



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

The Magnificat (Song of Mary)

This Lent we have been using the Vespers service. In that service we have the canticle, “The Song of Mary” or the Magnificat. I didn’t know how well you would be able to sing it, as it is a little challenging but you are doing well.

In the Magnificat, it begins with “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior”. Martin Luther has a commentary on the Magnificat in which he looks at how our soul and spirit are related. You may not have known the relationship as I didn’t before looking at it in volume 21 pages 299-355 (focus pg 303).

Luther points out that scripture divides man into three parts: spirit, soul and body. 1Thessalonians 5:23. He points out another division of these three and that is the whole man being divided into “Spirit” and “flesh”. He says that the spirit is the highest, the deepest and noblest part of man. Which we would agree.

He then goes on to describe the relationship of soul and spirit by saying they are the same, so far as its nature is concerned but viewed in how each functions, they are different. He says the spirit gives life to the body and the soul works through the body.

In scripture, he points out that the spirit may live without the body but the body can’t live without the spirit. The soul lives even while sleeping and works without ceasing. He says its nature is to comprehend not incomprehensible things but such things as reason can know and understand. The spirit is the light of reason in the body and when not there, reason cannot do anything but error.

He points out that scripture ascribes many things to these two. Wisdom is ascribed to the spirit and knowledge is ascribed to the soul. The body carries out what the soul knows and the spirit believes.

Thoroughly confused? It would be good to mediate on this as there is a difference. We could probably not really care that much about it as we know we have both soul and spirit and that is enough but I thought you might have questions about each.

Pastor

LENTEN SERVICES

How long has it been since you were in Confirmation class? This year we will be looking at the 6 chief parts of Luther’s small catechism in the sermons. Can you name them? By the time you listen to the sermons, you should be able to name them and know why it should even matter to you.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has established a special fund for the eventual repair of the church roof. We have received a sum from our insurance for the shingle loss/damage already incurred, but a complete renewal of the roof will require significant additional funds. We will be accepting contributions to this fund pending sufficient capital to schedule necessary work.

Dick Dommers, President

BOARD OF ELDERS

March is always an interesting month for me. As a former weatherman for the USAF and the US Army, I am fascinated by the wide variations in the weather. The old adage “ If March’s weather comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb” and vice versa is an apt description. Then again, the weather can violate the adage and present another adage,” if you don’t like the weather in New Mexico, just wait two hours and it will change”. How many times have you seen it snowing or raining over the foothills and it be brilliant blue skies over the Tularosa Basin.

The other aspect of uncertainty about March weather is what to wear to get through the day. Freezing temperatures in the morning give way to warm afternoons. So how do you dress to accommodate both extremes? I guess the best answer is LAYERS.

One thing is for certain, GOD controls the weather. No matter how sophisticated the tools that weathermen use to “predict “ the weather, GOD shows his sense of humor by putting little monkey wrenches in our often times feeble attempts to guess what the weather will do.

Fortunately for us, there is no uncertainty about GOD’s love for us as Christians. As we remember JESUS ’ suffering on the cross and HIS glorious resurrection, it is GOD’s promise to us for eternal salvation.

Because of that promise we know we have a place in heaven as we go about life lived to Him in repentance and faith.

John 3:16 is CERTAINLY TRUE

Jim Wilkes, Elder

SCAM ALERT

It’s that time of year again.....Tax Time. And more villains are out trying to get information from you through unsolicited emails and phone calls. The church recently received just such an email, a very official looking Tax Penalty Notice from the IRS. This is a reminder that the IRS and Social Security will **NEVER** communicate officially with you through any means other than a letter through the US Mail. If you receive and open an “official looking” email, **DO NOT** click on any links within the email. If it’s supposedly from the IRS, you should forward the entire email to phising@irs.gov to report the scam. If you don’t feel comfortable doing that, then simply delete the email.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Education Committee had a short meeting to discuss and finalize a few items about Easter and Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible School (VBS) for 2024 will be the week of June 10th – 14th. The theme will be a jungle one with lessons from Genesis to Revelations. Abby Anderson will be our inter-in-training again this year. She will be helping with VBS and in charge of our summer activity day the 2 weeks after VBS. More details to come later. Sign-up sheets for VBS will be put on the back bulletin board around the middle of March. Times for VBS and donations needed will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The Committee decided to purchase an Arch Easter book for each child in Sunday School and they will be given out on Palm Sunday. Easter activities will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Yours in Christ,
Susan Kelly, Education Chair

STOLE WORKSHOP

March 23, 2024 from 9:30 to 11:30

Our first two workshops had wonderful participation and were fun and productive. Please join us Saturday March 23 for our third workshop. No excuses, you don't have to know how to sew, we need people to apply iron-on interfacing to fabric, cut out the stoles, and cut out applique shapes. When finished in the Fall of 2025, we will have 19 sets of Pastoral Stoles for the Seminary graduates at the Seminary in South Sudan.

