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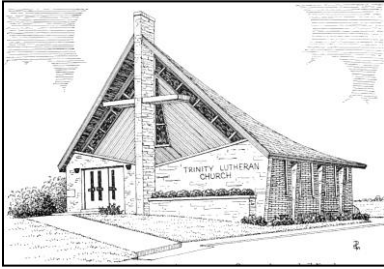
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Divine Service

Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

Sundays 10 a.m.

Advent and Lenten Services

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Private Confession & Absolution

(by appointment)

Bible Studies

Nursery through 8th Grade Sunday School
Sunday Mornings 9:00 a.m.

High School and College Bible Class
Sunday Mornings 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Class
9:00 a.m.

(Isaiah the Prophet)

LWML Bible Study
1st Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Pot Luck
Every 5th Sunday After Service

Catechesis

Adult Information Class
Sunday Afternoons
3:00 p.m.

Youth Confirmation Class
Wednesday Evenings
6:00 p.m.

Convinced by Reality

“He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, For the pastors’ article this month I invite you to read the following Easter devotion written by the Rev. Bo Giertz, former bishop of the Lutheran Church in Sweden. The devotion is found in the book, *To Live with Christ: Daily Devotions* by Bo Giertz, pp. 282-283).

“Luke says he ‘followed all things closely for some time past’ (Luke 1:3) and recorded the events ‘just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us’ (Luke 1:2). So at the end of his Gospel, Luke summarizes the events after the resurrection.

John’s narration is far more detailed. He relied mostly on his own memory and preserved many details we would not otherwise know. For example, when Peter ran to the tomb, Luke doesn’t mention John, but that doesn’t mean Peter went alone. This is shown a little later in the story about the journey to Emmaus, when Cleopas says, ‘some of those who were with us went to the tomb’ (Luke 24:24).

The events of Easter morning come as a complete surprise. Confusion and commotion ruled as people ran back and forth, to and from the tomb. Each of the witnesses had their own experiences in the course of events. Mary Magdalene had her story to tell. Peter and John saw things in their own way. The other women at the tomb clearly had not seen everything all at once. Some of them could tell about a young man in white clothes inside the grave. Others spoke about two men who stood before them in shining clothes.

That’s the way it always is when eyewitnesses recount surprising occurrences, where one thing happens after the other. No one person sees everything. Afterward, you have to try to reconstruct the sequence of events, but it is precisely the variations in the accounts of what happened that prove you are dealing with eyewitnesses. If all the accounts said the same thing, we might suspect the accounts to be doctored and collaborated.

As it is, we have the opportunity to experience the complete amazement, commotion, confusion, and doubt that the witnesses experienced on Easter morning. We also have the overwhelming joy when, ‘by many proofs,’ (Acts 1:3) it is shown to be true that Jesus rose from the dead. It was no longer a matter of speculation, nor was it a matter of the expectations the disciples had that inclined them to see visions and believe rumors. They were just as reluctant as we are to believe that someone could be resurrected from the grave. They were men of reality. And it was for this reason they were convinced by reality and could say, ‘This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses’ (Acts 2:32).” Have a blessed Easter! In Christ, *Pastor GeRue*

**SUNDAY'S DIVINE SERVICE— THE
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**



“In Adam all die.” For we are all participants in the sin of Adam, who rebelled against God in the Garden and brought the curse of death into the world. But “in Christ all shall be made alive.”(1 Corinthians 15:1–26) For He was faithful to His Father and destroyed death on the holy tree. Jesus, the Second Adam, now walks

in the Garden in the cool of the day and reveals Himself to the daughter of Eve. (John 20:1–18) The risen Christ brings not the curse of death but the blessing of life, the resurrection of the body. He leads us through the baptismal sea to new life on the other side, conquering our mortal enemies in its depths. (Exodus 14:10—15:1) In this way our Lord Jesus wipes away the tears from all faces. For He has swallowed up death forever. Let us therefore be glad and rejoice in His salvation! (Isaiah 25:6–9)

