

HTLConnections

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Holy Week Services



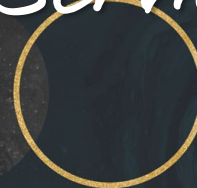
Palm
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Maundy
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7 pm



Good
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Join us online via Facebook Live! Catch them later on our website and YouTube.

EASTER DREAMS

Our fourth and final phase of the Vision 2020 process is "Looking Forward." While we hoped to gather together in small groups to envision, brainstorm, and dream about the future, our dreams have been disrupted. While some small groups have continued to meet, we haven't had the full collection of data from the whole congregation that we were hoping for.

Vision team chair Pat Remfert said, "This team, the congregation and the local community as well as those outside of our community have put a boat load of time and energy into this process and we don't want to lose that." Jim Morris responded, "I think it is important to maintain the momentum we have developed on the 2020 Vision project." Jackie Lee agreed, "I think we are all going to become stronger and closer as a congregation as we work through this and our dreams will have more purpose and meaning!" In response, Chris Loose added, "The struggles many are going through now may adjust what the hopes and dreams become. Maybe all of this will put us in touch ever more closely with the deeper needs in the community."

In short, we still want to hear your hopes and dreams. We have compiled a survey to be completed by April 19th. [Click to here to access the survey.](#) The Vision Team will gather this data to shape our vision, mission, and values going forward.

On the other side of COVID-19, there are exciting days ahead. In the midst of disruptions and destruction, God begins planting. Easter shows us that just when we feel like all hope is lost, God makes a brand new beginning. On the other side of the cross is the empty tomb. This Easter, let's celebrate the resurrection by continuing to dream what God is up to next in our faith community.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch online worship videos [here!](#)

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jesus, Savior of the World, we come to you for healing and strength. We lift up to you: Jim Morris, Mark Jackson, Elaine Blomquist, Pam, and Joel. Be with us, O Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Palm Sunday - Mark 11 : 1-11

Maundy Thursday - Mark 14 : 22-42



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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

While we can't be together for Sunday School or Crew Time, here are TWO great videos to watch until we can be together again!

[Children's Ministry Online - Holy Week](#)



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Mail in your HTLC Offering envelope to church. Jamie checks the mail daily.
2. Enroll in [Simply Giving](#).
3. [Donate Online](#)
4. Download the [GivePlus Church App](#)

Visit www.holytrinityonline.org/give/ for more information

MISSION OUTREACH

Due to the drastic increase of job losses in our community, please donate to the New Prague Peace Center located at 313 Columbus Ave N. **They are in need of cereal, diced tomatoes and all kinds of soup.**

Hours : Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 am - Noon and Thursdays 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the HTLC Little Free Pantry! Your donations are a blessing to our community in this time of significant need. Thank you Holy Trinity!



CHURCH CONNECTION

Here are some great family activities to do at home during Holy Week! Click on the links for instructions.

Palm Sunday - [Create Resurrection Easter Eggs](#)

Maundy Thursday - Take a picture/video of your family at dinner or washing someone's feet. Send to [Pastor Ben](#) by Tuesday, April 7.

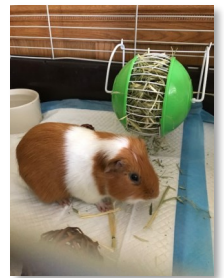
Good Friday - [Make your own cross](#).

Easter Sunday - Send a photo of your favorite "Essential Worker" in uniform to [Pastor Ben](#) by Tuesday, April 7.

COUNCIL CONNECTION

Get to know Mary Hanson-Busch!

What has been a bright spot during the COVID-19 social isolation? *We have lots of pets at our house and despite my firm "no more" mandate - this little guy, Francis - a former foster guinea pig, now resides at our home. He arrived having been neglected, quite ill, and unable to eat solid foods. After two weeks of extra grooming care, feedings and meticulous cage cleaning, he is off to the races. It's been fun seeing my college age girls take care of him.*



What do you enjoy most about HTLC? *Noisy Offering. The variety of "delivery techniques" by the kids and seeing the adults share their change so kids can go back and forth with offerings is heartwarming.*

If you had a magic wand...*All of the windows and flooring in our house would be replaced for sure.*

CARING CONNECTIONS

Looking for ways to help? Here's a list of ways you can create a Caring Connection!

- **Adopt a Grand-person**
 - Contact [Pastor Alicia](#) to receive the name of someone to call 1x week to check in with them during this time
- **Special Music**
 - Record yourself singing or playing a church-related song and it may end up a part of our Online Worship service! Send to [Pastor Ben](#).