No lunch at this workshop, but bring an Easter present to exchange. Suggestions for presents are a little Easter Bunny, Easter coasters, Easter candy, etc. Don't go overboard with these presents, keep the expense to a minimum, recycle, or make it homemade, it's just for fun!

Coordinators: Nora Sotak, Belinda Burmeister, Chris Schlehuser

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

January 31, 2024

Total Income	\$20,497.02
Ordinary Expenses	<u>(\$14,679.85)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 5,817.17

YEAR-TO-DATE January 2024

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Bob Klose, Vice-President

EVANGELISM

Tract of the Month: The Tract of the Month for March is "**A Biblical Response to Divorce**". "A divorce may feel crushing. You may feel as though your life is broken into pieces. But think about this: "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18) God brings all those broken pieces together and makes the beautiful mosaic that is your life. Your broken pieces make you who you are, but your identity is not defined by your divorce – it is defined by Christ Jesus. He will not abandon you. You are going to be okay." If you are experiencing or contemplating a divorce or if you are a child, family member, or friend experiencing the divorce of a loved one, this month's tract may be helpful to you. It is on the spinner rack in the Narthex.

The mission for March and April is Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute. The mission of the LHMI is preparing workers to multiply healthy Hispanic Ministries. The Institute trains men and women as missionaries, lay leaders, and leaders who will go on to serve as called church workers to sow the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics.

"The Chosen": The next showing of "*The Chosen*" will be on March 10th. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room. (I have safely stored it in my car so that even if I forget again, I will still have it available! Apologies for my forgetfulness!!)

The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Monday March 11th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend.

February Meeting: At our last meeting it was decided that we should go ahead and upgrade the church's wi-fi & order the Outdoor TV that was budgeted for & approved at the November 2023 Congregational Meeting. In addition, we voted to order coffee mugs with our church name and logo. We will be filling the mugs with information about our church and the Alamogordo area to hand out to visitors on Sundays. More on that later.

In closing, I would like to quote Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV) – 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

LWML

Thank you to all who helped do all the things necessary to make our Meals for Mites possible. We were able to raise \$620 for Mites. Thank you to the congregation for attending and donating. It was a good time of food and fellowship.

On Saturday, March 9th we have a speaker from the Alamogordo Public Schools (Lisa) who will give us a tour of The Hub and tell us everything about it. Please meet at church at 9:45 a.m. and we'll carpool over and then have our meeting and refreshments. On the agenda are elections for President and Treasurer. Also, we are going to look at our Mission List for the proceeds of our garage sale funds. Please text, email or put a note in my box if you have suggestions. Jan Thede and Vicki Leonard are the hosts. We will also be discussing the Spring Workshop.

Our Spring Workshop will be at Mission Lutheran Church on Sat, April 13th. We will meet at church to carpool at 8:15 a.m. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Items to be collected for the Wee Care Project are newborn diapers, Orestes 0-3 months, receiving blankets and/ or cash donations. There will be a bucket in the northern hallway.

Just a reminder that Saturday, May 11th is our last meeting and it will be held at the Heart of the Desert pistachio farm patio. Please bring something to share, drinks will be provided.

Bring a family member, friend or neighbor. This will be our last meeting for the year and it is a social gathering only.

God's Blessings, Vicki

BECAUSE JESUS SAID SO

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."

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Submit Your Recipes



TRINITY LUTHERAN COOKBOOK

Do you have a favorite recipe that others have asked you to share or just something you really enjoy eating or preparing? We would like to do a Trinity Lutheran Cookbook this year. This is not going to be a quick project, but you can begin submitting either legible handwritten recipes or type written recipes by email or printed to the church office or my box. Please include your name and phone number with the recipe. The phone number will just be to confirm the recipe if we have questions. Also, if you can think of a good Name, please submit it as well. We may need volunteers at some point as well. Once printed, we will keep extras to give to new members.

