

Augsburg Church

April 2022

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3 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	4 7:00 pm Ladies Aid	5	6 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	7	8	9
10 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Palm Sunday	11	12	13 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	14 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	15 12:00 pm Good Friday Tre Ore 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	16
17 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Easter	18	19	20 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Council Meeting	21	22	23
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3 (B) Bonnie Clark	4	5 (A) Albert & Colleen Wefer 64 (A) Steve & Caryl Hickerson 86	6	7	8	9
10	11 (A) Mark & Andrea Meadows 15	12	13	14 (B) Pastor Landskroener	15 (B) Gerald Schaal	16 (B) Alania Koonce (B) Ashley Bauer
17	18	19	20 (B) Charles Kruenegel	21 (B) Matt Bauer	22	23 (B) Kristen Barnick
24 (B) Michael Sasse	25 (A) Krystal & Clint Elam 09	26 (A) Clarence & Lisa Smith 86 (A) Mark & Lisette Ehrat 86	27 (B) Alan Harrison	28 (B) Sharon Dolly (B) Twana Bauer	29	30 (B) Randy Sasse

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

During Lent, we hear of our need for repentance. When asked about a particular tragedy, Jesus said, "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3, 5). God directs Ezekiel to say, "As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek. 33:11). Jesus looked for fruit on the fig tree, and finding none He destroys it. (Matt. 21:19; Mark 11:13-14; see also Luke 13:6-9 where one intervenes for the fig tree). Repent or perish!

And what does this repentance look like? St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "Do not be idolaters. . . . We must not indulge in sexual immorality. . . . We must not put Christ to the test." (1 Cor. 10:7-11). He writes to the Galatians:

"Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." (Gal. 5:19-23).

Turn from the works of the flesh to Christ and His saving work for you; strive against them trusting in Christ and His forgiveness and you will bear good fruit.

As we live in such repentance, we look ever forward to our Lord's return at the end of time to gather us together with all His saints to live in His presence forever. Likewise, we look forward to celebrating our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Easter is one of the most joyful days of the year. Who doesn't enjoy hearing of Jesus' resurrection? Who doesn't rejoice to sing "Alleluia!" after having fasted from it during Lent? Who tires from singing the hymns which proclaim Jesus' resurrection? They are among our favorites. And there are even more that we don't know well.

But before we get to Easter, we must complete our Lenten journey. We cannot skip ahead to something we like better, or else we'll miss something important. We must stay on the road to complete the journey. To help us do that, our last Lenten midweek service (April 6) will have Pastor Michael Feldmann telling us about Malchus. Then, in Holy Week, we'll celebrate Palm Sunday (April 10) as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday (April 14), we'll hear about Judas Iscariot as we celebrate our Lord's sacrament of His Body and Blood. On Good Friday (April 15) at noon, we'll host the circuit Tre Ore service. It's like seven short

services in which visiting pastors will preach on the last words of Christ from the cross. It's a wonderful and meaningful way to remember our Lord's passion. Then in the evening, we'll observe a service of Tenebrae and hear about John, the Gospel Writer.

Then, on Easter (April 17), we celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead, as we hear about Mary Magdalene who was the first witness to the resurrected Christ. What a joyful day it will be! You won't want to miss it.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Landskroener

A Note about the Tre Ore service -

Tre Ore (pronounced "Trey OR-ay") is a service that directs our attention to the three hours of agony during which our Lord hung upon the cross. ("Tre Ore" means "Three Hours.") Matthew 27:45 tells us, "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour." (ESV) From noon until three all of creation groaned and cried out as her Creator felt the pain of death. As we have approached this time in the Church year, time has been slowing down. From spanning a few months (or even years) across the twelve days of Christmas, to fast forwarding across nearly thirty years in a few day's time to the Baptism of our Lord, to spanning the nearly three years of life from the Temptation of our Lord to His raising of Lazarus across the 40 days of Lent, we have slowed down to a nearly day-by-day summary of the work of our Lord during this Passion Week. But as we, in our remembrance, climb Golgotha's hill to witness again through the proclamation of His Word what happened there, we slow time down even more, to an hour-for-hour, minute-for-minute even, contemplation of this singular act of salvation to which all of history has brought us: the Crucifixion of our Lord. This is the moment that separates the "before" from the "after." All time is divided up into that which points forward to Christ's work of salvation on the Cross and that which points backward to that moment of salvation. Christ's incarnation/birth at Christmas, His baptism, His temptation, all still point forward to the Cross. Even His resurrection is pointing backwards toward the Cross, declaring that this once-for-all-time sacrifice has been pleasing and acceptable to God.

