivities.

The areas needing to be filled are below: Saturday Set Up and Decorating

9:00am -11:00am

- \*Easter Lily placement
- \*Brunch area decorated
- \*Food table set up
- \*Coffee area set up

#### Sunday Easter Morning

- \*Keep food table filled
- \*Keep drink table filled
- \*Brunch area clean up
- \*Food table clean up
- \*Drink table clean up
- \*Coffee area clean up

Please consider signing up and serving. It takes many willing workers to help to make Easter a fun and memorable occasion at Trinity!

#### **EASTER LILIES**

Donations of white lilies will adorn the sanctuary once again Easter Sunday.



Please sign up to let us know your intention to donate and bring to church the week of Holy Week.

Thank you!

# Easter Candy Donations Needed!

We will be filling plastic eggs with bite candy for the Easter morning egg hunt. We are in need of candy donations. Bellow are the suggested candies:

Bite sized chocolate candy
Individually wrapped M&Ms
Individually wrapped skittles
Please bring to church no later than the
Saturday before Easter @ 9:00am.



## **Easter Morning!**

Easter morning will be our 2 service schedule with Divine worship at 8:30am and 1 lam. Directly following the 8:30am service the children will gather in the church in preparation for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is such a fun event to observe as the excited children hunt for eggs filled with goodies and the coveted 3 Silver "legs" eggs in exchange for a chocolate cross. Following the hunt there will be crafts available in the Fellowship Center for all ages.

Also at this time the annual Easter brunch will be served in the Fellowship Center until 11am. All are Welcome!

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# LWML <u>L</u>utheran <u>W</u>omen's <u>M</u>issionary <u>L</u>eague

We had another very interesting talk on the Lutheran Deaconess program for our March luncheon. Seems the snowbirds are starting to leave as we only had about 9 attending. I'm urging all you gals who have not joined yet to give us a try!! We try and have interesting programs and of course the lunch is always good. The best part is the fellowship when you can get to know some of your fellow congregants a bit more.

We also periodically have ingatherings and projects for the different groups that we support here in the valley and elsewhere.

In April our speaker will be Lutheran Church Charities who will give us an overview of the programs they offer but concentrating on their Comfort Dog program. Should be a good one! There are so many Lutheran charities and programs you would be amazed and they are all so eager and grateful to share with us all the great work they are doing around the world. Please plan on attending. We only have our May meeting left and I am REALLY looking forward to that one! No spoiler alerts lol.

In Christ, Kris Chamberlain, LWML VP Bring your mite Box!

# DOA Daughters Of the Almighty Ladies' Bible Study Fridays @ 10am

Proverbs 31:10-31 has become a beloved, often-quoted passage. We have learned to look to it for guidance on how to be a better woman--yet it is often misunderstood and misapplied.



<u>Demystifying the Proverbs</u>
<u>31 Woman</u> is an authoritative yet inviting discussion of the passage in terms of language, history, purpose, and application. Readers will come away with a sense of renewal

and affirmation--and a keener understanding of the biblical example of the Proverbs 31 woman. What shines through is not a prescription for how to become a better wife, mother, woman, or friend, but a description of our Savior, the Church, and ourselves.

Unfold the riches this proverb offers. You will find Jesus there. We have **two** more lessons. Jump in anytime!

No Ladies'
Night Out
this Month





# **Easter Brunch Quiche** (Impossible All in One Quiche)

SPRAY 9X13 PAN WITH COOKING SPRAY, PREHEAT OVEN TO 350 DEGREES MIX TOGETHER (CAN BE MIXED IN BLENDER)

3 CUPS OF MILK

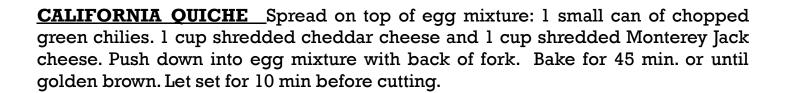
6 EGGS

1 CUP BISQUICK

8 TABLESPOONS MELTED BUTTER OR MARGARINE

1/4 TEASPOON SALT, PINCH OF PEPPER

POUR IN PREPARED PAN. THEN FOLLOW OPTIONAL DIRECTIONS BELOW.



**AMERICAN QUICHE** Spread on top of egg mixture: 2 cups hash browns, crumbled pork sausage or bacon and 2 cups shredded cheese (Your Choice). Push down into egg mixture with back of fork. Bake for 45 min. or until golden brown. Let set for 10 min before cutting.

**TRADITIONAL QUICHE** Spread on top of egg mixture: sautéed onions, crumbled bacon, and 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese. Push down into egg mixture with back of fork. Bake for 45 min. or until golden brown. Let set for 10 min before cutting.

**DENVER QUICHE** Spread on top of egg mixture: Diced ham, sautéed onions and green bell pepper and 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese. Push down into egg mixture with back of fork. Bake for 45 min. or until golden brown. Let set for 10 min before cutting.

These casseroles can be baked on Friday or Saturday. Refrigerate after baking and then will be rewarmed at the Fellowship Center Easter Sunday.



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#### **Sunday Schedule**

Adult Bible Class #1 - 8:30am Divine Worship - 10:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class #2 - 11:30am June-August- No Sunday School

# **Holy Week and Easter Services**



Palm Sunday April 13 \* 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday
April 17 \* 7pm
Holy Communion

Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 18 \* 7pm Easter Morning
April 20 \* 8:30am & 11am
Holy Communion

9:45am
Easter Brunch
Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Crafts

He is Risen!