

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

To save the lost and to strengthen the saved ~ Matthew 28:18-20

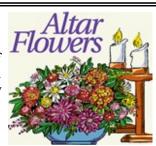
Church Announcements For The Week of April 22, 2018



Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Divine service will follow page 184 Setting 3 **Opening #710; Sermon #709; Closing #740** 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service HC 9:45 a.m. Bible Class in the Church Library



The flowers are placed on God's altar in celebration of Pat Cermak's 60th birthday and Ella May Ulrich's 97th birthday and for blessings received.



Prayer on entering the church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus

> Christ, my God and Lord. Amen (From inside cover of hymnal)



Blake Alexander Lund, infant son of Kyle and Katie Lund was baptized at the 6:30 p.m. service, April 21. His sponsor is Kelly Link. May God's blessings in Christ be with this family as they raise their child in the knowledge of Him.





8:30 a.m. Handbells "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" —Michael Helman

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY:



The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this congregation in the belief and confidence that in this Sacrament, Christ is truly present, giving us His body and blood, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16, Mark 14:22-24). As Christians (and specifically as Missouri Synod Lutherans), we believe that it is through Jesus Christ alone that we have the hope of eternal life. We believe that we are sinners in need of forgiveness and that in the Lord's Supper, God gives that

forgiveness, strengthens our faith, and strengthens our union with Him and each other (Romans 3:23, Matthew 26:26-28). As Christians, we also believe that as we come to the Lord's Supper, we are making a commitment to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 2:19, Romans 8:6).

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or confirmed, or who hold to a doctrinal position differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). At Trinity we practice Close Communion as adopted by our Synod in Convention.

ALCOHOL CONTENT IN WINE: The "red" wine in the chalice and in the outer rings of the communion cup tray contains alcohol. The "white" wine in the center of the tray is de-alcoholized wine (alcohol nearly 100% removed). You may use the red or white wine in the tray but please remember that the chalice has only "red" wine with normal alcohol content.

Q: Typical question asked by visitors: Can only LCMS members take communion at Trinity Burr Ridge?

A: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has never understood or applied the historic practice of close[d] Communion in such a way as to mean that only LCMS members are permitted to commune at LCMS altars. The official position of the Synod is that not only are members of other Lutheran churches with whom we are in altar and pulpit fellowship invited to commune with us, but also that in certain extraordinary cases of pastoral care and in emergencies members of churches not in fellowship with us may be given Communion. The Synod stated, for example, in 1986 "that pastors and congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod continue to abide by the practice of close Communion, which includes the necessity of exercising responsible pastoral care in extraordinary situations and circumstances" (1986 Res. 3-08 "To Maintain Practice of Close Communion"). Please see www.lcms.org for more information.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers Available Upon Request ~ Please request from Pastor Bob at least 10 minutes before the service.

Church News

Sunday evening six week study with Pastor Bob Geaschel. Discover Relational,

Contextual Witnessing with E1HW (Every One His Witness). Learn how to naturally and genuinely share the Gospel with your friends and neighbors who have not heard the Good News. After this six week study, you will be more effective witnesses of Jesus in your everyday life! Sunday evenings on April 22. Each session will start with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the study at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the church library. The class is limited to 30 so please sign up today. For more information, see Pastor Bob or see the brochure in the narthex, at the display.





Honduras Mission Trip. Join us as we travel once again to Honduras June 19-27, 2018. We are planning on building a new school in a village close to San Pedro Sula. The cost for the mission trip this year is \$1,300. A golf outing is planned for June 6 at Orchard Valley. For more information, please see Pastor Bob Geaschel or Mr. Tom Bruns.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League is sponsoring our annual food drive from now until June 3rd . All items will be donated to San Paulo Lutheran Church in Aurora. Canned food, paper products, and personal hygiene items are welcome. The food pantry always runs low during the summer, so we would like to help fill the shelves. There will be a box in the narthex. If you would like to donate a check or cash you may put it in the box or give it to Carol Ball. Thank you for helping Lutheran Women in Mission.





COME AND JOIN THE BELL AND/OR SANCTUARY CHOIRS!!!

