



**FROM THE** Dear saints of Trinity,



**Pastor**

Christ is risen! This is the way that Christians throughout the centuries have greeted each other through the fifty days of Easter. And it's a wonderful greeting, a greeting that brings smiles to people's faces and prompts the response of, "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

But it's more than just a greeting. It's a confession. A confession that the Lord Jesus was right when he said, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. **And after three days he will rise**" (Mark 10:33-34). A confession that unlike Muhammed and Buddha and the founders of all the other religious movements in the world, Jesus' tomb is empty because death wasn't able to hold him.

But more than that, even, it's a confession that you are looking forward to your own resurrection. Because Christ is risen, but he doesn't rise alone; he only rises first. After all, Christ is the head of his body, the Church. And if the head rises from the dead, it only makes sense that the rest of the body will rise with it. Dear saints, ever since your baptism, you are that body. As St. Paul says, "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27), and so if Christ is risen, that means that when the time comes, you will rise with him. That's what the hymn writer means when he writes, "Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Likewise I to life shall waken. He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then

be shaken? Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave his members dead?" (LSB 741, Stanza 2)

In some way or another, most all of us have been affected by death. Have you lost people you love to death? Do you suspect that you will lose some soon? Are you reminded of your own mortality more strongly all the time? If death has touched your life in these or various other ways, I encourage you to hold this greeting close: Christ is risen! Because in this greeting, you're confessing not only that your Lord is risen but also that you will rise, that your Christian loved ones will rise, that everyone who belongs to the body of Christ will one day rise from the dead just as surely as Christ is risen. Because the head is already risen, and the body is coming with him.

So savor these fifty days, dear friends. And savor our customary greeting. Use it whenever you're among Christians. Because the more you say it, the more you may find yourself believing it. And in a world of death that so deeply needs hope for resurrection, that's a great blessing indeed.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Einertson



### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

Spring cleanup days are scheduled for April 12-14. Outside cleanup work may be limited depending on ground conditions. Main outside items include sweeping the parking lot, picking up rocks from the lawn, picking up fallen branches and cleaning out window wells. Inside items will include cleaning of cobwebs, wiping down of pews, removal of black marks from walls or steps and washing windows as needed.

### **NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**



Thank you to our Sunday School children and youth for singing on Palm Sunday!

Bible Bucks may be turned in during the Easter season for special prizes.

VBS will be evenings of July 22-25! Children grades Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate. Youth grades 5 and up are invited to volunteer. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important outreach event. VBS Planning Meeting will be held in May. Watch the bulletin and emails for dates and times.

Last Day of Sunday School is May 19 with an all-congregation picnic after education hour.



### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

The Trinity Women's Ministry spring flower sale is again taking place. You will find ordering information in the Pahl's Market

sheet enclosed in this Parish Life.

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m. We would love to have you join us!

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**



April workshops have been scheduled! Come to either or both. We have work for everyone! Dates are Mondays, April 15 and 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Items still needed:

- Greeting cards (we will even cut them for you.)
- Small amounts of yarn-all colors (these will be used for plastic canvas crosses and kits.)
- Hair scrunchies to use as skirts on ragdolls
- 300 Hair binders (\$ Tree has 100 in a pack)
- Small to medium nails and screws
- Barbie dolls and clothes
- Stickers
- Children's sunglasses
- 10 boxes of 60 pack Band-aids (you can find these at Wal-Mart)

Thank you so much for your donations and time. We hope to have projects to take home soon. Jobs like washing pill bottles, counting and banding silverware, creating barrettes, and creating foam cutouts of Noah's Ark and decorating foam angels!

We will keep adding needs at the OCC table.

If you have questions, please call

Jan Luxa (651-463-2959)

Donna Born (651-295-1587)

# CATECHUMENS 2024



Isabelle Marianne Auwarter

**Parents:** Chris and Mari Anne Auwarter

**Sponsors/Godparents:**

Mike Johnson and Michelle Rysavy

**Confirmation Verse:** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23



Elijah James Halverson

**Parents:** Lance & Kristen Halverson

**Sponsors/Godparents:**

Timothy Rusert & Jacqie Malzahn

**Confirmation Verse:** I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1



Daniel Raymond Little

**Parents:** Joel & Rosamarie Little,

**Sponsors/Godparents:**

Randy & Deb Buntjer

**Confirmation Verse:** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Philippians 4:8



Zachary George Schaefer

**Parents:** Simon & Shana Schaefer

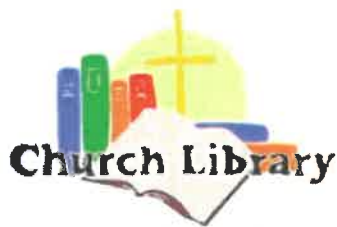
**Sponsors/Godparents:**

Mark & Melissa Amendt

**Confirmation Verse:** Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and defense; He has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

## **CHURCH LIBRARY**

Listed below are some of the new books donated to Trinity. I hope you will enjoy them! Many are on the third shelf marked NEW books and DVD's.