– EASTER LILIES –

Florence Schweikle – In Memory of parents, Louis and Maybelle Krantz and Husband, Robert Schweikle

Ronald & Beverly GeRue – In Memory of Loved ones

Kathy Donaldson – In Thanksgiving

John & Maxine Boston – In Memory of Our Parents and Our Son Richard Boston

Art & Mary Ehrat – In Memory of Our Daughter Linda Ehrat

Larry & Nan Maddox – In Memory of Norma Schwartz

Norma, Dean & Linda Denby – In Memory of Lynn A. Denby

Larry, Karen, Lindsey & Dylan DeFevers – In Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents

Elena Howarth & Jane Jones – He is Risen Indeed

The Family of Martha E. Jones – in her Memory

The Family of George Howarth – in his Memory

Juanita Rankin – in Memory of members of our family who have gone home

Cyndy Wilson – In Honor of the Birth of Makenna Grace! Thank You Lord!

Evelyn & Ron Carney, Betty & Bob Cox – In Honor of Ruth Hedrick.

Margaret Branham – in Memory of Parents, Clifford & Dorothy Ketchum – Sister, Doris Whitaker – Brother, Richard Bolton

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ronald Virchow Jr., George Van Huss, Joan Shipp, Rachel Slack, Crystal Ray, Ruth Hedrick, Walt Hedrick, Mary Kay Schmidt, Arthur and Audrey Johnson, Ron GeRue, and Aston Shoemaker.

MILITARY: Please keep in your prayers Cody Thompson, Ft. Benning Georgia and CH Jeff Smith, Afghanistan.

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Please notify Pastor GeRue about any sickness or hospitalizations.

Daily Lectionary

Easter Season

Easter Sunday Exodus 14:10–31; Hebrews 7:23—8:13

Monday Exodus 15:1–18; Hebrews 9:1–28

Tuesday Exodus 15:19—16:12; Hebrews 10:1–18

Wednesday Exodus 16:13–35; Hebrews 10:19–39

Thursday Exodus 17:1–16; Hebrews 11:1–29

Friday Exodus 18:5–27; Hebrews 12:1–24

Saturday Exodus 19:1–25; Hebrews 13:1–21

NEXT WEEKS LESSONS: April 10–11, 2010

Quasimodo Geniti—The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:29-42: *The Apostle Peter gives testimony and clear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God the Father raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at the Father’s right hand, “to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.”*

1 Peter 1:3-9: *In a wonderful hymn of praise, the Apostle Peter encourages us to rejoice in the promise of our Baptism that the inheritance of our salvation is kept secure for us in heaven. The Lord will preserve us through the fiery trials of persecution and Christian suffering until that day in which we all enjoy the inexpressible joy of heaven that will not be taken away from us. Though our faith is tested by fire, it is tested that it might be refined until we receive the “end of our faith”—the very “salvation of our souls.”*

John 20:19-31: *It is in Jesus’ first resurrection appearance in the upper room that He ordained His disciples “apostles” saying, “Peace to You! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” As Jesus spoke these words He said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” The promise of the Holy Spirit is given to every minister of the Gospel in so far as he is faithful to the Word of Christ. Wherever Jesus’ Word is preached, there is the Spirit of God “working faith when and where He pleases,” forgiving the sins of repentant sinners and withholding forgiveness from the unrepentant. The purpose of the Apostolic Word is defined by John in his Gospel: “these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (vs.31).*

Guests and the Lord's Supper: If you desire to commune, please speak to Pastor GeRue before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor GeRue.

Copies of Sermons are on the back table for your reference and study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF A PRESCHOOL TEACHER.

Guest Register in the Narthex All guests are asked to please sign this register either before or after the service. **WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**—“*I have stored up Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*” (Psalm 119:11). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord. Ongoing catechesis—passing on the Lord's Word by which faith lives—is the way of life for all the baptized.

