



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESURRECTION

...I am not fully certain as to the nature and content of the resurrection. This uncertainty no doubt reflects the limitations of my discernment, my imagination. It is also rooted in the inability of biblical writers to speak in precise ways concerning resurrection.

Matthew, Luke and John were much more explicit and aggressive in speaking of the risen Jesus than was Mark, but they obviously struggled as well to come up with words. What they said was hardly consistent one with the other. Paul made a concerted attempt to speak of resurrection and he talked about spiritual bodies but in time he gave up and was content with the assertion that there was for Jesus and is for us resurrected life.

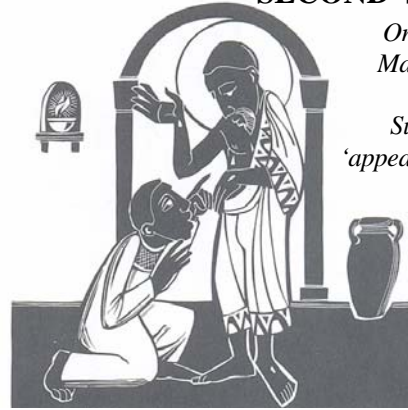
Of course uncertainty as to how to speak of resurrection is grounded in the fact that it is astonishingly new. It requires thinking and perception that we do not fully possess. Maybe Mark's story with its exceedingly modest stance represents the most authentic of all biblical attempts to speak of resurrection.

Yet, it could be that there are some strands of truth that might be offered concerning the content of resurrection. Resurrection occurred and occurs in the historical process and yet is more than what fits into any historical event. I am inclined to say that resurrection is, in part, a metaphor for the unlimited ways in which God causes life to come out of death, justice to push back injustice, hope to replace despair and much more. But if I read the scriptures correctly, it seems to me that the early people of faith saw the most concrete signs of resurrection in the preaching, teaching, forgiveness, reconciliation and sharing of the sacraments that came to mark the common life of the community.

In the writings of Paul, it seems clear that people of faith were aware of a change in lifestyle. They were living in a different way, a new way. The book of Acts speaks of how people held things in common and distributed goods in accordance with need. Talk about a new way, a new order.

This should not, however, close our eyes to the brokenness that was present in the early church, even as it is present in today's church and world. Nevertheless, there was something wonderful and irresistible at work within the community. It was something that would not yield to small-mindedness. All of which is to say that brokenness and wholeness, death and life, ashes and resurrection exist within the same world, the same community, the same church and the same lives....

Excerpt from homily on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006
Ronald K. Johnson, Pastor



On Easter Sunday, the reading from Mark did not contain an appearance story. The reading from John this Sunday does contain one. Does this 'appearance' help us in any way? There is still the requirement of faith.

LESSONS

Acts 4:32-35:1-11
Psalm 133
I John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Rite of Confirmation

It is our honor on Sunday to witness the confirmation of baptism vows on the part of six persons:

Geoffrey Gillmore
Allison Kohlhasse
Katherine McQuarter
Audrey Pallmeyer
Carlye Proescholdt
Alisa SantaAna-White

They have completed four years of instruction in the confirmation program. The Rite of Confirmation will be at the 11:00 am worship service.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

April 23

"Theology of the Academy Awards"

Doug Wallace

This is our annual opportunity to peer into the context of the major films of the season. Implicit within these films are specific world views that contain theological convictions.

SUMMER PROGRAM

An ambitious Summer Program has been planned, much along the lines of recent years. Brochures will be printed (in English and Spanish) and distributed in a preliminary way this week. Over the next two months there will be an intensive community visitation effort undertaken.

The first session will be June 19-22. It is for this session that we need a particularly large number of volunteers—about 50. The sessions are in the morning. We are starting the registration of these volunteers. The job of the staff is made easier when people volunteer early.

THE COSTS OF WAR

There will be a presentation at Holy Trinity on Saturday, April 22, 1-3 p.m. Two sides of the story will be presented. One will be from a recently returned Iraq War veteran. Another will be from a Gold Star family member. Suggested donation: \$5 - \$10. No one will be turned away.

PARISH INFORMATION

SYMBOLS OF THE FAITH RETREAT

The best single event in Christian Education at Holy Trinity is "The Symbols of the Faith Retreat." The next retreat will be Saturday, April 22 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the church library. Dr. Randy Nelson will be the teacher/leaders. Lunch is provided. There is no cost for this event.

VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

There is still time to register for the Visual Arts Festival to be held May 7-14. An artist may submit 2 works. Art in the following areas may be submitted.

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| Painting | Sculpture | Multi-media | Stained glass | |
| Drawing | Fiber arts | Jewelry | Poetry | (printed, mounted) |
| Photography | Pottery | Woodcarving | | |

There will be a section for children's art. Please submit your registration by the end of April. Instructions will be forthcoming to artists as to when works of art are to be delivered to the church. Pieces of art will be kept in a secure place.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

There is need for at least 40 volunteers on Thursday, April 27, any time from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm. Most of the attention will be directed to cleaning up the church and apartment grounds. Planting beds will also be prepared. There are a few additional tasks. Please indicate your intention to help with this project by signing the register in the Community Room or calling the church office. We have been very deliberate in creating a good deal of green space. We think of it as an urban oasis. It is an attractive oasis only to the extent it is properly maintained.

FINE ARTS SERIES

The next event will represent a change of pace. The title is "Broadway and All that Jazz." Performers will be from this congregation. The setting will be the choir room, with people seated at tables. Refreshments will be provided. The date is Sunday, May 7, 4:30 pm.

THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE

You were recently sent a brochure concerning the next theological dialogue with Dr. Philip Hefner as the presenter. The overarching theme will be "The Interaction of Science and Religion." The sub-themes will be as follows: :

"Religion and Science as It Is Lived in Everyday Life"

"Creation, Evolution, and Intelligent Design"

"The Physicist and the Poet: Two Perspectives on How to Understand the World"

This dialogue will be Thursday evening and Friday morning, May 11-12. Please register in advance.

CELEBRATING THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Charlie King and Karen Brandow will provide a concert in honor of the struggle in which we continue to be involved. A contribution of \$10 is suggested. Proceeds will go to Women Against Military Madness and the Nonviolent Peaceforce. This event will be Friday, April 28, 8:00 pm.

PARISH EVENTS April 23 - April 29, 2006

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| SUNDAY | 8:45, 11am | Worship Service of Holy Communion |
| | 9:45 am | Sunday Church |
| MONDAY | 5:30 am | Youth to Women's shelter |
| TUESDAY | 7:00 pm | Tutoring |
| WEDNESDAY | 5:30 pm | Youth to Women's shelter |
| | 6:30 pm | Children's choir 7:30 pm Choir |
| THURSDAY | 6:30 pm | Girl Scouts |
| FRIDAY | 8:00 pm | Peace Concert |

GIFT TO WORLD HUNGER by Imo Lofthus,, Byron Stevens and Rachel Kalin, and in memory of

- **Arvilda and Alvin Schwartz** by Donna Schwartz

- **Parents Mike and Anna** by Lorraine Pafko

GIFT TO LATINO MINISTRY by Bob/Dorothy Kelley

GIFTS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT by Aldora Ferrian and in honor and memory of

- **Our loved ones** by Dale and Carol Bosch and in memory of

- **Andrew and Anna Melosky** by Lorraine Pafko

GIFT TO AFRICAN AIDS PROJECT by Robert/Rosemary Nailon

GIFT TO AFRICAN PASTORS FUND in memory of

- **Al Krumrei** by Dorothy Krumrei & Paul Krumrei

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS April 23, 2006

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| Preacher | Ronald K. Johnson | | |
| Celebrant | 8:45 am | Stacy Johnson | |
| Crucifer | 8:45 am | Ronald Johnson / | 11:00 am Wayne Vetter |
| Liturgist | 8:45 am | Joyce Peterson / | 11:00 am Sally Johnson |
| Communion Asst | 8:45 am | Jane Kretzmann, Pam Blomgren | |
| | 11:00 am | Kirk Jensen, Linda Jury | |
| Cantor | Rick Prescott | | |
| Acolytes | 8:45 am | Alexis Miller / | 11 am Wyatt Rada, Megan Libra |
| Greeters | 8:45 am | Carol Berg / | 11:00 am Pat Libra |
| Ushers | 8:45 am | Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Chris Engen | |
| | 11:00 am | Lee Kampinen, Lynda and Dennis Nordholm, Susan Masters | |
| Altar Guild | 8:45 am | Carol Berg, Linda Berglin | |
| | 11:00 am | Rosemary Foley, Linda Woytasek | |
| Nursery | 8:40 am | Amy Neal | 10:30 am Kari Kleven |

CONGREGATIONAL READING: Our next book is *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. It is a work of profound beauty and wonder and delves into morality, racial justice, religion in America, and the sacred bonds of fathers and sons. Copies are available in the community room for \$8.50.

FINANCIAL REPORT April 16 Year to date

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| Budget requirement | 10,905.77 | 174,492.31. |
| Budget receipts | 21,185.81 | 177,574.18 |
| World Hunger | 575.00 | 2,861.00 |
| Capital Improvements | 150.00 | 788.00 |
| Urban Latino Ministry | 210.00 | 1,295.00 |
| Nonviolent Peaceforce | 166.00 | 466.00 |
| African Pastors Endowment | 25.00 | 135.00 |