### Children:

- ✝ DVD – Start singing with BOZ
- ✝ Book – Pokey Little Puppy
- ✝ Puzzle – 300 piece Carousel Horse

### Adult Fiction:

- ✝ Ocean's Apart by Karen Kingsbury
- ✝ Summer of the Midnight Sun by Tracy Peterson
- ✝ The Island of Heavenly Daze by Lori Copeland

### Non-Fiction:

- ✝ The Case for Christ – Strobel
- ✝ Before the Times – Pate
- ✝ Te Deum – Westermeyer
- ✝ DVD – Evolution vs God

Thank you for donating to Trinity! We hope Trinity's members will stop in, browse, and borrow.

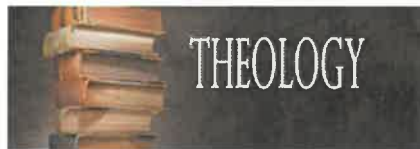
More will be listed next month!



Voters Meeting

## **VOTER'S MEETING**

The next voter's meeting is Sunday, **April 14** following Bible study! Mark your calendar to attend!



## **2024** **THEOLOGICAL** **CONVOCATIONS**

In 2024, the Minnesota South District will be sponsoring Theological Convocations. Each will be on a different theological topic, which two pastors will discuss in depth with each other, facilitated by President Woodford with an opportunity for participants to be involved in the conversations, as well. These convocations will take place from 9:00am to 12:00pm with lunch to follow. Pastors, lay people, and the general public are cordially invited to attend any or all of them. There is no charge to register, but the district asks that attenders register beforehand so that they have an accurate count for materials and lunch. In that spirit, you are formally invited to the following convocations:

### Friday, May 31

*Ecclesiology and the Future of the LCMS*  
Emanuel Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights

### Friday, September 20

*Worship, Theology, and Practice*  
Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth

### Friday, October 18

*Office of the Ministry and Routes to Ordination*  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester

### Friday, October 25

*Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fulda

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Einertson.



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 4/7 Linda McCCasey
- 4/8 Peter Wratkowski
- 4/9 Alexis Thom  
Mackenzie Thom
- 4/10 Simon Schaefer
- 4/14 Alexis Sell
- 4/15 Jacquelyn Delo
- 4/17 Jan Luxa
- 4/27 Madelyn Jacobson
- 4/28 Melanie Heintz
- 4/29 Doris Dahl



**APRIL BAPTISMS**

- 4/3 Katrina Poole
- 4/5 Luke Johnston
- 4/9 Jerry Wagenknecht
- 4/10 Alicia Figueroa  
Jacob Wratkowski
- 4/11 Mary Christensen
- 4/12 Deb Seavey  
Phillip Sell
- 4/15 Greg Opatrny
- 4/16 Blake Heintz
- 4/17 Tod Duffy  
Ross Heintz
- 4/25 Lisa Heffner
- 4/26 Donna Born
- 4/27 Alfred Deiss
- 4/28 Hannah Betzold  
Lila Heintz



**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

	Day	Years
Brian & Katie Thom	4/11	21
Drew & Katrina Poole	4/14	5
Dave & Hazel Truax	4/24	67
Brandon & Mandie Beyl	4/25	15
Steve & Lucille Christensen	4/27	33



**PARISH LIFE**

Parish Life articles for the **MAY/JUNE** issue will be due on April 22. Note this one is TWO months!

<b>Church Attendance February 13 Through March 27</b>			
Shrove Tues Feb 13	<b>8</b>	Ash Wed Feb 14	<b>67</b>
Sun Feb 18	<b>93</b>	Wed Feb 21	<b>70</b>
Sun Feb 25	<b>99</b>	Wed Feb 28	<b>70</b>
Sun Mar 3	<b>82</b>	Wed Mar 6	<b>57</b>
Sun Mar 10	<b>87</b>	Wed Mar 13	<b>60</b>
Sund Mar 17	<b>94</b>	Wed Mar 20	<b>53</b>
Palm Sun Mar 24	<b>79</b>	Holy Mon Mar 25	<b>16</b>
Holy Tues Mar 26	<b>17</b>	Holy Wed Mar 27	<b>16</b>



# Pahl's Market

## Spring Flower Sale Spring 2024

The Trinity Women's Ministry spring flower sale is again taking place. You can order online **ONLY** at:

<https://www.pahls.com/spring-fundraiser/?ref=95>

Our fundraiser ID: 95. When asked for a sales person, put in your own name. If you prefer, the QR code is below for you to scan. The sale is currently open and **closes at 11:59 PM on Friday, April 19, 2024.** Once the sale closes, no orders will be accepted. Please be aware that some quantities are limited, so be sure to place your order early to ensure getting the things you want. Orders will be ready for pick up on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6 PM at Julie and Jeff Lee's home, **6145 235th St. W, Farmington, MN 55024.**

**If you need help placing your order, members of the women's ministry will be available on Sunday mornings to assist you. See Michelle Hinze, Julie Lee or Sue Markworth.**

QR code:

