

HTLConnections

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

March 19, 2021

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Colossians 3:12-17

HUMBLY WE PRAY

Holy One, we bring to your cross: Isabel P., Natasha P., Eileen P., Amy S., Samantha, Bob P., Deb O., Christine, Mark J., and those who seek healing and hope. Shelter those in inclement weather. Strengthen fatigued medical care workers and educators as the pandemic continues. Thank you for your love filled cross. 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

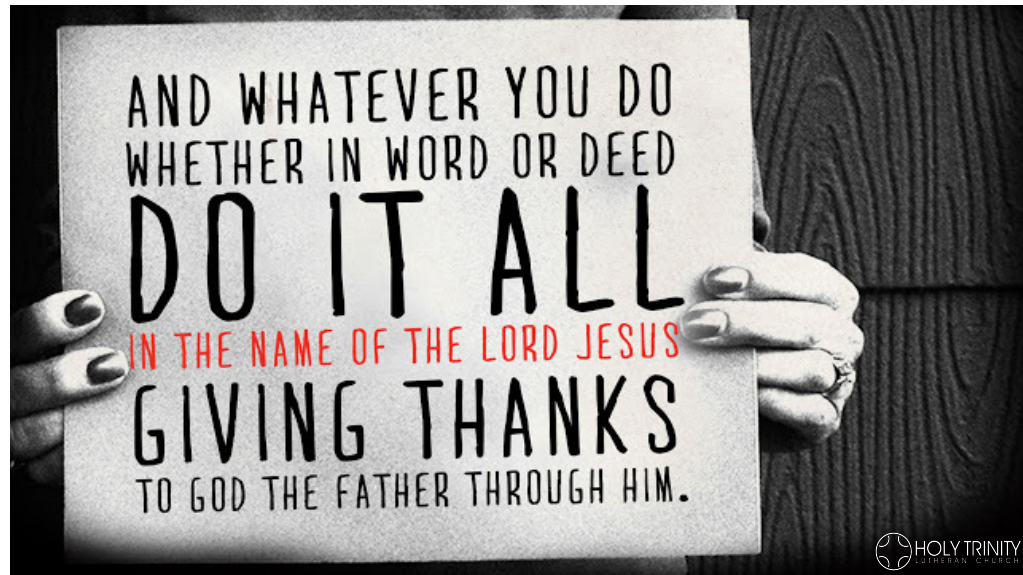
Radio - KCHK 95.5 FM & 1350 AM

Sunday @ 9 am

RADIO SPONSOR

Our Sunday radio broadcast ministry is sponsored by an anonymous KCHK listener. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

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THE VOCATION OF A LUTHERAN

By Pastor Ben Hilding

Sometimes we think of vocation as occupation, as the job one may have. In Martin Luther's time, most understood a vocation to be a special, holy calling for priests, nuns, and monks. But Luther taught that one's vocation involved God's calling within their various spheres of life (offices, if you will): as a community member, as a worker, as a citizen, as a church member, as a family member, etc.

The gospel frees us to serve. To answer God's calling. To humble ourselves and contribute to the greater good of our world. To courageously make a difference in bold ways. But the Lutheran understanding of vocation also helps us see the work of daily life, even seemingly mundane tasks, with dignity and awe.

This pandemic has made us aware of our mortality, perhaps stirred up a restlessness or curiosity within us, and a willingness to wonder about how we might want to spend the rest of our days. This week we're going to be asking ourselves: what might God be calling me to do with my life in the months and years to come? What does the world need from me?



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Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

Online Worship
@ 9am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Zoom @ 7pm
Communion at Home

GOOD FRIDAY

Online Worship
@ 7pm

EASTER

Countdown @ 8am
Worship @ 9am



EASTER KITS

This Easter, we're bringing the celebration to you with a 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!](#)

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Yes, you read that correctly! We're taking steps to resume in-person worship. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 14, 6:00 pm as we join together in worship with Holy Communion outdoors in the HTLC parking lot. More details to come!

VOLUNTEER!

Worship Assistant
A/V Technology

Contact Jamie or call
952-758-3513.

COVID UPDATE

During the March church council meeting, with the guidance of the Risk Management Team, it was decided to remain in Phase 2 of our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. Read the latest [update here](#) and listen to a [message from our Pastors!](#)

THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generous donations, the Missions/Outreach Team voted to donate over \$523 to [National Alliance on Mental Health \(NAMI\)](#), the nation's largest grassroots mental health advocacy organization. [Here is their Thank You!](#)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

We finish our five-week Lenten Sermon Series, "Why Lutheran?" this week with the topic "Vocation." And no, you don't have to update your resume to join us for church this week.



GIVING UPDATE

Financial Health as of February 28, 2021	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Revenue	\$83,004	\$100,127
Expenses	\$94,543	\$85,679
Revenue - Expenses	\$11,539	\$14,448

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

[February 2021 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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!