<u>The Bell Choir</u> plays in church, at the 8:30 a.m. services only, about once a month, and we have weekly rehearsals. The Bell Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings in the church narthex from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. The ability to read music is not required, but helpful, and anyone high school age and beyond is most welcome to join us!



<u>The Sanctuary Choir</u> sings in church, at the 8:30 a.m. services only, and also has Wednesday evening rehearsals, in the church balcony, from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. We sing in unison, 2-part and 4-part harmony formats, and all voice parts are needed and welcome! We sing anthems from the 16th Century right up to the present, and, WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

Trinity Church and School's 8th Annual Golf Outing at Ruffled Feathers Golf Course is scheduled for **Friday**, **August 17 at 2:00 p.m.** Shotgun start.

Fee is \$150.00 per player which includes lunch and dinner.

Scramble format - on course games.

Check out the website: bit.ly/trinitylutheran2018



Ladies Aid Rummage Sale is set for May 17 - May 19.

Dates for Dropping off items:

Sunday, May $13 \sim 8$ a.m. - 12 p.m.;

Monday, May $14 \sim 9$ a.m. - 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.;

Tuesday, May $15 \sim 9$ a.m. - 3 p.m.;

Wednesday, May $16 \sim 9$ a.m. - 12 p.m.

Dates of Rummage Sale:

Thursday, May 17 ~ Friends & Family Presale ~ 6 - 8 p.m.; Friday, May 18 ~ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; open to public Saturday, May 19 ~ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (fill a bag for \$7.00)

We cannot accept: furniture needing repair, entertainment centers, TV cabinets, TV wall units, televisions, sleeper sofas, metal desks, dishwashers, ovens, stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, pianos, organs, mattresses, water beds, computer items, air conditioning units, cabinets, ceiling fans, mounted lighting fixtures, microwaves, swing sets, wooden lawn furniture, basketball goals, encyclopedias, hazardous items, and food items



FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY



Friendship Sunday, April 29. Invite a friend to come to church the weekend of April 29. We will also have a pot luck salad luncheon following the 11:00 worship service. Sign up in the church narthex this weekend, and let us know if you will be attending. Bring your favorite salad dish to pass. This will be our own spring salad luncheon! Please sign up on the paper in the narthex.

Church News

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Morning

All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.

Adult and Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. The Adult Study is held in the Church Library,

they are using the Answers in Genesis curriculum.

Small Group TLC meets in the lower level of school, "You Make Me Crazy"

Sunday School is held in the church lower level for Three-Year-Olds through Grade 8



"Fit for Life" our Adult Confirmation Class will meet from 6:30 - 8p.m. in the church library.

Tuesday Evening

We are studying "Intrepid Heroes of the Faith" in the school conference room at 7:00 p.m. This class is facilitated by Rob Grady.

Wednesday Morning

Men's Bible Class meets weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Roy Carr (630-323-3688) we will continue a study of Hebrews. Come when you can. Extra study guides available.

Wednesday Morning TLC

Has concluded for the school year. We will begin our study on Romans Part 2 in September.

Thursday Afternoon

Ladies Bible Class meets weekly at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Susie Carr (630-323-3688).

Thursday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets the second and fourth Thursday. The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775).

Friday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets in members homes and is led by Cliff Gustafson (815-372-9937).

<u>DVDs of our worship services are available in the church library</u> They are free to check out for one week. You may copy the library DVD at your home or work for no charge. Shut-Ins & College students can receive **free copies** by request through the **church office**. If you would like to purchase a copy of a DVD at \$3.00, please email a request to the church office.



Youth News

Youth Bible Class continues to meet in the Trinity School Conference Room at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Bob is leading a study on C. S. Lewis' book, "The Screwtape Letters". Sunday School for 6-8 grades meets in the Youth Room at the same time.





June 11-15 ~ Our Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 11 and will conclude on Friday, June 15 at 11:45 a.m. Anyone who is interested should sign up by May 6. Please put an area where you would like to work next to your name.

It is best to work the whole week if possible.

Thanks again in advance for your servanthood to all the children that will be coming.



School News



Please use the "**Trinity Lutheran and Blueberry Hill Voucher**" found in the church narthex or at school. When you plan your next meal out, go to the Darien Blueberry Hill Café. This is an easy way to help the school raise money. 20% of your bill will be donated to Trinity Lutheran School.





The School TRIP program is back. The next gift card orders will go in on **Friday**, **May 18** and will be available the following Friday. Paper copy forms are available in the school lobby and in the church narthex by the flower chart. Drop off the order forms in the school office. For questions, please call Michelle Bouchard 708-945-5350. Trip ordering is also available online. There are hundreds more merchants and monetary increments. **There**

are also gift cards available at school for cash and carry: Kohl's, Binny's, Old Navy, Amazon, Best Buy, Bakers Square, Cabela's, Olive Garden, Speedway, Home Depot, Panera, Speedway, Chili's, Dunkin Donut, and Lettuce Entertain You. Call before you come to be sure we still have the cards you want.

Community News



The Southwest Lutheran Chorus presents their annual Spring Concert "Jesus, the Good Shepherd" Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. At Grace Lutheran Church, 4101 Wolf Road, Western Springs. Directed by Ruth Seivers and accompanied by Diane Johannson ~ Freewill offering

Lutheran Church Charities has three Basic LERT trainings scheduled for Spring 2018. If you know someone who would be a good addition to your LERT Team encourage then to register attend or if you need a refresher. The registration cost for new LERT volunteers is \$35. For members to update their ID, the cost is \$10. Please wear your ID and bring your manual. Registration is from 8 - 8:30 a.m. followed by training from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sat, May 5, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church (LaFox), Elburn





The Walther Theatre Department invites you to attend their production of "Godspell" April 27-28 at 7 p.m. and April 29 at 3 p.m.

Tickets: Adults ~ \$10, Students Age 4-Grade 12 ~ \$6, Under Age 3 ~ Free Limited concessions available.

Walther Christian Academy, 900 Chicago Avenue, Melrose Park



Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Soup Kitchen, 2108 W. 21st Street, Chicago

Our homeless have told us they feel like they are the 2nd congregation of St. Matthew, singing and praising God. They listen when we read the Bible to them and are happy to participate in our devotions. It is true, we have two congregations, Praise God!! If you would like to help serve food, the next opportunity is May 8th. Meet at the church office at 11:15 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 8659 S Sayre, Burbank will host its Spring Rummage Sale Friday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Saturday Bag Day \$3.50





Cinco de Mayo Celebration ~ Immanuel Lutheran Church, Batavia, and Iglesia San Pablo, Aurora, invite you to a Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Engstrom Park, Batavia. Free tacos, churros and water to the first 400 people. Games and more!

St. John Lutheran Church at 7214 South Cass Avenue, Darien, will host a Holistic Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Its purpose is to bring an awareness of natural and alternative health care options to members of the church and the surrounding communities. For more information, go to silcdarien.org/events/holistic-health-fair.html or call 630-696-7987 Lunch is available for purchase, door prizes and free admission to this event.



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Those Serving This Weekend....

Sunday Preacher......Pastor Robert Geaschel Saturday Preacher......Pastor Robert Geaschel Organist......Howard Eggert Contemporary Worship Leader.....Kiko Negron Saturday Reader......David Lyall Guitarist......Jason Lyons

Altar Guild ~ Ruth Hess, Dorothy Supeter, Nancy Alex, Lisa Haak

Usher Group 4: 8:30 a.m. ~ Jake Bulthuis, Phil Strieter, David Conoboy, Richard Rediehs, Richard Joiner, Michael Bulthuis Usher Group 2: 11:00 a.m. ~ Fred Ruckauf and Eric Heth

Communion Assistants: Saturday ~ 6:30 p.m.: Jake Bulthuis 11:00 a.m.: Wes Buege and Mark Winterroth

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m.: Marris Carli and Madilyn Farago 11:00 a.m.: Lydia Perron and Haley Dahlstrand

> Greeters: Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.: Rob Grady 11:00 a.m.: Ernst Family

Sunday	April 22
8:30 a.m. Divine Service	
9:45 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School	
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship HC	
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Workshop (CL)	
6:30 p.m. Open Youth Room (YR)	
Monday	April 23
7:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball (G)	
Tuesday	April 24
7:00 p.m. Basketball (G)	
7:00 p.m. TLC (CR)	
Wednesday	April 25
6:30 a.m. Men's BC (CL)	
10:30 a.m. TLC (CL)	
4:45 p.m. Public School Confirmation 7th/	8th (CL)
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir (N)	

6:45 p.m. TLC Wendte (CR) 7:30 p.m. Praise Band (CH)	
Friday	April 2
7:00 p.m. TLC Gustafson (OP)	
Saturday	April 2
8:30 a.m. Trustees	

6:30 p.m. Celebration Service HC

April 26

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon; with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365:



7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (CH)

We Invite You To View Our Website WEEKLY: www.TLBR.org

"Shall We Gather at the River."

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Prayers

Our Members who are homebound....

Jon and Jackie Laatz

Our Members who are in assisted living or nursing homes....

Joyce Miegel, Joyce Rabas, Lorraine Buczko, Laurie Verba



Our Members who are celebrating their baptismal birthdays the week of April 22



David Kneller, Lauren Vasquez, Christina Ward, Scott Zoscak, Joseph Lyons, Chase Manley, Harper Formato, Kathy Fritschel, Joanne, Cardinallo, Stuart Zimmerman, Wesley Buege, Ryan Marwitz, John Probst, Julia Ward

Our Members who are celebrating wedding anniversaries the week of April 22

Edward and Annette Simon; Keith and Sharon Wendte Mark and Carrisa Korres, Edward and Donna Mersch Todd and Christina Guzlas





Our Members or Friends of Our Members In The Military.....

Peter Davidovitch (South Korea) US Army Pilot, godson of Bill & Judy Jung
Thomas Logan ~nephew of Cathy LaFlame
Andrea Logan ~niece of Cathy LaFlame

Sarah Mears~ National Guard

Kris Randolph (Active Duty~Scott AFB) Air Force airman ~ son of Joan Randolph

Jeremy Marwitz (US) ~ Grandson of Lee Marwitz

Chaplain Mike Sneath (Virginia)

Lt. Col. Timothy Luther Albrecht ~ Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

Lt. Col. Angie Marie Albrecht, MD (Kirtland, AFB, NM) Daughter-in-law of Pastor & Janet Albrecht Michael Grimes (Ft. Carson, CO) member, son of Janet Grimes

Chaplain Mike Moreno~ Pursuing a masters degree in order to serve with wounded warriors. nephew of Bessie Kuske

Adam Koshiol ~ ARNG-2006-2012, Air Force National Guard, son of Kim Valentino

Devin Mosely ~ (US Army, Ft. Carson ,CO) Deployed to Afghanistan

Connor Mersch ~ US Army, Fort Drum, New York

Riley Gentile ~ US Army Paratrooper in Texas, cousin of Sharleen VanDahm



"Having already swallowed death down along with humankind's guilt and buried it beneath His resurrection, Jesus Christ has no death left in Him and allows none near His own. Bravely and gratefully we keep sharing what He continues showing us, that all persons are worth it despite the cost and opposition, every one precious for His grace's sake and not dependent upon appearance or age or ability."



Week of April 15
Weekend Worship
Attendance ~ 247
Communion ~ 145



Planning a Baptism or a Wedding at Trinity?

A Meeting with Pastor Geaschel is required before every Baptism & Wedding. Please call the church

office to schedule your appointment with Pastor Bob.

Prayers



Weekly Prayers

CANCER PATIENTS:

<u>Sheryl III</u> ~ Req. by Sandi Bulthuis, <u>Roberta Kleyweg</u> <u>Joey O'Shea</u> ~ Brother-in-law of Karla O'Shea,

Bob Bordak, John Calkins ~ Req. by Lori Trinche

BOD BOTUAK, John Calkins ~ Req. by Lori Trinche

<u>Bill Harris,</u> <u>Peter Trinche</u> ~ Req. by Lori Trinche,

Wilson Gregory ~ 5 years old ~ Req. Nancy Richter, grandson of Dennis Kelly,

Gay Roby and Beth Johnson ~ Req. by Jan Miller,

<u>Joseph Ritson</u> ~ Req. by Ava Franco, <u>Elaine Rice</u> ~ Req. by Susan Villarreal,

Margie Hammes ~ Req. Neil Hammes, Rich Kruse ~ Req. Carol Ball

Rachel & Hope Salverredy, Nanci Saucier, Joyce Meigel, Scott Browne, Prayers for healing.

