

HTLConnections

The weekly e-newsletter of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New Prague, MN

March 12, 2021

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

1 Corinthians
1:18-31

HUMBLY WE PRAY

Holy God, encompass with hope and healing: Isabel P., Natasha P., Eileen P., Bob P., Deb O., Christine, Mark J., and those recovering from weather damage. Equip us to serve. Be with teachers, staff, and students as schools open to in-person classes. Encourage fatigued medical care workers as the pandemic lingers. Thank you for hearing our prayers. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Online - Facebook & YouTube
Sunday @ 9 am
Wednesday @ 7 pm

Cable TV - Bevcomm Channel 6
Sunday @ 9:30 am
Wednesday @ 6 pm

Radio - KCHK 95.5 FM & 1350 AM
Sunday @ 9 am

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THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS

By Pastor Ben Hilding

How could God let this happen?

Have you ever found yourself asking that? Perhaps you miscarried. Lost a job. Received a diagnosis. Got in an accident. Found divorce papers in your hands. Lost a loved one too soon. Experienced a one-in-a-century deadly, global pandemic.

When we experience pain, suffering and grief, we wonder, "where is God?" Many times the way we approach these times of trial is to begin with God's omnipotence: "If God is all-powerful, how could God allow this to happen to me? Why didn't God do something about this?"

This week we're going to reframe our thinking. As we continue this Lenten series, "Why Lutheran?", we are going to approach those vulnerable questions from the perspective of the cross. What does the cross say about God? How does the cross change where we perceive God to be in our times of suffering?

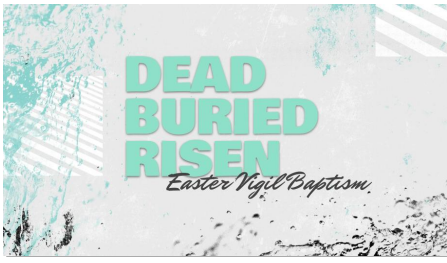


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EASTER VIGIL BAPTISM



LAST CALL! Are you or a loved one interested in baptism? We're holding a special Easter Vigil Baptism on Saturday, April 3, 7:00 pm. This will be a private, meaningful, outdoor service just for

the baptism families. [Contact Pastor Ben](#) or call the church office at 952-758-3513 to register.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

It's time to make Holy Week plans! This year, we have a number of memorable and meaningful worship opportunities. You're going to want to make Holy Week a priority for you and your loved ones! Even if you are away on Spring Break, you can still be a part of these important worship services. Here's the schedule:

- Palm Sunday** - Online Worship at 9 am
- Maundy Thursday** - Online Worship via Zoom, 7 pm with communion at home.
- Good Friday** - Online Worship at 7 pm
- Easter Kit Pick-up** - Saturday, April 3, 10 am - 1 pm
- Easter Sunday** - Online Worship (Facebook & YouTube), 9 am
Special Easter Countdown begins at 8 am

In the weeks to come, please watch for more information in the HTLConnections, the Holy Trinity website, the HTLC Facebook page and the HTLC Community Facebook group. It is our goal to make 2021 Holy Week meaningful and memorable for everyone.

MARCH MISSION DRIVE

One more week to bring Easter fun to the kids of our ministry partner, [Cristo Obrero](#).
[Visit our website for requested items!](#)

NEW DROP-OFF INFO!

Leave all items at Door 1

- Monday, March 15, 6 -7 pm
- Wednesday, March 17, 9-11 am
- Friday, March 19, 6-7 pm



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

This week, we continue our five-week Lenten Sermon Series, "Why Lutheran?" Each week, we'll dive deeper into what makes us Lutheran.



EASTER KITS

This Easter, we're bringing the celebration to you! Your senses will jump for joy with the Holy Trinity Easter Kit. Each kit includes an Easter Lily, 1/2 dozen Donna's delicious, homemade cinnamon rolls, an Easter activity for the youngsters (and anyone young at heart), and an Easter blessing from the Pastors.

Quantities are limited, so sign up TODAY! Registration deadline is Friday, March 26. We want to share this joy with as many people as possible, so kits are limited to one per household.

Easter Kits will be distributed on Saturday, April 3, 10 am - 1 pm in the HTLC parking lot.

[RESERVE YOUR EASTER KIT HERE!](#)



HTLC ON FOX 9+

Do you struggle with navigating Facebook or YouTube? We have some VERY exciting news...Holy Trinity's Easter Sunday service air on TV on channel FOX 9+ (channel 9.2). This is a one-time opportunity and we're grateful for it. Holy Trinity's service will air at 11 am. Spread the word!



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 14 & 17

LENT 4

Theology of the Cross

March 21 & 24

LENT 5

Vocation

March 28

PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna!

April 1

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship via Zoom, 7 pm