Last Week at Trinity			
<i>(Time and Treasures for God's Service)</i>			
Christian Education		Worship Attendance	
		Lenten	18
Sunday School	8	Saturday Service	18
Bible Class	18	Sunday Service	62
Total	21	Total	98
OFFERINGS			
Saturday		\$ 954.00	
Sunday		\$ 326.00	
Lent		\$ 182.00	
Total		\$1,462.00	
Short for the week		\$ 504.55	
Short for the year		\$ 1,357.44	
Savings		\$ 6,138.46	

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS: meets every Sunday at 3:00 pm and last about 2 hours. If you know someone who is interested in knowing about the Lutheran faith, or would like to be a member of Trinity or would like to review the Lutheran faith, please bring them also.

Coffee Break Bible Study of World Religions

Coffee Break Bible Study meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 for a lively discussion of Scripture and Other Religions. Join us as we study of World Religions. We are currently studying the Roman Catholic Church.

LUTHERAN HOUR April 4

"Playing Second Fiddle" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
The reality of Christ and His resurrection enables Pastor Ken Klaus to write one of his most difficult sermons.
(Luke 24:11-12)

WLUJ	Springfield, IL	89.7 FM	Sunday 3:00 pm
WLLM	Lincoln, IL	1370 AM	Sunday 7:00 am
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WSMI	Litchfield	1540 AM	Sunday 9:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY THEME: The Resurrection of Our Lord

The Lord's atonement for sin in His death upon the cross shook the whole of creation with a great earthquake and brought life and immortality to light in the resurrection of the dead. Sin is atoned for and life and salvation spring forth from Jesus' saving work. The angel in brilliant white vestments announced the message of salvation in the proclamation of Jesus' resurrection from the dead! This message is feared by those who do not believe and it is the source of the greatest comfort for those who do believe. "Do not be afraid" the angel declared, "Jesus who was crucified is risen as He said!" The Lord was faithful to His Word. "Go quickly and tell His disciples...Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." The Lord's resurrection from the dead is the concrete expression of our forgiveness and salvation. There is no greater message of comfort than the Lord's resurrection from the dead, because it means that salvation is absolutely guaranteed for those who believe. The message of the Gospel is true, the message of the Gospel saves, and that is why at the heart of the Lord's resurrection is the ongoing preaching of Christ's victory over sin, death, and hell.

BULLETIN INFORMATION: If anyone has any bulletin information, please give to Elena Howarth by no later than 12:00 pm on Wednesday. You can reach her by e-mail at (tlcpastor@royell.org), or by placing information in bulletin box labeled Secretary.

LADIES –please join us for the LWML Mid-State Zone Spring Rally on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at Zion Lutheran in Staunton. Registration with refreshments is at 8:30 am. Communion Service is at 9:30 am. Lunch will be provided with a free will offering. The ingathering will be monetary.

Lutherans for Life –
www.lutheransforlife.org

Life Thought: Death is not a friend to turn to for rescue from our problems. Death is our enemy, the wages of sin. But today we rejoice because death is a defeated enemy! (1 Corinthians 15:26) The resurrected Jesus defeats death, brings life, and makes all things new! (Isaiah 65:17-25)

Life Quote: “You are valuable to God because He made you and He loved what He made so much that He was conceived in a womb, born in a stable, suffered on a cross, buried in a tomb. Then He rose again to say ‘Yes’ to it all, to say ‘Yes’ to you, to give you His victory over death and the grave. That’s love!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life*

**Lutheran Church Charities
 K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs**



These are trained Comfort Dogs for Lutheran Church Charities. They interact with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events and in disaster situations.

Mission:

A dog is a friend who brings a calming influence, allowing people to open up their hearts and receive help for what is affecting them.

**BRING THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST WITH
 THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST THROUGH THE
 PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

MISSION SUNDAY WITH LCC IS APRIL 18.
AFTER THE SERVICE WE WILL HAVE A
POTLUCK DINNER WITH TIM HETZNER,
PRESIDENT OF LCC
– PLEASE JOIN US –

“DO YOU NEED TO CONTACT AN ELDER?”