The Week of April 22

<u>Bernie Glasgow</u> ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by Kim <u>Peter Trinche</u> ~ Prayers for a successful surgery on Tuesday ~ Req. by Lori Trinche

> <u>Dolly Harding</u> ~ Prayers for healing <u>Dan Stastny</u> ~ Prayers for peace and comfort

Gretchen DeWitt ~ Prayers for health and healing as she goes for medical testing ~ Req. by Andy DeWitt Vince Felice ~ Prayers for healing after a complicated surgery ~ Req. by Dorothy Anderson

<u>Gigi</u> ~ Prayers from healing from brain surgery ~ Nancy Bordak's niece <u>Sharon Marwitz</u> ~ Prayers for health and healing ~ Req. by Mel Marwitz

Orville St. Clair ~ Prayers for health and healing

<u> April 15</u>

Shirley Phillips ~ Prayers for healing after knee surgery ~ Req. by Sandy and Don Baumruck

Karen Mueller ~ Prayer for healing after surgery

Bob O'Toole ~ Prayers for healing after surgery ~ Req by Jeanne Arturi

Lillian Carroll Family ~ Prayer for the family after Lillian passing on April 5 ~ Bob Carroll's mother

Family of Aileen Mastney ~ Prayer for the family after her passing, funeral was April 12

Jaanette Wielebnicki Family ~ Prayers for comfort, memorial service was held on April 7

Jim and Linda ~ Prayers for comfort after the loss of their 26 year old son, Cody

<u> April 8</u>

Anne Todd Family ~ Prayers for comfort after Anne's passing on April 1 ~ John Todd's Aunt Steve Gehrt ~ Prayers for healing after surgery

<u>Kristin McQueen</u> ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by K. Dahlstrand

<u>Pastor Bill Reinhardt</u> ~ Prayers for healing from a broken leg

<u>Michael Van Dahm</u> ~ Prayers for comfort ~ Req by Van Dahm Family

<u>Karen Mueller</u> ~ Prayers for healing after surgery

If you would like a prayer request continued, please email or call the church office. If you have a Private Prayer Request (NOT announced during the worship service) for our Prayer Circle Group please email or call the church office 708-839-1200 or csecretary@tlbr.org Thank you, Nancy



To Prepare For Next Week's Worship Service Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11(12-21); John 15:1-8





Save Your Batteries! Bring them to the church narthex or the school lobby and put them in "The Big Green Box." In addition to batteries, you can drop in small electronics such as cellphones, MP3 players, tablets, handheld power tools and miniature laptops or computers – just make sure that the item will fit completely inside the box. They will be sent to a recycling plant where the metals and chemicals will be extracted and recycled or disposed of in environmentally safe ways. Let's protect the beautiful earth God has given us!







June 11 –15, 2018

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CRAFT DONATION LIST 2018

Vacation Bible School plans are underway and we are again collecting items to help offset the cost. Did you know that by using recyclable items and donations from our church and school that we have been able to do crafts for 150 children for five days and spent less than \$50.00 for the week??? That is only \$.06/day for every child to take home a craft each day of VBS week!!! We were able to do this with YOUR help!! Following are the items we are collecting this year. The list will be updated and changed as needed. Please place your donations in the metal bin in the Narthex. It is labeled "Vacation Bible School Crafts". Questions regarding donations??? Contact Sheri Abernathy (708) 987-8768. Beginning April 1 we will be looking for volunteers to prep items with simple painting or cutting at home and at your leisure. If you would like to be put on the list to help please let Sheri Abernathy or Rob Grady know. Rob Grady will have some of the easy at home projects ready for pick up during the month of April. More will be available during the month of May.

