



Lost and Found

April
2022

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions

What's so important about Jesus dying and rising from the dead?

"I don't want to die. I want to live."

A man I had known for about 25 minutes said these words to me as we were flying over the Caribbean Sea between Puerto Rico and Antigua. We were in the middle of a horrific lightning storm. Ten seconds before he said this, our airplane had lost all power and began to dip rather suddenly towards the deep blue expanse of water beneath us. Thankfully, the airplane regained power after only a few agonizing seconds, and we quickly climbed back to our cruising altitude.

"Death scares me," he went on, "because I know nothing about it. I only know how to live."

Choosing between something you know nothing about and something you know quite a bit about is a pretty easy decision. Most everyone feels more confident with what they are familiar with. That's why this gentleman was not the first person to express himself in this way. He most certainly will not be the last. Who can feel more confident about dying than living since we only know about life and not death?

Jesus had never died either. But as he hung on his cross, he knew it was coming. In fact, he had told his followers the day before that "it was for this reason (dying) that he came to this hour" (John 12:27).

Jesus chose death, and he did so with you in mind. Jesus chose death to prove to you that those who follow him have no reason to be afraid of death.

If the pilot of our airplane had guaranteed the passengers before that flight that we would land safely, that he had flown through worse storms and made it, that the backup generators on the plane would keep any power outage from harming us, we would have been much more confident despite the storm.

Jesus makes a much greater guarantee when he tells us we don't have to be afraid of death. And he proved it by living after he died. The dead body of Jesus was placed in a grave on Friday evening, but he rose from the dead three days later.

When you follow Jesus, death's scare is taken away. The living Jesus gives you the confidence that your grave will be empty, just like his was. He tells all his disciples, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).

Jesus' death and resurrection are important because it guarantees for his believers that they too will rise from the dead and live forever!

Inspiration from the Psalms:

Psalm 54:7

*For he has
delivered
me from
all my
troubles,
and my
eyes have
looked in
triumph
on my foes.*



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

Holy Week Services will include Maundy Thursday Communion service and Good Friday Service, both at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: There will be a Sun Rise service beginning at 6:30 a.m., with a later service at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served in the school gym between services.

EASTER BREAKFAST IS BACK! Please join us between services on Easter Sunday for some great food and even better fellowship. Serving will begin after Sunrise Service until about 9 a.m. To give the committee an estimate on the number attending, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the entryway. You may also email the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org. The Church Council, along with Luther Society will be setting up tables and chairs on Saturday, April 16, at 8 a.m. and take down on Monday, April 18. Any extra help will be greatly appreciated!

Join us for a very special Mornings with Mommy session on April 4th or April 5th as we about Jesus's resurrection and celebrate Easter. Play with colorful rice and Easter grass, make tissue paper butterflies, hop like bunnies, and explore colored salt. After snack, we will have an indoor Easter egg hunt. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

Easter for Kids takes place on April 9th beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the school. Children will learn that Jesus is alive and that all believers will live with him forever in heaven. The program features Bible-based activity stations where kids learn about the Savior's resurrection, praise him in song, make crafts, play games, and enjoy snacks together. Registration is open until March 28th. There are forms at the back of church.

Easter Egg Hunt – Following Easter for Kids, there will be an outdoor Easter Egg hunt on the school grounds. The egg hunt will begin at 12:10 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided for families in the parking lot following the egg hunt. The egg hunt is for toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary age children. Please register by March 28th, using the form at the back of church or on line at tlcjenera.org.

Preschool Playtime! An extra opportunity for your little ones to burn off some energy. Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) in the school gym on Monday, April 11 from 10:00 -11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, a mini-trampoline, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Ohio Circuit Rally will be held Saturday, April 23, 2022, here at Trinity Lutheran Church. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Brad Wright of Risen Savior in Mansfield. Plan on joining us for this special event! More information and sign-up sheets can be found on the table at the back of church. Also looking for volunteers to help out at this event.

A Bus Fund has been established to replace Trinity's bus #6, which is deteriorating. A new bus has been ordered and donations are being sought. Please consider giving. You may do so by specifying "Bus Fund" on your offering envelope. Thank you for keeping our TLS students safe!

People have always had questions about the divine call and the process we use to call people into the public ministry. With the high number of vacancies and with many congregations affected by the shortage, it's not surprising that there have been more questions than normal about exactly what the divine call is and how the doctrine of the call is applied among us. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the divine call process we use, please come to Adult Bible Study between services.



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? Continued

Sunday School teachers are needed for the summer months. No experience necessary! All lessons are provided. Please contact Jenny Boehm at 262-391-7994 for more information if you are interested or can even substitute on occasion.

