



TRINITY EVANGELICAL  
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SCHOOL

Easter 2  
April 8, 2018  
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**Welcome!** The day of Easter may be past, but we Christians celebrate Easter for 40 days, just as our Lord spent 40 days with us before ascending above.

**Theme of the service:** Our Risen Savior takes away proud unbelief and changes our priorities.

*Suggested silent prayer:* Hymn 163, “Welcome, Happy Morning”

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## WELS CONNECTION VIDEO

### LITURGY

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### HYMN 165:1–3

*“O Sons and Daughters of the King”*

### *Stand*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him

and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: ... God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### **HYMN 265**

*“This Is the Feast”*

*(After a brief introduction, all sing the refrain and each of the verses. No refrain follows verse 3.)*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

M: Risen Savior, our Lord and our God, you came to your disciples and took away their fears and unbelief with your word of peace. Come to us also in your word, banish all doubt and dread with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence, and lead us to put your Father’s kingship first, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.** *(then all are seated)*

### **FIRST LESSON**

*Philippians 1:20–21; 3:7–14*

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. [...]

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that

which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

## PSALM 16

*(Christ reacts to his future resurrection. All sing refrain.)*



You will show me the path of life,  
you, my hope and my shelter; in your presence is  
end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev-er.

Faithful LORD, I look to you. No good thing I have without you.  
My delight is only in your saints— never with the godless.

***Refrain, sung by all***

What a glad inheritance:  
You, my wisdom and my refuge.  
Through the night you speak within my heart.  
I will not be shaken.

***Refrain, sung by all***

So my heart shall sing for joy,  
And my flesh shall sleep securely.  
Your Holy One you will not leave in death,  
nor let me see decay.

***Refrain, sung by all***

## **SECOND LESSON**

*Luke 12:13–21*

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

**VERSE Refrain** (first by pastor, then by all)



M: “Thomas is skeptical, even deceived—  
then sees what he thought could not be achieved.  
Blessed, all who have not seen, yet have believed! Alleluia!”

*Refrain by all— then all rise*

**GOSPEL**

*John 20:19–31*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated for the children’s Gospel (Sunday only)*

**HYMN 165:4–9**

*“O Sons and Daughters of the King”*

**SERMON**

*Matthew 6:19–21, 24, 33*

#### WHAT IS YOUR #1 PRIORITY?

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. [...]

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. [...]

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

*Stand*

#### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again**

**from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

*Stand*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**M:** Father, all worship and honor and glory be to you! Because you raised your Son to life death no longer has any mastery over him, or us. Help us all keep the festival of his resurrection by living new lives of sincere, generous, humble love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. For his sake,

**C: Grant us your peace.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, you sent forth your disciples to forgive and retain sins. Receive our thanks for the gift of the keys of the kingdom, and help all those you set in the office of the public ministry to use the keys faithfully, that you may bless and save your elect. Grant them wisdom.

**C: Grant them your peace.**

**M:** Holy Spirit, be kind to our partner-pastors in South Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Bless our seminary in Hong Kong and our new planned-for training center in Hanoi, Vietnam. Lead our Asian ministry partners, like Thomas, to trust in you and all your promises anew and to proclaim with boldness that Jesus is our Lord and our God. For his sake,

**C: grant them your peace.**

**M:** Remember in mercy enemies of your church whom we know. Grant them repentance. Enable us to reach out to them in love, proclaiming both your holy wrath and the good news of your

unlimited patience. For our lost neighbors and friends, we beg the blessings of your cross and tomb.

**C: Grant them your peace.**

M: For all our hurting brothers and sisters— the sick and sorrowful, the frightened and lonely, the mournful and the dying— Jesus, be their life and their hope, their joy and their crown, their Lord and their God.

**C: Grant them your peace.**

M: Father, remember in mercy those like Thomas who used to follow you but now have put doubts and distance between themselves and you. May they receive and rejoice in the forgiveness of all their sins by your blood, and rejoin your saints in worshipping you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Grant them your peace.**

M: Your Son has taught us in peace ever to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN 757**

*(found on p. 9)*

TRUST

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Where Your Treasure Is



Where your treas - ure is, there your



heart shall be. All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you



free. Seek the things that last; come and



learn from me. Where your



treas - ure is, your heart shall be. be.



Verses

- 1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry.
- 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.
- 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.
- 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



What you should eat or what to wear?  
They do not work their whole life through,  
In grace and beau - ty they are dressed,  
Yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry. Do you not  
And yet God feeds them and pro - tects them. So how much  
And yet so soon their bloom is fa - ded. So how much  
Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y; Ob - tain a



To Refrain

know that you are held with - in God's care?  
more will God pro - tect and care for you?  
more will those who look to God be blessed?  
treas - ure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

*Stand*

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. [...] and † give you peace.

**C:** ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**HYMN 562**

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

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**Please join us** on Sunday for good conversation, coffee, juice and treats after the service in the gym.

