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Dear Friends at Trinity,

We entered Holy Week this Palm Sunday and have been following Jesus' steps as He moves toward the cross. When reading the Gospel accounts of the Lord's Passion, we quickly see the bitter story of our Lord's life. He was persecuted, He was reviled, He was tried, He was sentenced unto death, He was crucified. If I didn't hold the sweet truth in my heart, that death could not hold Him – He has risen – I don't think I could stand to read the story. It's so dismal, so bitter. Thanks be to God for the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

The season of Lent is a bittersweet season. We examine our bitter tears, we search our hearts and confess the love we did not give or the words we did not say, we consider our idols and discover they cannot and never will fulfill what only God can in His Son. That's the sweet part – “Your sin is forgiven. Go and sin no more. You are no longer a slave to sin. Jesus' blood cleanses you of all unrighteousness. If the Son makes you free, you are free indeed.” Bitter yes, but ever so sweet!

This Lenten season at Trinity has been particularly bittersweet for your pastor. Last September I told my kids, “I'd like to have you home for Christmas. It will be my last Christmas at Trinity.” They didn't believe me and only two were able to make it! When I talked to my kids on my birthday at the end of January I said: “Please come home for Easter, it will be my last Easter at Trinity.” If all goes as planned the kids, grandkids, my dear wife, and father-in-law will circle my table and celebrate Jesus' most excellent love over our family on Easter Day!

I recently announced my upcoming retirement beginning July 31, 2023, marking 40 years of pastoral ministry. On that day, I will have finished my duties as your pastor and enter a status on the Synod's roster: Pastor Emeritus. I hope to continue serving the Lord within our circuit and district, or maybe serving a vacancy, but I will not be seeking a call to serve full-time in another congregation (unless the Lord Jesus has some far-out crazy plan for me!).

And that's what makes it so bittersweet for me. Three of my children were confirmed here at Trinity. Two of my adult children were married by their Pop. Three of my children are graduates of Trinity Lutheran Schools and have carried what they learned into their respective vocations and family life. One of the sweetest moments, of course, was the baptisms of Cierra, Taylor, and Travis, my grands! And let's not forget the addition to my family during this time of a daughter-in-law and two sons-in-law. I could go on.

And then there's my family here at Trinity. Bittersweet. I remember once leaving the hospital right after one of our members had passed away. I sat in my car and cried bitter tears because I had become very close to this dear member. We were family. We soon cried the sweet tears of joy because of the victory of our Lord. I recall times of our congregation engaged in spiritual warfare with the devil and the bitter nature of Satan's attacks. But we stood strong, putting on the full armor of God, and following our Lord into battle with His strong Word before us. Bittersweet times... but don't forget, never forget: The SWEET always trumps the BITTER, every time. Christ's love is like the sweetest wine. It heals us and gives us joy and purpose in our days of waiting for Him.

As I am closing out my days as your pastor I'll be reaching out to you to say goodbye, farewell, and I love you. Please know that I will be lifting you up in prayer for your continued hard work in proclaiming Jesus Christ to the nations. May God richly bless you! My love to you.

Your servant,

Pastor Bolt

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THANK YOU to all who provided the delicious meals during our Lenten journey. Each was a great evening of fellowship. Also, thank you to those who are providing our Easter Breakfast. We look forward to spending a morning together!

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
Saturday Evening 5:30pm
Sunday Morning 9:00am

NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: Shirley Ranus, Ken Beeman, Lisa LaRose, Nick Mace, Rich Graves (son of Earl & Marlene), Marie Daberkow, Lorna Romero, Brad Ritter, Jacob Freeman, Dutch, Nancy Jones, Glen Weiser, Cathy, Cindy Schmidt, Pat Sanley, Rick Arguto, Amy Huth, David Walmer, Greg Hill, Rick Lawrenz, Norma Larson, Marcie (Brul) Wright, Rose Sears, Henrietta Voss, Victor Voss, Connie Elson, Ty Butcher, Melanie Trujillo, Wilbert Lutz, Sara McBee, Joyce Michelli, Larry Graham, Lucille Cochran, Adella Schmidt, Helen Koncilia, Sophia DeSalvo, Earl Schwalm and Jeanive Solheim. May God continue to strengthen and heal them. Our prayers are with the families of Robert (Bob) Aggson and Jerry Dockendorf who were called to their eternal home. May God comfort these at this difficult time. We rejoiced with Chance Harberts, son of Scott and Mia, who confirmed his faith in Christ. May God bless him as he begins this new journey in faith.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Bryon Lawrenz
- 4 – Andrew Cicerello
- 6 – Marlene Graves
- 11 – Jared Daberkow
- 13 – Tony Romero
- 15 – Cecilia Moskoe
- 19 – Merlin Daberkow
Steve Doria
- 20 – Henrietta Voss
- 22 – Cameron Andenucio
Vivian Otero
- 27 – Todd Lawrenz
- 28 – Hannah Bowman
- 29 – Andrew Brunner
- 30 – Chance Harberts
Toni Wolfe
Ian Russ
Michelle Walmer-Miller

HEY GRADUATES!! If you have a student graduating from pre-school –College, please call the church office (719-544-3016) and let us know so we can acknowledge them!!

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY continues at 6:30pm. All are invited to join us! For more information, you may contact Jon Bush ophiclides.tuba@gmail.com

SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY NEWS

*For we walk by faith and not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7*

The end of March marked the beginning of the last quarter of school, but things are in full swing at Trinity! We are hosting one final open house on Thursday, April 13 from 5-7 pm for the public. Please share this information with anyone who may benefit from learning more about our school.

4th and 5th graders have been learning the ukulele in music, while 2nd and 3rd graders have been practicing the recorder. Both groups will be performing at the Art Show on May 18, save the date! It is amazing what these students can learn in a few short months.

1st grade just finished their unit on "Peter and the Wolf," which culminated in the students acting out the story to music. They learned what certain instruments sound like, and were able to recognize the theme for each character in the story. Kindergarten has been working on reading and writing rhythms, and the Early Learning Academy classes have been practicing moving to a steady beat.

All classes this year have been learning about a different country each month in music. We have moved and listened to cultural music, sang songs in other languages, learned about (and created!) instruments from each country, and read folk tales. In April, we will be learning about Israel, with parallels drawn to Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Double Good Popcorn fundraiser—we were able to raise \$7,037!! This money will be used by CAPTAINS to replace aging technology in the school.

Finally, thank you to all for your continued support of Trinity Lutheran School. Prayers are always welcome for our staff, students, and their families. May you all have a joyous Easter season!

–Stacey Freeman (Music)

NAVIGATORS BIBLE STUDY continues each Sunday following worship and fellowship. Currently we are studying the Book of Acts. Please join us! April 16th we will be discussing Acts, Chapters 12 & 13. Give the chapter a title, a favorite verse and a verse that challenges you. If you have questions, contact either Janelle Sheppard (719-561-2182) or Lucky Schneberger (719-242-7909) Join us as we learn and study God's Word."