Enrollment continues for the 2022-2023 school year, preschool through 8th grade. Deadline for registration is *April 12, 2022*. If you need any forms, please contact the school office.

Call Responses:

Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School,

Last month your congregation extended a divine call to me to teach the third and fourth grades and be the school music director at your Lutheran elementary school. Over the last few weeks I have had the opportunity to speak with some of your faculty members and congregational leaders about your current ministry and future goals. You have many wonderful things happening at Trinity! I was especially impressed with your "Mornings with Mommy" program and all the outreach activities you have planned. I even was privileged to see a video of your dulcimer group. You are truly blessed!

After prayerfully considering both your call and my current call, the Holy Spirit has led me to return your call to Trinity. This was not an easy decision for me, and I thank you for your patience. At this time, however, I feel that my ministry gifts are still needed here at St. John's in Pardeeville.

As you seek to fill this faculty position and call again, I will keep you in my prayers. I am confident that the Lord has a plan for Trinity and already knows who will be the best fit for your needs. God bless your ministry!

In Christ's service,

Ms. Noreen Wilson

Dear members of Trinity,

On Sunday, March 13, I received your call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as the School Music Director. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Receiving a divine call from the Holy Spirit gives one an opportunity to evaluate her ministry and to consider how she can best to use her gifts to serve Him. I ask that you would pray for me and my family as I deliberate the two calls that I now hold, and try to determine where God would have me serve Him and His kingdom of believers. I would welcome any input from members of the congregation. The wisdom of many can greatly assist in the decision process. Please feel free to speak with me via email or over the phone.

In all things, may God's will be done.

In Christ,

Mrs. Brenda Koester

email: bkoester@stpaulsfort.org, or phone: 507-251-2939 (text anytime, call **after** 5:00 pm.)



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Join us for Worship Sundays at 8 & 10:30am

Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:20am

Mornings with Mommy-1st & 3rd Monday &

Tuesday of the month. Register on line at
tlcjenera.org

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Memory Gem from God's Treasure

(for parents, children—everyone young and old!)

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

April 2022

March '22							May '22							June '22						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 HVL Fine Arts Fair
3 Communion Catechism 1:00 Elders 3:00	4 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Faculty 3:30 Board of Ed 6:00	5 Mornings with Mommy 9:30	6 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 5:45 Lenten Service 7:00	7	8 Principals' Conference	9 Easter for Kids 9:30-12:00 Easter Egg Hunt 12:10 Principals' Conference
10 Palm Sunday K- 8 Sing Children's Lesson Catechism 1:00	11 Preschool Playtime 10:00 school gym No School Easter Vacation	12 No School Easter Vacation	13 Choir Practice 7:00 No School Easter Vacation	14 Good Sam BC 11:00 Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00 No School Easter Vacation	15 Good Friday Worship 7:00 No School Easter Vacation	16
17 Easter Worship 6:30 & 9:30 a.m. Breakfast between services Communion	18 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Prairie Fire Theater Church Council 7:00	19 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Prairie Fire Theater	20 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 7:00 Prairie Fire Theater	21 Prairie Fire Theater	22 Prairie Fire Theater	23 LWMS Spring Rally at Trinity
24 WELS Connection Catechism 1:00 Jenera Track Meet	25 Newsletter Articles Due	26	27 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 7:00	28 Good Samaritan Bible Class 11:00	29 Ohio Track Meet No School	30
1 Confirmation		Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 A.M.		Money Counters Brad Inniger 03.27-04.09 Josh Breitigam 04.10-04.23 Dan Webb 04.24-05.07	Monthly Flower Chairperson Mark Burkholder	Lutheran Chapel On the Air Sundays 11:00 A.M. 1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)

GREETERS FOR APRIL

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
3	John & Esther Spaeth	Warren & Marilyn Pratt
10	Jim & Jane Smith	Jerry Beagle
14	Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart	
17	Josh & Ashley Breitigam	Bob & Julie Inniger
24	John & Janet Weihrauch	Mark & Jane Boehm

NEXT MONTH

1	Confirmation
15	Brittney Jensen Farewell
27	Last day of school

BIRTHDAYS

1	Leah Nowak
2	John Spaeth
6	Sally Rettig
16	Karen Beach
27	Ruth Marquart
27	Shelby Armand
30	Mary Lou Reddick
30	Megan Nowak

ANNIVERSARIES

9	Mike & Jill Woodward
18	Darl & Pamela Deeds
22	Ray & Dawn Curth
24	Gary & Rebecca Mitchell

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