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Dick Sisson	(217) 652-5824
David Ray	(217) 825-8226
Gary Eskew	(217) 854-3662
Jim Jorn	(217) 965-5637

Officers:

President:	Steve Furman
Vice - President:	Ron Brown
Secretary:	Debbi Ray
Treasurer:	Jane Jones
Financial Secretary:	Teresa Jorn
Head Elder:	David Ray
Elder:	Jim Jorn
Elder:	Gary Eskew
Elder:	Dick Sisson
Christian Education:	Betty Cox
Stewardship:	Karen Defevers
Evangelism:	Elena Howarth
Head Trustee:	Don Fuchs, Scott Mottershaw
Youth:	Stephanie Sisson
Fellowship:	Beth Brown
Mission & Social:	Terri Worth
Church Secretary:	Elena Howarth
Funeral Committee:	Debbi Ray, Joanne Willard
Cleaning:	Jane Jones, Catherine GeRue
Organist:	Cyndy Wilson, Carol Barcus, Glen Moldenhauer

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Cardinals Care

2009 Jersey Off Their Backs Days at Busch Stadium

- Saturday, June 5 @ 3:10 pm vs. Milwaukee Brewers
- Sunday, September 5 1:15pm vs. Cincinnati Reds



Thrivent continues their partnership with Cardinals Care, the benevolent organization affiliated with the St. Louis Cardinals baseball organization.

Cardinals Care delivers help across Missouri and Illinois, touching the lives of children and families throughout our region. Volunteer to sell scratch off

tickets to fans for a chance to win a jersey off the back of their favorite player and receive free admission, a great lunch, a T-shirt, and a chance for tickets to a future game.

To volunteer, e-mail Gail Blackman at gail.blackman@thrivent.com with following information: name, contact information, shirt size, and game day. Sign-up will close May 12.

You've Got The Time 40-Day Listening Plan

04/04/2010 (day 01) - Matt. 1-7
04/05/2010 (day 02) - Matt. 8-12
04/06/2010 (day 03) - Matt. 13-18
04/07/2010 (day 04) - Matt. 19-24
04/08/2010 (day 05) - Matt. 25-28
04/09/2010 (day 06) - Mark 1-6
04/10/2010 (day 07) - Mark 7-11
04/11/2010 (day 08) - Mark 12-16
04/12/2010 (day 09) - Luke 1-4
04/13/2010 (day 10) - Luke 5-9
04/14/2010 (day 11) - Luke 10-13
04/15/2010 (day 12) - Luke 14-19
04/16/2010 (day 13) - Luke 20-24
04/17/2010 (day 14) - John 1-5
04/18/2010 (day 15) - John 6-9
04/19/2010 (day 16) - John 10-14
04/20/2010 (day 17) - John 15-19
04/21/2010 (day 18) - John 20-Acts 4
04/22/2010 (day 19) - Acts 5-9
04/23/2010 (day 20) - Acts 10-15
04/24/2010 (day 21) - Acts 16-20
04/25/2010 (day 22) - Acts 21-26
04/26/2010 (day 23) - Acts 27-Rom. 4
04/27/2010 (day 24) - Rom. 5-10
04/28/2010 (day 25) - Rom. 11-I Cor. 1
04/29/2010 (day 26) - I Cor. 2-9
04/30/2010 (day 27) - I Cor. 10-15
05/01/2010 (day 28) - I Cor. 16-II Cor. 9
05/02/2010 (day 29) - II Cor. 10-Gal. 4
05/03/2010 (day 30) - Gal. 5-Phil. 1
05/04/2010 (day 31) - Phil. 2-I Thes. 2
05/05/2010 (day 32) - I Thes. 3-I Tim. 5
05/06/2010 (day 33) - I Tim. 6-Heb. 1
05/07/2010 (day 34) - Heb. 2-10
05/08/2010 (day 35) - Heb. 11-James 5
05/09/2010 (day 36) - I Pet. 1-I John 1
05/10/2010 (day 37) - I John 2-Jude
05/11/2010 (day 38) - Rev. 1-7
05/12/2010 (day 39) - Rev. 8-15
05/13/2010 (day 40) - Rev. 16-22

You Make A Difference

Because of your support churches, villages, even schools in South Africa will hear the Gospel and place their faith in Jesus Christ!

Door Offerings will be taken on April 25, May 2 and May 9.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Only 40% of Americans know that Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.
- Fewer than half of American adults can name all four Gospels.
- Adults under the age of 30 and people who attend small churches express greater difficulties with Bible knowledge than older adults.
- People who attend small churches express greater difficulties with Bible knowledge than members of large churches.
- 43% of American adults function at or below basic literacy levels – making them incapable of meaningful Bible reading.
- People who are functionally illiterate process information differently than people who are literate – they require story telling and dialog, not exposition, to understand and retain information.
- Only 54% of Protestant adults read the Bible each week.
- 65% of adults who identified themselves as Bible readers have never read the entire New Testament.
- In a survey of more than 500 pastors, 47% cited “lack of time” as the main reason more Christians don’t read the Bible.
- Americans spend, on average, 2 ½ hours in the car each day.
- There are now 75 million unchurched Americans.
- More than half of unchurched people consider themselves Christian.
- By the year 2010, an estimated 10% to 20% of Americans will obtain religious information exclusively or primarily through the Internet.
- 85% of American adults own at least one type of personal computer.
- Apple Computer Inc. has sold over 42.2 million iPods since introducing the product in October 2001.
- By 2010, total iPods sales in the U.S. are expected to top 67 million.
- 40% of people born between 1984 and 2002 own mobile music players such as iPods.

Thank You to those who provided for all the Easter Activities.

Thank You Youth Group—for helping with the Virden Easter Activities. We couldn't have done it without you.

Would you like to go to a **Ballgame** again this summer? We are working on a date and time to attend a Saint Louis Cardinal Ballgame again this year.

Calling All Youth We would like to have a day of Laser tag again this year watch for more details to come soon.

Youth Join us on Sunday Mornings as we study World Religions. Coffee, Juice and Donuts are provided. Pastor is teaching the class.

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting Sunday, April 25, we will have a planning meeting for this summers VBS. Join us in the Education Building at 11:15 a.m.



Elementary School

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CAMP CILCA Lutheran Summer Camp Summer 2010 Schedule

Go to <http://www.cilca.org/> for more information.

CILCA Lutheran Treat	June 4-6 \$42.50 (each)
Volunteer Week - High School and above	June 6-8 Free
Joyful Hearts	June 6-8 \$110.00
Trailblazers 1 (Grades 1-4)	June 9-11 \$125.00
Pioneers 1 (Grades 3-5)	June 13-18 \$215.00
Explorers 1 (Grades 5-7)	June 20-25 \$215.00
Bike Camp (grades 5-7)	June 20-25 \$240.00
Volleyball Camp (Grades 5-7)	June 20-25 \$240.00
Parent/Child Camp (4 years to 4th grade)	June 25-26 \$42.50 (each person must register)
Adventurers 1 (Grades 7-9)	June 27-July 2 \$215.00
Adventurers 1 Canoe Camp (Grades 7-9)	June 27-July 2 \$240.00
Adventurers 1 Night Owl (Grades 7-9)	June 27-July 2 \$240.00
Pioneers II (Grades 3-5)	July 5-9 \$180.00
Explorers 2 (Grades 5-7)	July 11-16 \$215.00
Explorers 2 Outpost (Grades 5-7)	July 11-16 \$180.00
CILCA Family Vacation	July 18-20 \$215-320 (depends on lodging)
Trailblazers 2 (Grades 1-4)	July 21-23 \$125.00
Parent/Child Camp (4yrs to 4th grade)	July 23-24 \$42.50 (each person much register)
Adventurers 2 (Grades 7-9)	July 25-30 \$215.00
Adventurers 2 Outpost (Grades 7-9)	July 25-30 \$180.00
Guitar Camp	Aug 1-6 \$215.00
High school Week	Aug 1-6 \$215.00