



FOUNTAIN GRACE TRINITY LUTHERAN PARISH

TOGETHER IN MISSION

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May 2020



We continue to Suspend Worship at Fountain Grace Trinity Lutheran Parish until further notice. Sunday services will be available online. Enclosed are worship outlines for those services. Small Group Gatherings (WEBS, Quilters, Confirmation Class, and Bible Studies) are also temporarily suspended.

** **Online Worship** for our Parish are available at <https://www.fgtlp.org/blog/categories/worship> printed resources are included in this newsletter. For Non-Internet users please contact the parish office for DVD/CD copies of our weekly worship services.

** **Christian education** for WEBS and Adults can be found at www.fgtlp.org/christianeducation. WEBS whirl Sunday School video lesson will be posted weekly here:

<https://www.fgtlp.org/blog/categories/webs>

** **The senior meals** will be available only by home delivery. If you wish to have a meal delivered please call Karen Nelson at (608) 462-5175 or her cellphone at (608) 547-4108 by 9:00 A.M.

****The community food pantry** will continue to provide services, mindful of recommendations from Juneau County Health Department.

****Since we are suspending worship together, in person, we ask that you send in a weekly financial gift to support the ongoing mission of our Parish.** Electronic giving via VANCO is available at this link: <https://www.fgtlp.org/giving>. To learn more about electronic giving visit our web page www.fgtlp.org or contact the Parish office (608)462-5398.



Looking for Photos of Moms & Grads

Moms photos will be shared during worship on Mother's Day, Sunday May 10th & Grads during worship on Sunday May 24th. You may either email them to one of the following:

james.gerth@yahoo.com

Houzn001@gmail.com

or mail them to

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God Blessings to Moms & Grads!





Order of Worship for Sundays in Easter

As We Gather:

April 26: Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken.

May 3: Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel.

May 10: Today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house.

May 17: Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation.

May 24: Today we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world.

Preservice Music

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn:

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Water may be poured into a bowl at this time.)

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.** L: Let us pray...

April 26: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

May 3: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the val-

leys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

May 10: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

May 17: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

May 24: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Easter Praise: **“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”** *(Also sung after Psalm & before the Gospel)*
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

***WE HEAR FROM GOD’S WORD ***

April 26: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 & Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 & I Peter 1: 17-23 & Luke 24: 13-35

May 3: Acts 2:42-47 & Psalm 23 & I Peter 2:19-25 & John 10:1-10

May 10: Acts 7:55-60 & Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 & I Peter 2: 2-10 & John 14:1-14

May 17: Acts 17: 22-31 & Psalm 66:8-20 & I Peter 3:13-22 & John 14:15-21

May 24: Acts 1:6-14 & Psalm 68:1-10,32-35 & I Peter 4: 12-14; 5:6-11 & John 17:1-11

Children’s Message: **“Jesus Loves the Little Children”**

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

Statement of Faith: I have faith in God in response to overwhelming love; I believe that God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond measure. I have faith in Jesus who emptied himself out of his love for me. I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine; new life is mine because of Jesus’ words and work. I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to His overwhelming love. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each child of God. The Holy Spirit continues to call people by the gospel and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the spirit I have power to stand in strength against all adversity, all temptation. I believe that Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take each of us to be with Him. Amen!

Prayers of Intercession: L: Lord in your mercy **ALL: Hear our prayer**

Who might you pray for: doctors, nurses, other medical staff, truck drivers, food service workers, grocery store employees, parents home schooling their children, bus drivers delivering meals, farmers, pastors & chaplains, the sick and the grieving, and many others. Also remember in your prayers the following from our prayer list: Julian Greeno, Ann Helmann, Mark Stauffacher, Ron Miller, Nancy Dallman, Charlotte Shore, Madelyn Novacheck, Diane Shore, Gavin Nelson, Bernice Steffen, Clayton Jacobson, Chris Lanners, Harlen & Joni Newlun, Judy Forsythe, Judy Persall, Alan & Carol Leo-

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Betty Newlun	05/02	Lindsey Newlun	05/13
Kathy Besant	05/03	Arlene Burch	05/16
Richard Skinner	05/04	Joseph Vitcenda	05/16
Renee Urban	05/04	Don Urban	05/22
Emma Green	05/04	Alexis Miller	05/22
Tim Bell	05/05	Arria Raese	05/22
Carol Gibbons	05/07	Karen Gerth	05/23
Clayton Jacobson	05/07	Diane Knull	05/24
Frieda Jacobson	05/07	Barbara Wilhelmsen	05/24
Jay Ottum	05/07	George Hora	05/25
Carol Hyer	05/09	Alexander Finnigan	05/27
Calvin Nelson	05/09	Henry Seitz	05/27
Joseph Zant Jr.	05/09	Harvey Weiland	05/28
Tamara Wilson	05/12	Teddie Kay Burch	05/29
Carmen Zant	05/13	Pam Hoppmann	05/30
		Stephanie Seitz	05/30

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Is your Birthday missing?

e-mail the church office: grace013@centurytel.net

 Birthdays
of the Month

Fountain Lutheran Church Council 2020

Bob Ebbers
Carol Leopold
Joy Bever
Phil Baumbeck
Mary Waarvik
Joni Newlun
Janel Maulsby

Grace Lutheran Church Council 2020

Trystan Houzner (President)
Kathy Lindemann (Vice-President)
Sharon Knuth (Treasurer)
Kristi Shore (Secretary)
Dave Clark
Keith Clark
Kelly Green
Mary Houzner
Kristine Stauffacher

Trinity Lutheran Church Council 2020

Tom St. Clair (President)
Alan Lanners (Vice-President)
Pat Stubbs (Treasurer)
Alex Dow (Secretary)
Rich Campbell
Elaine St. Clair
Missy Schneider



A brief update regarding activities of WELCA, synodically and churchwide. At this time the Spring convention that was to be held at Trinity in Cashton is cancelled until 2021, as recommended by Churchwide. (The 2021 La Crosse Area WELCA will be hosted by Our Savior's in La Crosse on April 17th.) Possibly the Fall Renewal that is on the calendar for October 17th at First Lutheran in Onalaska will also be cancelled. Trying to be positive at this time but certainly I will relay the final decision later this summer.