**We thank** Michael Hatzung, our WELS Christian Giving Counselor and secretary of the WELS Minnesota District for sharing God’s Word with us today and encouraging godly estate planning.

Pastor Hatzung served St. John’s, Renville and Christ, North St. Paul. He has been a WELS giving counselor since 2005. He helps specialize in deferred gifts—gifts that will help fund the future work of our synod, as well as congregations and schools. His ultimate goal is that when people finalize their estate plans, they can say, “This is exactly how we want to honor God and support kingdom work even after we’re gone!”

Pastor Hatzung and his wife Debbie and I live in Maplewood. Phone him at 612-280-4491 or email him at [michael.hatzung@wels.net](mailto:michael.hatzung@wels.net).

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### Our Weekly Catechism Review Page

Two weeks ago we began looking at King David and the Tenth Commandment. We learned one big reason why God forbids us to covet our neighbor's wife (or husband): sinful desires leads to sinful actions.

What happened after David coveted Uriah's wife, Bathsheba? He took her into his bedroom, and she became pregnant. For nine months David did not confess his sin of getting Uriah killed and fathering the baby.

Finally the prophet Nathan, came to David. Nathan told David about a rich man with many sheep and cattle who stole a poor man's only lamb, a pet ewe lamb who drank from his cup and slept in his arms.

When a traveler came, instead of slaughtering one of his own lambs, the rich man took the poor man's lamb, killed it, cooked it, and served it to the traveler.

David was outraged. He swore: "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die."

Nathan said, "You are the man." Shaken, David finally confessed.

For more on what sin's consequences and the LORD's unconditional forgiveness mean for us, prayerfully read 2 Samuel 12.

May Jesus keep your heart from sin that will harm you and others.



## **TRINITY NEWS**

**LWMS:** The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Minnesota Valley Circuit will have its Spring Rally *here at Trinity* Saturday, **April 21**, from 8 am to 12:15pm.

- Opening Devotion and Meeting start at 9 am.

- Main Presentation will begin at 10:35 am. The speaker is Rev. Larry Schlomer, World Missions Administrator.

Rally Theme is "*Where in the World is the WELS?*". The morning will also include a Bible study and election of officers. A lunch will be served 12:15pm. All ladies of our congregation are invited to attend. Men are welcome too. People from twenty-seven member congregations and ten other nonmember congregations also attend. Come join us in worship, fellowship, learning about missions and how we are reaching to the world.

150th Anniversary clothing is being displayed for the last time so get yours now. This will be up during the month of April to be ordered the beginning of May. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Please come give blood on Wednesday, April 11 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the American Legion in Nicollet. Note the flier in the narthex for more information.

**MESSY MONDAY** will again be continuing this Spring on Monday, April 23rd from 6:15-7:00 pm in the kindergarten room. All children ages 2-5 years old along with their parents are welcome.

**THRIVENT SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES** – What every baby boomer needs to know: Determining when to take your Social Security retirement benefits is one of the most important financial decisions you will make. Join Thrivent representatives for heavy hors d'oeuvres and an in-depth—and free—presentation about Social Security benefits. (No products will be sold at this event.)

*Tuesday, April 10, 5:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. in our Fireside Room. Contact Susan at [susan.plocher@thrivent.com](mailto:susan.plocher@thrivent.com) or 507-354-4413 to RSVP.*

**FOOD SHELF:** Donna Lange, our food shelf coordinator, said we collected \$50 in cash and 91#'s of food for the food shelf in March. Thanks to all who donated!

## TRINITY NEWS

**CAMP SHETEK OR MINNESOTA VALLEY LUTHERAN CAMP:** The early deadline for a discount for this camp which is held on June 17th-23rd is soon approaching on April 8th. It goes up by \$25 after this date. If you have a child that is interested, I have left information on the table in the Narthex.

**THE NEW 2 YOU FAMILY THRIFT STORE** would like to recognize Rev Norman Madson (Peace Lutheran) for his service as the pastoral advisor to our Board of Directors from 2006 to 2017. He has been the advisor from the beginning of the store until he announced his resignation effective Dec 31, 2017. The role of the pastoral advisor is to "provide advice to keep this organization in harmony with accepted Scriptural practice. The pastoral advisor shall attend all meetings of the organization and the Board of Directors, and prepare an opening devotion for all such meetings.

Pastor Madson says: "I consider it an honor and privilege to have served as the spiritual advisor for the Board for as many years as I did. It is important that we help out our Christian schools in whatever way we are able. Our Pre-schools and Christian Day Schools and MVL are so very important for the future of our congregations. May God continue to bless them all!"

We are pleased to announce Pastor Roger Woller (St Pauls Lutheran) as the new pastoral advisor of New 2 You. God continues to bless the efforts of New 2 You with many faithful volunteers, donations and shoppers. Thank you to all the congregations for their support.

**BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BRANCH LUTHERAN SCHOOLS OF HAITI** on Saturday, April 21 at 7 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Mankato, 2090 Commerce Drive is hosting Music by "Dr. T and the Academia Nuts", with special Guest Adrian Lo, plus numerous surprise quests! Sandwiches, snacks and beverages provided. Please join us!

**JONAH BACKUS & THE CONQUERORS CONCERT:** April 8, 6 PM – St. Paul's Church, New Ulm – The five band members are students at MLC (Jeremy Fluegge is one and is related to many New Ulm members) and write their music in praise of God to lift up believers in praise. For more information go to <http://jonahbackusmusiconline.com>. There will be a free-will offering as well as the band's DVD's and other items available for purchase.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** in rural Courtland is holding their annual Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, April 15 from 11am-1pm

## **OTHER TRINITY NEWS**

**THE MLC WIND SYMPHONY** presents “An Affirmation of Life,” its pre-tour concert season finale, on Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 pm in the Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium. The program includes several works dealing with life transitions and death, such as “Rest” by Ticheli, “Funeral March in Memory of Rikard Nordraak” by Grieg, “On This Bright Morning” by Maslanka, and “Suite Francaise” by Milhaud. Join them!

**SHARING THE GOSPEL, RECOVERING LIVES** – God has blessed the Minnesota River Valley Mentoring Program since its start in 2016. You are invited to an informational workshop on Saturday, April 14th from 9am to noon at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in New Ulm. The workshop will provide an overview of the program and mentoring in general. For those interested, in the last hour participants will look at the dynamics of a mentoring relationship and building basic mentoring skills. Please email Pastor Nate Scharf (nscharf@splnewulm.org) if you plan to attend or have questions.

**MVL** is hosting its first father-daughter dance on April 14, called “Tiaras & Ties.” It’s a free event for girls in preschool through fifth grade and their fathers (or significant men in their lives). There are extra postcards on the table in the narthex and posters with info.

**MINNESOTA OWLS (ORGANIZATION OF WELS LUTHERAN SENIORS)** will hold their annual spring rally at Martin Luther College on Monday, April 16. Registration and fellowship will be held in the Chapel of the Christ from 9:00 to 10:20. To register (\$10.00 fee includes lunch in the cafeteria) contact Dale Markgraf at demarkgraf@gmail.com.

**MLC INVITES YOU TO AN APRIL 8 PIANO CONCERT:** The Summit Avenue Music Series presents solo pianist, Ralph Votapek in its final concert of the season. Votapek’s early triumphs — as winner of the prestigious Naumburg Award and gold Medalist in the first Van Cliburn International Piano Competition — were an auspicious prelude to an even more remarkable career. In 2013 Mr. Votapek was awarded best foreign artist in recital by the Association of Argentine Music Critics. In May 2016 he returned to South America for the 25th time celebrating the 50th anniversary of his first tour there. Tickets are available in advance at the Chamber of Commerce, online at summitavenuemusic.com or at the door at \$13 for adults and \$5 for students.

**MVL SEEKS DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT:** Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is searching for a Director of Mission Advancement. The position is open to male candidates in good standing of a WELS or ELS congregation. Contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org or 507-354-6851 for more information, as well as a job description and application.

## This Week's Calendar

**Sunday:** Worship — 9:00 am  
**Monday:** Faculty meeting—3:10 pm  
CEA meeting—6:00 pm  
NO Bible Study  
**Tuesday:** Thrivent presentation—5:00 & 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday:** NO Bible study  
Catechism — 4:30 pm  
Council—7:00 pm  
**Friday:** 8 am chapel  
**Saturday:** Worship—5:30 pm



## Our Response to God's Grace

**Maundy Thursday attendance:** 148  
**Good Friday attendance:** 124  
**Sunday Sunrise & 9 am attendance:** 166, 227

Operating (General Fund)	\$ 10,147.50
Missions	\$ 1297.00
MVL	\$ 1090.00
Capital Fund	\$ 700.00
Electronic funds	\$ 1105.00
Grain gifting	\$ 4844.00
Organ Fund	\$ 60.00

**Bulletin:** Judy Wilking in memory of Josie Wilking  
**Organist:** Deb Witte (Sat.), Dinah Spurgin (Sun.)  
**Special Thanks** to our video coordinators and ushers, singers & greeters.



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# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 9:00 am	2 7 pm—Bible Study @ Fireside	3 6:30 pm—Stewardship 7 pm—Elders	4 9 am—Bible Study 4:30 pm Catechism class 7:00-LWMS committee meeting	5 1:30 pm—Ladies Guild	6	7 5:30 pm—Worship Service
8 Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 pm	9 School Faculty—3:15 pm 6 pm—CEA Meeting	10 Thrivent Retirement presentation by Amy Pearson in Fireside room— 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm	11 4:30 pm Catechism class 7 pm—Council	12	13 8 am—Trinity chapel 1 pm—Principals meeting	14 5:30 pm—Worship Service
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