



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Experiencing and  
Sharing Jesus

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March  
2020



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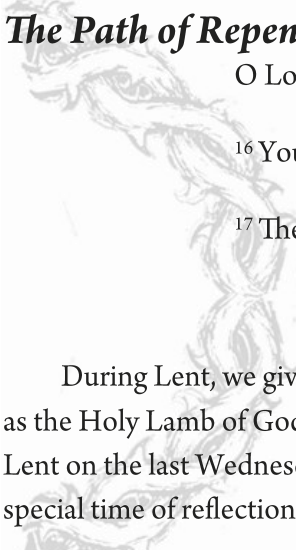
Traditional Worship - Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

Traditional Worship - Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship - Sunday - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School/Bible Class - 9:45 a.m.

## *The Path of Repentance ...*



O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
<sup>16</sup> You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.  
<sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
A broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise. (From Psalm 51)

During Lent, we give special focus to suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. We consider Christ's mission as the Holy Lamb of God who gave his life for our sins and the sins of the whole world. We entered the season of Lent on the last Wednesday of February—Ash Wednesday. The forty days leading up to our Lord's crucifixion is a special time of reflection on repentance from sin.

Repentance is no fun at all. It's not just eating humble pie, or saying, "I was wrong." It means completely un-learning—going a different direction from where we naturally would go. It means a death to self... undergoing a kind of death to self-will and self-conceit.

This willing submission, this dying to self and accepting humiliation is **not** something that God demands before he will take you back. *"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8)

Repentance rather is a description of what returning to God is really like. If I ask God to take me back without it, it's like going back, but never actually arriving to receive God's loving embrace. Repentance isn't just pious reverence. It's a heart longing for deeper fellowship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and sincere realization and lament of how our sinful selves get in the way of that.

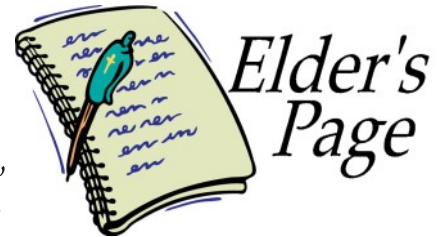
Take the great story of repentance that Jesus shared in Luke 15:11ff. as your example. The lost son remembered the heart of his loving father, the blessings of his father's household and was willing to take to the lowest position just to serve in his household again. Make this Lent journey one to know the love of Christ intimately and to be transformed by His love. As the lost son did, we come to our senses when we remember where our home really is and whose will is really best for us. Surely there are things in our lives that we should trust God to change. *"The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God."* Psalm 51:17 (NLT)

Blessings on your life of repentance,



Pastor Shawn

## *I Go To Prepare A Place For You*



It seems we're always making preparations or getting ready for something. Preparing for a meeting, interview, project, trip, appointment, presentation, visit, and a checkup. Some things don't take much time to prepare for, especially if it's a regular activity or appointment. Other things, such as big events, training sessions or parties, often take considerable planning and effort. Preparing and planning for a big event can also be stressful. After all, who wants to go to all the effort to put on a big event or party, to have nobody come, or for it to be a flop?

Preparation is important. I just need some help in doing the planning a little faster. I find that good planning, makes for better outcomes. A well organized and thought out presentation, benefits everyone. While it may take more time up front, to prepare a good program, the results are worth it. Everyone who participates should gain from the experience, and feel like their time was well spent, and that they learned something valuable. This is especially true if the presentation is for training purposes. Often times with training or teaching, we only have one (1) shot at getting our point across. We are constrained by the agenda, the training period, or the participants' schedules.

Jesus spent the last 3 years of his earthly life in close fellowship with His disciples. They shared their time and conversation constantly. After so much time doing practically everything together, you would expect that these apostles would know and understand everything that Jesus shared with them. We learn over and over again however, that they were just like us. They needed constantly to be reminded of the meaning of Jesus' teachings. They asked Jesus to explain when he meant many times. In the parables he told, he explained their meaning to them as well.

In one well known Bible passage Jesus told them, (*See John 14:1-29 ASV*) "Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

We may struggle to understand how this can be, much like the disciples did, who were right there with Jesus when he told them that he was preparing a place for them. How amazing to know that Jesus is preparing a place for all of us! We should know that His preparations are made with the greatest of care. He does so with the full, complete and total understanding of who each of us is. His preparations are perfect.

I pray that you may hear Christ speaking directly to you, and speaking those words that he is preparing a place for you. Let us spend time in The Word, to know that Christ does speak to us, and that in our hearing, we are most certainly closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In HIS Service,  
Kevin Donoho  
TLC Elder Chairman

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## Wee Disciples Preschool News

Starting on March 1, Wee Disciples begins community registration for the 2020-21 school year. The registration fee is \$75 for all new students. If you know of any families with preschool age children who may be interested in our preschool program, please share with them that registration has begun. Registration forms and program brochures are available right outside the preschool classroom. We also have a wealth of information on the church/preschool website at

[www.trinity-urbana.org](http://www.trinity-urbana.org). I am happy to answer any questions that families may have regarding our program. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

During the month of March, we will focus our Bible Time on learning about Jesus and his work. We will discuss the Parables that Jesus told and will read accounts of the amazing miracles that Jesus performed to teach of God's love and grace to everyone. Also, in the month of March we will have a unit of study about dinosaurs.