- 11 Black 8 ½" x 14" Foam Sheets
- 15 Assorted Bright Colors 8 ½" x 14 Foam Sheets
- 150 SMALL Cross Stickers Any type
- 400 ³/₄" Brass Fasteners (Office Supply Section)
- 2700 PLAIN Assorted Color Dot Color Coding Labels (Office Supply Section)
- 120 Black Sharpie Medium Point Markers
- 10 Rolls Paper Towels
- 1 Bottle Windex Spray
- 5 Packages of Baby Wipes

Monetary donations are also appreciated to purchase items we do not receive or have to purchase. Please give your monetary donations to Rob Grady or Sheri Abernathy marked "<u>Vacation Bible School Crafts</u>" on the envelope. Thank you in advance for your donations!

SNACK LIST DONATION REQUEST COMING SOON!









Please Join Trinity Lutheran Church & School, Burr Ridge, in celebrating the retirement of our teachers:

Jeanne Arturi & Carol Ball

At the 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services on June 3, 2018

(If you cannot attend, but wish to send a card or note, please use the address below.)

11500 German Church Rd.

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

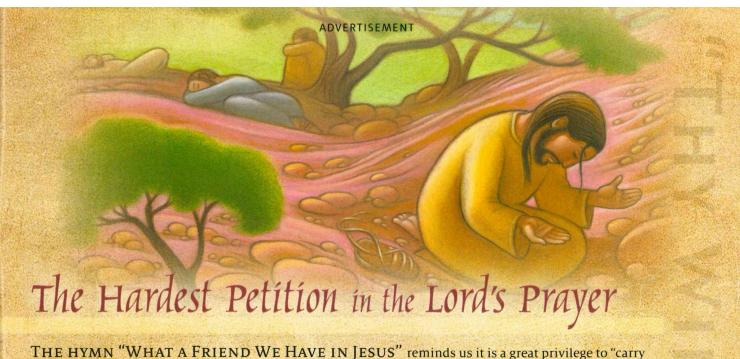
The celebration will continue with a reception between services and a luncheon following the 11:00 service in the church lower level.

Please R.S.V.P. for luncheon by May 11th to

trinitylutheranschool@comcast.net or (708)839-1444 x 221.



A sign-up sheet is in the church narthex and at school.



THE HYMN "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS" reminds us it is a great privilege to "carry everything to God in prayer." That is most certainly true, but that doesn't mean praying is always a light and easy thing to do. Many times, it can be oppressive and painful—especially when we can no longer deny or avoid confronting the things that frighten, trouble, or confuse us deeply.

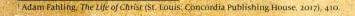
When these hard times force us to our knees in prayer, the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer can become one of the most difficult things for us to pray: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

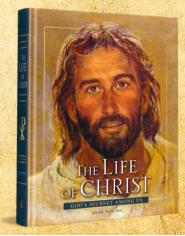
In his Concordia Publishing House book, *The Life of Christ*, Adam Fahling describes how Jesus struggled with that truth in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night when He was betrayed:

It was the hour of trial. As a real man, Jesus felt the need for a few intimate friends. Anticipating the pain of the coming struggle, He announced: "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death" (cf. Ps 42:6). But soon the society of His most trusted friends was more than He could bear. Before Him was a struggle in which He must engage alone. Withdrawing from them a little, but being still in their hearing and asking them to watch with Him in this bitter hour, He fell upon His knees and prayed: "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will." ... Obedient to the will of the Father, yet trembling with fear, the holy Son of God shudders as He comes in close contact with death. . . . The Father heard the Savior's prayer because He was satisfied with His beloved Son's submissive obedience. During His agony, there came an angel from heaven, strengthening Him and encouraging Him to carry out the work of redemption, probably by picturing to Him the glorious result of His substitutionary suffering. But for the present, the struggle went on. When He was in great agony, "His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

Because of His fervent prayers—and His Father's gracious answer— Jesus was able to rise from the ground composed and ready to fulfill His Father's will and go to the cross to save us from our sins by His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Prayer is not always easy, especially when the Lord is guiding our lives down paths we do not wish to follow. But, like our Savior, when we pour our burdens out to our heavenly Father and pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," our Father will provide us the strength and rest to stand confident and composed in the midst of our burdens and enable us to share the light of Christ with those we meet along life's path.







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