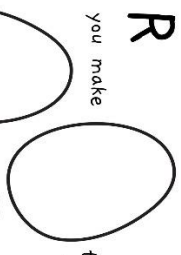
Vicki Leonard/Jan Thede

CHILDREN'S COLORING PAGE



EASTER

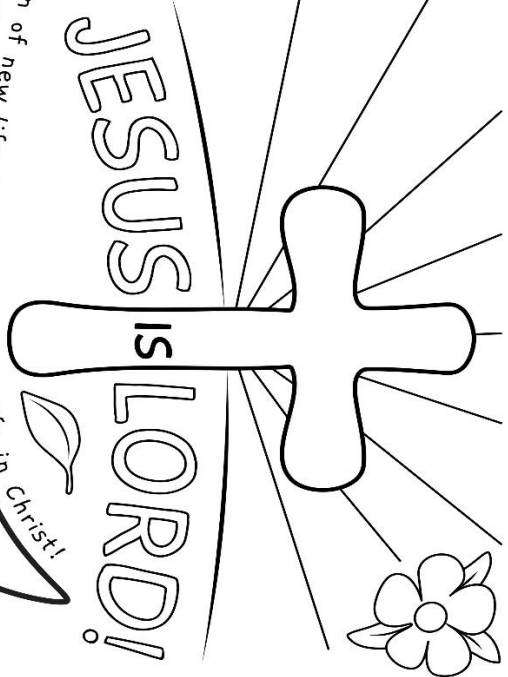
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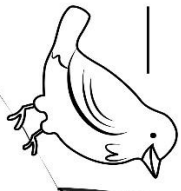
Make your own design on these eggs. Then color them!

DID YOU KNOW?

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!



HAPPY EASTER!



You can have new life too! Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.

Can you find 9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!

"If you _____ with your

mouth that _____ is Lord and believe in

your _____ that God raised him from the

dead, you will be _____"

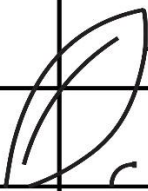
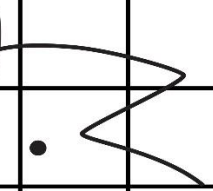
ROMANS 10:9, ESV

He is not here, for...

HE IS RISEN!

Matthew 28:6

Use the grid to draw the other side!

MARCH 2024 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

March 3 Matt Anderson
March 6 Jim Wilkes (Midweek)
March 10 Robert Rentschler
March 13 Robert Rentschler (Midweek)
March 17 Jim Wilkes
March 20 Jim Wilkes (Midweek)
March 24 Matt Anderson
March 28 Jim Wilkes (Maundy Thursday)
March 29 Robert Rentschler (Good Friday)
March 31 Robert Rentscher (Easter Sunday)

READERS

March 3 Shirley Enyeart & Ruth Wilkes
March 6 Matt & Jill Clark (Midweek)
March 10 Yvonne Steeby & Dick Dommers
March 13 ????? & Susan Kelly (Midweek)
March 17 Hannah Keeler & Shirley Enyeart
March 20 Gerald & Gayan Moore (Midweek)
March 24 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
March 28 Ruth Wilkes & Dick Dommers
(Maundy Thursday)
March 29 Cheryl Sandenaw & Susan Kelly
(Good Friday)
March 31 Dick Dommers & Ruth Wilkes
(Easter Sunday)

TELLERS

March 3 Cheryl Sandenaw/Linde Van Cleave
March 10 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
March 17 Sandy Klose & Susan Kelly
March 24 Joyce Macon & Bob Klose
March 27 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley
(Maundy Thursday)
March 28 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard
(Good Friday)
March 31 Dick Dommers & Merry Zumwalt
(Easter Sunday)

HOSTS

March 3 Allen & Belinda Burmeister
March 10 Pastor Kerry & Ruth Buttke
March 17 Matt & Jill Clark
March 24 Dick & Jan Dommers
March 31 Ben Clark & Jennifer Davis

USHERS

March 4 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Bev Van Duyn
March 10 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
March 17 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Bob Thede, Tammy Thede
March 24 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
Irvin Torres
March 31 Volunteers

MUSIC

March 3 Lisa Cramm
March 6 Cyndi Heithold or Bobby Anderson
Merry Zumwalt (Midweek)
March 10 Lisa Cramm
March 13 Cyndi Heithold or Bobby Anderson
Merry Zumwalt (Midweek)
March 17 Cyndi Heithold
March 20 Cyndi Heithold or Bobby Anderson
Merry Zumwalt (Midweek)
March 24 Lola Ableidinger
March 28 Cyndi Heithold (Maundy Thursday)
March 29 Lisa Cramm (Good Friday)
March 31 Lisa Cramm (Early Service)
Lola Ableidinger (Late Service)

SOUND TECH

March 3 Jim Kline
March 6 Jim Kline (Midweek)
March 10 Vicki Leonard
March 13 Vicki Leonard (Midweek)
March 17 Bob Klose
March 20 Bob Klose (Midweek)
March 24 Matt Anderson
March 28 Matt Anderson (Maundy Thursday)
March 29 Jim Kline (Good Friday)
March 31 Jim Kline (Easter Sunday)

MARCH FLOWERS

March 3 Bob & Sandy Klose
March 10 Rick & Nora Sotak
March 17 Wilma Jaecks
March 24 Henry & Roseanne Wehmeyer
March 31 Gerald & Gayan Moore