March is full of activities at Wee Disciples. On March 4, we have our Reading Buddy Time starting at 10:30 am. Then March 10 and 11 are the dates scheduled for Chapel Time with Pastor Shawn. On March 12 and 13, we have no school and offer a second Parent Teacher Conference time for families. Spring Break is March 16-20.

God's Blessings,  
**Karen Rohrer,**  
Director and Teacher

# Mission Haiti Trip!

Blessing the children of Haiti one bowl of  
beans and rice at a time.

**May 23-30, 2020**

**\$1500-\$1800**

Estimated cost based on the team's number (7 spots available)

The team will visit a minimum of 5 schools in the JACMEL & LES CAYES districts, experience a Haitian worship service Sunday morning, participate in two home visits with local families, participate in a meeting with a local food vendor used by Trinity HOPE, and much more!



To reserve your spot, contact  
Trinity HOPE at: [admin@trinityhope.org](mailto:admin@trinityhope.org) or 615-394-4950

**Watoto Children's Choir Returns to Trinity!**  
**Save the Date! Plan to Come! Spread the word!**

**Invite your Friends!**

**Concert on Friday evening, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Volunteer: Host a few children and their chap-  
erone in your home on Friday night,  
give them breakfast and to return them to  
church on Saturday morning.**

**We need about 10 families to help with this.  
Please call the church office to volunteer.**



The Watoto Children's Choir travel internationally to help raise an understanding of the plight of Africa's orphans. Watoto's performances are a soulful blend of native African rhythms, contemporary gospel music and ethnic dance. During their concerts, audiences are encouraged to donate towards one of Watoto's many projects in Uganda. In 1994 Watoto Church began rescuing orphans. Watoto is a church-based organization that cares for orphans and widows in Uganda. Watoto was born out of the need to place parentless children into loving families. Through Watoto, these children receive the message of Jesus Christ and His salvation, a spiritual awakening, an excellent education and a family. To date, Watoto has over 3000 children in holistic care and this number continues to grow yearly.



# LENTEN CALENDAR

On the Sundays in Lent, we will consider God's redemption through Jesus Christ with readings from the Gospel of John. On our Wednesday Lenten services, we'll follow the new LCMS devotional, *Eyes on Jesus*.

Please join us and invite your friends to come and be blessed in the love of Christ.

## Wednesdays

Our Wednesday fellowships  
begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m.  
followed by our worship service.

February 26 Ash Wednesday,  
March 4, 11, 18, 25  
and April 1

## Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5  
Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m.  
Good Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Easter Eve April 11 at 5:30 p.m.  
Easter Sunday, April 12:  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:40 a.m. Brunch and special kid's events  
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship



## **MARCH** Birthdays

03/05 Mary Johnson  
 03/08 Bob Frank  
       Benjamin Stremming  
 03/09 Judy Roegge  
 03/11 Gayle Holderfield  
       Jerilyn Parks  
 03/13 James Rossow  
 03/14 Lavonne Schmidt  
       Nicholas Williams  
 03/17 Nancy Otis  
 03/18 Bryan Holderfield  
       Marcia Messmann  
 03/19 David Kuehn  
 03/23 Natalie Summers  
 03/25 Barbara Witte  
 03/27 Samuel Wetherell  
 03/29 Sterling Rouse  
 03/30 Merrill Strater  
 03/31 James Cox  
       Kristy Umphenour

## **MARCH** Anniversaries

03/03 David & Andrea Nation (36 years)  
 03/28 Jhane Reifsteck & Felipe Contreras (5 years)

For the Month of February			
Date	Attendees	Communion	Offerings
02/02	138	118	\$6,944
02/09	124	101	\$5,209
02/16	132	112	\$5,861
02/23	138	119	\$4,067
YTD Receipts			\$44,339
Copies of Trinity's monthly income, expenses and full budget breakdown are in the Narthex and updated each month.			

**2020 Beta Sigma Psi Christian Leadership Award:** Beta Sigma Psi Lutheran Fraternity are now accepting applications for their 2020 scholarship. This is a \$1,500 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2020. The application is due by March 20th at 11:59 p.m. Runners-up may be eligible for \$500. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to a member of the fraternity to receive this award. If you have any questions, email [UIUCscholarship@betasigmapsi.org](mailto:UIUCscholarship@betasigmapsi.org). The scholarship application is accessible electronically via <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>



### 2020 Vacation Bible School at Trinity! July 13-17 at 6-8 PM

Bible lessons, singing and dancing, fun videos, science-gizmos, experiments, crafts, and snacks. For preschool and kindergarten children ages 3-5, and for children who just completed grades 1-5. Plan to come and join the fun! Adult and youth volunteers needed. Contact: Jill Boylan ([jill@boylansweb.net](mailto:jill@boylansweb.net)) or leave a message at the church office (217-367-8923).



### Trinity Small Groups and Bible Studies

If you have questions, please contact the person listed below or ask Pastor Shawn. Also, if you don't have their contact information; no worries, just reach out to the office and we'll help you get connected.

- Sunday Morning Bible Study, (9:45 a.m.-Sundays), Pastor Shawn
- Bible Prophecy (9:45 a.m. Sundays), Al Willms
- Women's Book Group (7 p.m.-1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays), Risë Lange
- Pieces of Love at church (6 p.m.-1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays), Jennifer Holhubner
- Cottage Bible Study at homes (2 p.m.-March 22), Mary Jo Rott
- Women in Mission at church (6:30 p.m.-2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday), Faith Wetzel
- Tuesday Bible Study (9:30 a.m.-Tuesdays), Pastor Ehlers
- Young Adults Fellowship (7 p.m.- March 12, 26), Jill Boylan
- Breakfast Bible Study at Urbana Gardens (7 a.m.-1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays), Phil or Joyce Bell
- Couples Bibles Study (6:30 p.m.-March 8), Risë Lange
- Home Bible Study at the Rouse's (6:30 p.m.-2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays), Hilary Rouse
- JOY (no meeting in March)



**Don't Forget!**  
**Daylight Saving**  
**Time begins on**  
**Sunday, March 8!**

### USHERS

8:30		Fred Holhubner & John Steer
10:45	03/01	Brent and Blake Burr
	03/08	The Rossow Family
	03/15	Debesai and Yosef Stifanos
	03/22	Debesai and Yosef Stifanos

### ELDERS/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5:30	Saturday	Larry Seggebruch
8:30	Sunday	Kevin Donoho
10:45	Sunday	Bryan Holderfield

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

03/01	Jill Boylan
03/08	Risë Lange
03/15	Hilary Rouse(E)/Deb Winkel(L)
03/22	Sandy Burt(E)/Carol Niemann(L)
03/29	Pastor Shawn

### CANTORS/READERS

8:30	03/01	Dean Hull
	03/08	Carolyn Wanagat
	03/15	Wayne Schmidt
	03/22	Dee Dee Williams
	03/29	Linda Lindsay
10:45	03/01	Brent Burr
	03/08	Phyllis Mennenga
	03/15	Phyllis Johnston
	03/22	Chris Roegge
	03/29	Randy Niemann

### AUDIO/VIDEO

03/01	Yosef Stifanos
03/08	Leah Peifer
03/15	Yosef Stifanos
03/22	Leah Peifer
03/29	Gus Rossow

### ALTAR GUILD

Phil & Joyce Bell





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March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30a Traditional Service 9:45a Sunday School 10a Blood Pressure Screening 10a Trinity on WDWS 10:45a Contemporary Service 12p Confirmation	2 7p Women's Book Group	3 9:30a Bible Class	4 10:30a Wee Disciples Reading Buddy Time 5:30p Lenten Dinner 6p Choir 7p Lenten Service	5 7a Breakfast Bible Study 6:30p Girl Scouts	6	7 5:30p Worship Service
8 8:30a Traditional Service 9:45a Sunday School 10:45a Contemporary Service 12p Confirmation 6:30p Couples Bible Study	9	10 9:30a Bible Class 10:30a Wee Disciples Chapel Time 6:30p LWML-WIM	11 10:30a Wee Disciples Chapel Time 5:30p Lenten Dinner 6p Choir 7p Lenten Service	12 6:30p Girl Scouts 7p Young Adults Fellowship	13 6:30p Home Bible Study	14 9a-1p Craft Show 5:30p Worship Service
15 8:30a Traditional Service 9:45a Sunday School 10a Trinity on WDWS 10:45a Contemporary Service 12p Confirmation	16 5:30p Property Management Team 7p Women's Book Group	17 9:30a Bible Class	18 5:30p Lenten Dinner 7p Lenten Service	19 7a Breakfast Bible Study 6:30p Girl Scouts	20 5:30p Worship Service	21
22 8:30a Traditional Service 9:45a Sunday School 10:45a Contemporary Service 12p Campaign Kick-Off Celebration 2:00p Cottage Bible Study	23	24 9:30a Bible Class	25 5:30p Lenten Dinner 6p Choir 7p Lenten Service	26 6:30p Girl Scouts 7p Young Adults Fellowship	27 6:30p Home Bible Study	28 5:30p Worship Service
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