Speaking of summer – the churchwide board is meeting via zoom on April 25th. They will be making a decision regarding the triennial convention and the “Just Love” gathering. I would expect that it would be rescheduled if unsafe to have it in July. These are “crazy” times with many unknowns. For those of you that have registered, hold off on flight and hotel reservations. I will forward the results of that meeting as soon as I know through the synod update and Mona’s Crosswinds mailing list.

PLEASE send in your convention offerings even though we are unable to meet. Our budget and churchwide’s budget depend on your continued generous offerings.

Wishing you a joyous Easter. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! JoAnn Salava

Farmer's Prayer



As I rise with the dawn, I drink in the morning.
I taste the goodness of your creation and smell the crispness of new beginnings.
I sense you beside me, my good shepherd watching over me as I care for the farm.
I whistle a tune of praise as I go about my work.
I feel blessed to walk in the long lived rhythms of sowing, feeding and reaping.
Fill me anew today Lord with your Spirit.
Give me strength and health when I feel tired or weary.
I release my anxious thoughts to you,
Knowing that you hear my prayer.
Please bless my farm, my home, my family.
Please bless the work of my hands.
Please remind me each morning
To give thanks to you anew, my Lord and Saviour. Amen



April & May~ Prayer to Bless Land & Crops

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food." Genesis 1:29

***All: Blessed are You, Lord God,
creator of the universe.***

***You are the giver and sustainer of life,
bringing forth the fruits of the earth
to feed and nourish Your people.***

***We cultivate the land and sow the seed,
but you alone, Lord, can give the growth.***

***Let Your blessing lie upon this land,
bringing gentle rains and ripening sun
for a joyful harvest.***

***Give us the grace to use Your gifts well,
that the poor may be fed
and the hungry filled with good things.
Then and always shall we give You glory,
Father of all. Amen.***



GRACE ELROY MEALS

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Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
			May 1, 2020
Beverage!!!!!!! Menu Subject to Change Milk Served Each Day Fresh Baked Rolls Serving at 11:45A.M.			Salmon Loaf Hash Brown Casserole Green Beans Fruit Dinner Roll
May 4	May 5	May 7	May 8
Tomato Soup Reuben Sandwich Fruit Chips Dessert	Bar B Que Ribs Potato Wedges 3 – Bean Salad Fruit Dinner Roll Dessert	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Spinach Fruit Dinner Roll Dessert	Ham Baked Potato Pea Salad Cottage Cheese Dinner Roll Coconut Cream Pie
May 11	May 12	May 14	May 15
Kielbasa Sausage Hash Browns Baked Beans Cottage Cheese Dinner Rolls Dessert	Lasagna Salad Fruit Garlic Bread Dessert	Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Broccoli W/ Cheese Sauce Jell-O W/ Fruit Dinner Roll Dessert	Fish – Fried or Baked Baked Potato Coleslaw Fruit Dinner Roll Chocolate Chip Cookie
May 18	May 19	May 21	May 22
Goulash California Blend Veggies Salad Fruit Dinner Roll Dessert	Liver & Onions Fried Potatoes Cottage Cheese Fruit Dinner Roll Devil's Food Cake	Beef Tips over Noodles Carrots Fruit Dinner Roll Dessert	Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Salad Oriental Salad Fruit
May 25	May 26	May 28	May 29
Closed In Observance Of Memorial Day	Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Corn Fruit Dinner Roll Blueberry Cheesecake	Chicken 'N' Biscuits Green Beans Salad Fruit	Fish – Fried or Baked Potato Fries Broccoli Salad Fruit Salad Dinner Roll



Sunday Worship Service available online at fgtllp.org and on Facebook @FGTLutheran Parish

Printed Resources available upon request

***May WEBS* "Jesus loves you and you are blessed!"**

Weekly 'Whirl' lesson available online at <https://www.fgtllp.org/blog/categories/webs>
Additional resources may be found at <https://www.fgtllp.org/christianeducation>



HEART PROJECT

We have included the cut out of a heart so you can decorate your windows. The hearts are an expression of our thanks to the many essential workers and a reminder that we are called to love one another as Christ has loved us. Email us pictures of your decorated windows of thanks & love to james.gerth@yahoo.com



Fountain Grace Trinity Lutheran Parish joyfully announces **VBS 2020**

Monday, June 29—Thursday July 02

Our parish will again partner with Sugar Creek Bible Camp to provide a fun and exciting faith formation opportunity for children in our parish and our communities. More details to follow. Mark your calendars and invite your friends, neighbors, and loved ones to join us this summer!



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH GARAGE SALE
2020 Opening Date To Be Determined

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Items for newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of month prior to publication. Please email items to tracyg78@gmail.com. Hard copy may be turned into Parish office. Thank you!!