



Eternal TRINITY

Lutheran Church

Newsletter

Lent/Easter,

2025

During the 40 days of Lent, we focus on various symbols of Christ's passion. The items are distributed each week along with a wooden cross. The intent is to prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Easter.

The Nails (March 9th),
The Dice (March 16th),
The Sponge (March 23rd),
The Thorns (March 30th),
The Stone (April 6th),
The Palms (April 13th).



Holy Week Services

The Good Friday Tenebrae Service, scheduled for April 18th, begins at 10:00. The name "Tenebrae" is Latin and means "darkness." The service consists of the gradual extinguishing of candles. As each candle is extinguished, we reflect on Jesus, who paid the price of our sins on the cross.

The Easter Morning Service will be conducted at **9:30 a.m.** in the church sanctuary. Easter Sunday is the glorious celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, triumphing over death and sin.

Following the service, we will have an Easter Brunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us and invite a friend.



Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

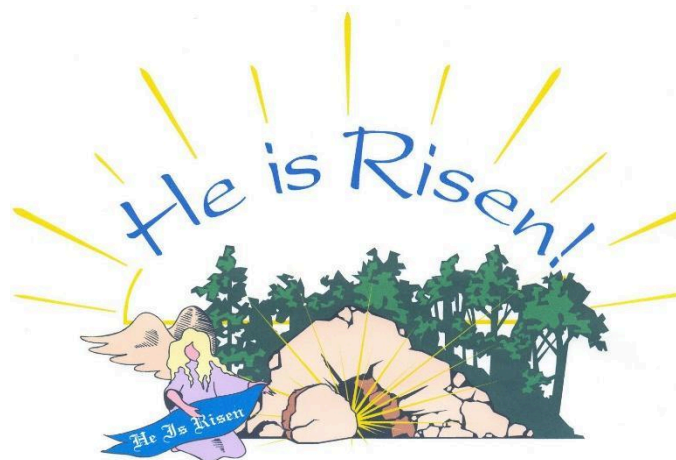
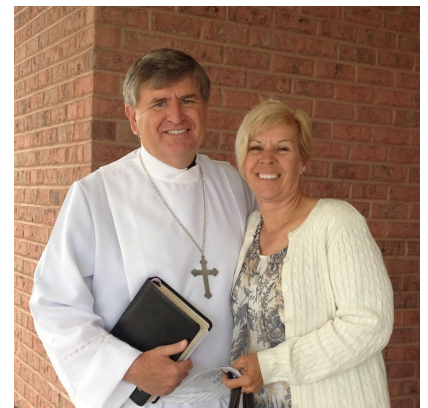
Luke 24:1-6 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel ... The men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen."

Over 2,000 years ago, these women had gone to the tomb to find a "dead Jesus." The women quickly realized that He wasn't there. One can only imagine the thoughts that raced through their minds as they heard the words of the angels, "He is not here, but has risen."

The Resurrection is the solid foundation of our faith. It is resurrection, hope/confidence that brings peace of heart and peace of mind in a troubled world. Regardless of life's circumstances, we can boldly proclaim, "I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!" *He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head. (LSB, 461).*

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Lawrence



Stewardship report

Our worship attendance has been steadily growing since we moved the Sunday service time to 9:30 a.m. We currently average 15 people per service. I am very thankful for our visitors and new members.



Look *to the Cross:*

As you drive by the church, you will notice that the white cross next to the church sign has been painted. Thank you to Mark and Gail Wagner for their hard work in painting and ensuring the solar light on the cross is working.

The Church Yard Sale: On the weekend of March 1st the fellowship hall was opened for the church yard sale. This was an outstanding success. Thank you to Dawn Eibe for her year-long effort to collect items to sell. Her leadership helped to ensure that over \$600 in profits were contributed to the maintenance of the church property. Also, a big thank you to all the ladies who worked so hard to organize, clean, and set up for the weekend event.



Floor cleaning and waxing: after the yard sale and in preparation for Easter, everything was taken out of the church sanctuary and fellowship hall. The

floors in both buildings were stripped, waxed, and buffed on March 10-11. What a difference! The floors look fantastic!

New Tables in the Fellowship Hall: After the floors in the fellowship hall were cleaned, five new round tables replaced the old rectangular tables. The fellowship hall now looks “very inviting!” On March 23rd we had our first Bible Study and Sunday School in the fellowship hall. The old tables were donated to the American Legion.



Share God's Word

Electrical Work: Spring cleaning also included installing new lights and an outlet in the church kitchenette. New LED lights replaced the old burned-out fluorescent lights in the secretary's office, the Pastor's office, and the Sacristy. A new electrical outlet was also installed on the counter of the church kitchen. As you are aware, more lights in the Sanctuary need to be replaced. However, to date, we have saved over \$2,000 by doing the work ourselves. Thank you to John Lassen, who installed the outlet in celebration of his confirmation held on Sunday, March 23rd.



Total offerings in 2025: \$8,086.00

Total needed thus far: \$6,960.00

A significant upcoming expense is the church's air conditioning system. We will discuss this at our next church meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support to the ministry here at Eternal Trinity.

Our New Website

We are making progress on the church's new website. This tool will allow our light to shine in the community. We plan to have it up and running in a couple of months.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays: Eric Eibe (7th), Jeannie Salter (11th), Grace Lassen (23rd), Mark Wagner (27th).

March Anniversaries: Mark & Gail Wagner (12th).

April Birthdays: Krissy Bowlin (23rd).

Prayer Concerns

Personal Concerns

- Health and healing
- Financial stability
- Struggles and addictions

Spiritual Concerns

- Growth in faith
- Guidance and understanding
- Strength to resist temptation

Relationships

- Marriages, dating, & family
- Reconciliation and forgiveness
- The wellbeing of loved ones

Grief and Loss

- Comfort after the loss of a loved one

- Healing from emotional pain
- Peace during times of trouble

Global and Societal Issues

- Protection and peace
- Poverty and hunger
- Government leadership

Hopes and Dreams

- A new job opportunity
- Blessings & success
- Life decisions
- Personal goals

**O Lord in Your Mercy,
Hear our Prayer.**