This particular contemplation – meditating upon the Seven Words Spoken by Christ from the Cross – is relatively recent (only about 350 years old). In more recent history, schools and businesses were closed, if not for the entire day, then at least for these three hours on Good Friday. We recognize that this is no longer widely practiced, so our liturgy has been tailored to permit pilgrims to come and go as they are able. Following a brief opening liturgy, each of the Seven Words is contained in its own 20-25 minute devotional service-within-the-service, and then a brief concluding liturgy shapes the bundle into one cohesive unit.

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

Ladies Aid Meeting will be April 4th at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall.

Lenten Offerings: 5th Lenten – Lutheran School for the Deaf (Jacksonville), 6th Lenten – District Deaf Ministry, Maundy Thursday – Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School

March 30 - Rev. David Hoehler - Pontius Pilate

April 6 - Rev. Michael Feldmann - Malchus

April 14 - Maundy Thursday - Judas Iscariot

April 15 - Good Friday Tre Ore (at 12:00 pm)

April 15 - Good Friday - John, the Gospel Writer

April 17 - Easter 10:00 am - Mary Magdalene

Lilies are ordered, they will be \$15.00 a piece again this year. Please contact Janet Williams, if you would like to purchase one.

SOLID, SERIOUS, SUBSTANTIVE... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Human Tyranny vs. Christian Freedom; The Movie "Nightmare Alley;" The Gradual; Peter & Cornelius and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

From Pastor Mohr - Response to the Issues Etc. Making the Case Conference has been overwhelming, with over 95% of the conference capacity filling during early bird registration. We still have our spots reserved for those riding the bus, but we need to move our deadline earlier so any unused spots can be released back to the conference. Please sign up by Easter Sunday, April 17, to guarantee your spot. More information about the bus trip and to make your reservation online, please visit holycrossvandalia.org/IE or contact Pastor Mohr at pastor@holycrossvandalia.org or 618-283-1133.

The Circuit Tre Ore (pronounced "Trey OR-ay") service will be held at Immanuel Augsburg on Good Friday, April 15, at noon. This service directs our attention to the three hours of agony during which our Lord hung upon the cross. ("Tre Ore" means "Three Hours.") Our contemplation – meditating upon the Seven Words Spoken by Christ from the Cross – is relatively recent (only about 350 years old). Our liturgy has been tailored to permit pilgrims to come and go as they are able. Following a brief opening liturgy, each of the Seven Words is contained in its own 20- 25 minute devotional service-within-the-service, and then a brief concluding liturgy shapes the bundle into one cohesive unit.

Trimming Stamps for Mites -- Trim each stamp leaving paper measuring 1/8 of an inch or less around the stamp. Be careful not to trim too close to the stamp. No corners or edges should be cut. The stamps must be 100% complete. If there is a group of stamps trim around the whole group.

Please Sign attendance books in the pew, so Pastor is better able to serve you.

Augsburg is collecting Christian materials, Bibles, Portals of Prayer, Sunday School and VBS materials, Lutheran Witness, books, etc., to be given to the mission in Butler to distribute worldwide. Please put them on the table in the middle of the basement.

Parish Hall reservations – If you would like to plan an event or meeting to use our Parish Hall for any reason, this also includes Church activities, you will need to contact Scott or Karen Torbeck. If not asked, we don't know. Use of the Parish Hall will be determined by the first reservation made.

43. Jesus' Prayer in Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-46 KJV

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth me.



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