

HTLConnections

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Death doesn't get the last word.

HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRIDUUM

If we say we are Christian, then there's no question: it all comes down to this.

Today we begin the triduum. Triduum means "three days," the three holiest days in the Christian faith (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil/Easter dawn). Yes, we are excited for Easter, but Easter is only the grand finale.

If you only celebrate Easter, it's like only showing up for the fourth quarter of a ballgame. Or finding your seat for the final piece in a performance. Or only going to the dinner table for dessert. Sure, you catch the ending, but you miss the meal. You forget the full story.

Beginning tonight, you are invited to participate in this three-part "Triduum" service. Maundy Thursday at 7pm. Good Friday at 7pm. And Easter Sunday at 9am.

We need hope. Let us center ourselves today in the holiest days of days, where we see that our hope comes from this man named Jesus Christ. A blessed triduum to you.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch online worship videos [here!](#)

IN OUR PRAYERS

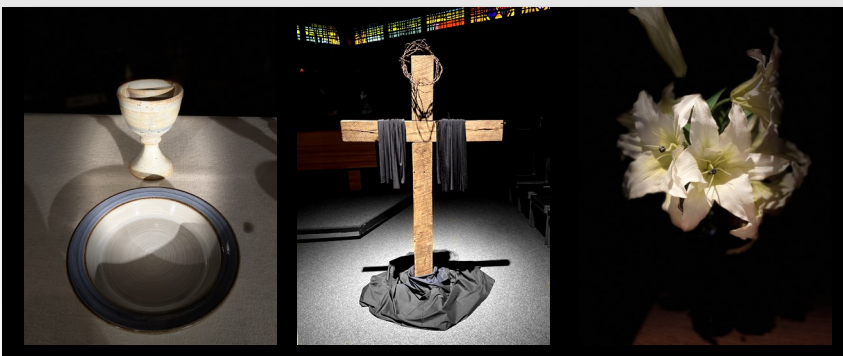
Jesus, Savior of the World, we come to you for healing and strength. We lift up to you: Jim Morris, Mark Jackson, Elaine Blomquist, Pam, Joel, Jim, Mary Eagan's cousin, and Mary and Gary Eagan who grieves the death of her brother. We cling to your promise of resurrection, O Christ. Amen

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Maundy Thursday Mark 14: 22 - 42

Good Friday Hebrews 4:15

Easter Sunday Mark 16:1 - 8



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FINANCE UPDATE

As of March 31, 2020

(All figures listed are Year to Date)

Revenue: Budget \$128,631 : Actual \$114,329

Expenses: Budget \$138,449 : Actual \$130,325

Difference: Budget -\$9,818 : Actual **-\$15,996**

(Revenue - Expenses)

VISION 2020 SURVEY

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

You are invited to a High School Youth Group Farkle game via Zoom!

Wednesday, April 15 @ 7 pm (after worship)

Grab 6 dice, a cup, phone or computer and the invite link. Connect with your HTLC youth group friends, leaders and win PRIZES!

Email [Jen Saylor](#) to receive the Zoom link.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, April 19 2 - 3:30 pm

Class will be held via Zoom. Click [here](#) to sign up and complete online registration form. Questions? Contact [Jamie](#) for more info.

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 monetary donations, cereal, diced tomatoes and all kinds of soup.**

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

HOMEMADE MASKS

[Parkview Clinic](#) is requesting face masks. Click [HERE](#) for instructions to an Allina/BCBS-approved pattern. Call 952-758-2535 to schedule a drop-off.

CHURCH CONNECTION

Here are some great family activities to do at home this week. Click on the links for instructions.

Maundy Thursday - Gather items in your home to wash each others feet.

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

Easter Sunday - [Bake Resurrection Cookies](#)

COUNCIL CONNECTION

Get to know Jackie Mackenthun

What has been a bright spot during the COVID-19 social isolation? *Slowing down life - we are all so busy and it has been refreshing to have empty calendars and truly able to be present with each other. My husband has been working from home and usually has an hour and 20 minute commute each way - he has been making all of our meals and has more time with us. We are getting creative with activities & spending time together.*

If you had a magic wand...Pageant answer: *World peace and eliminate hunger. Selfish answer: Ability to travel endlessly.*

Share one "Dream" you have for the future of HTLC *That through the 2020 vision process, we can be a model for other churches/organizations on how to be trans-formative, transparent and continually evaluating how we can do better and serve the needs of those at HTLC and the surrounding community going forward.*

CARING CONNECTIONS

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

- **Spread the Love...with chalk**
 - Draw some hearts on a neighbors sidewalk or driveway! Don't forget to sign your art!
- **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.](#)

