

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
*We exist to share the good news of life through Jesus with the world and to nurture believers in their faith, all to the glory of God.*

**Trinity Lutheran School**  
*We exist to help families in Aberdeen and the surrounding communities by providing children with quality academic and Christ-centered education, in a loving and caring environment.*



## **Not Really That Scary**

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What did Jesus pray in Gethsemane? "My Father....may your will be done" (Matthew 26:42 EHV). "Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:36 (EHV).

In other words, dear Father, you go ahead and do whatever you want. I may want something, but if what you want is different than what I want, then you do what you want instead.

For some that is a really scary prayer.

What if God wants to say, "No" to something that I especially want? What if he wants to do things that don't go along with my plans for life? What if he wants to do something that causes hardship and suffering in my life? I'm not sure I feel comfortable telling the Lord to do whatever he wants.

Here's a flash for you: God is going to do whatever he wants whether you're comfortable with it or not.

If that's the case what's point of asking God for anything?

We ask because God invites, in fact commands, us to (Psalm 50:15; Ephesians 6:18; James 4:2). The Lord is ready to give us many blessings. But many times he wants us to show our faith by asking him for them.

At the same time, he wants me to humble myself before him. He wants me to realize that he knows better than I what answer is truly best for me. Also, he wants me to trust that he really does love me and therefore will always do whatever is best for me. That is true even when he says, "No" to a prayer. It's true even when he allows things to happen that I don't particularly like.

Think again of what Jesus prayed in Gethsemane. "My Father....may your will be done" (Matthew 26:42 EHV). "Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:36 (EHV). And what was the Father's will?

It was the Father's will that Jesus be tortured, abused, cursed and crucified. Those are horrible things for any human being to go through. Why would anyone say, "Your will be

done" to things like that? As an obedient Son, Jesus perfectly trusted his Father's will. Jesus knew that what the Father wants is always what is best, so he prayed, "Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:36 (EHV).

By submitting to his Father's will, Jesus won the greatest blessings of all for the whole world. He secured eternal life for each of us. He is exalted at the Father's right hand. What the Father wanted was truly best.

There might be times when we are hesitant, even afraid to pray, "Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:36 (EHV). It may be that the Lord has a plan for me to go through something painful. It may be his will to take someone dear from me. It may be his will to say "No" to something I really want. What the Lord wants may not be what I like.

Then I pray for help to be humble before him and trust him. He knows better than I what is truly best for me and his world. He will use even things I don't like to bring the blessings that he knows are best for me and for those I love.

By faith I know this. When I know this, then I realize it's not such a scary thing to pray "Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:36 (EHV).

Pastor Rawerts

### **NEW BIBLE CLASS**

We have started a new Sunday morning Bible class based on the life of Joseph entitled, "My Life for the Kingdom". We invite you to join us as we study about this powerful leader from the Old Testament.

### **2018-2019 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2019-2020 school year. Please speak with Mrs. Sperry to reserve your child's spot in Trinity's preschool.

### **EASTER FOR KIDS**

On Saturday, April 13, we will be hosting a special one-day Vacation Bible School called *Easter for Kids*. On that day we tell the children the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. There will be singing, special crafts, and snacks for the children. *Easter for Kids* is for children ages 4 – 9 and will run from 9:00 – 11:30 AM.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

During Lent, the Junior and Senior Confirmation classes will be meeting on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Rawerts will be repeating his class on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

### **EASTER LILIES**

We would like to beautify our church for Easter. If you would like to provide an Easter lily, you may do so by signing the sheet on the bulletin table and giving your \$10.00 to Marilyn Kjenstad or Gary Bretsch. If you would like, you may indicate that your lily has been given in memory of someone.

### **AMAZONSMILE**

If you shop at Amazon.com, there is a way you can support Trinity Lutheran School at the same time!

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You must START your shopping at this website: <https://smile.amazon.com> and follow the directions to get started. Our organization is listed as "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure to select the Aberdeen address, as there are many "Trinity" listings. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Jessica Kjenstad.

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH DIRECTORY**

If you were not able to have your picture taken for our future church directory, we have been able to add May 13 and May 14 from 2-9 p.m., you may sign up online, on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin table (beginning April 1), or contact Penny to set up the appointment. If you have any questions, please talk to Penny.

### **"Y" BASKETBALL TOURNEY MARCH 29-30**

Trinity is once again hosting the Boys' YMCA Basketball Tournament on March 29-30. Volunteers are needed for: concession stand workers, referees, scoreboard operators, score keepers, and ticket takers. In addition, we are asking for volunteers to bring some pans of bars to sell at the concession stand. (Please leave the bars uncut.) There will be sign up sheets on the back table. If you have questions please contact Aaron Kjenstad 605-377-5101. Funds raised from the concession stand sales go into the PTO fund and are used for school-related items.

### **GROCERY RECEIPTS**

A special "thank you" to those of you who have already turned in their receipts for Ken's and Kessler's. Please keep saving the receipts through the end of May.

### **PANTHER CAMP & CAMP LUTHER**

Information is available on the GPLHS website [www.gplhs.org](http://www.gplhs.org) about Panther Camp and Camp Luther. Click on the "Latest News" tab to see the brochure.

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES**

*God continues to richly bless Trinity Lutheran School! Here are some recent notes and news related to our school.*

### **NIGHT OF MUSIC/ART FAIR**



Our Annual Night of Music will be held on April 12, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The piano and band students will be playing selected pieces.

If anyone would like to showcase a musical talent, please let your teacher or Ms. Cooper know by April 10th. This event is open to all congregational members as well. For that evening, TLS students may bring in 2 or 3 art projects to display in the Fireside Room if they wish. Please have all art projects brought in by the morning of April 12.

### **CLASS PLAYS**

The students at Trinity Lutheran School are really excited about their class plays. This year each classroom will perform a play. The play dates are:

- Thursday, April 25, Preschool-3rd grade will present their play at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 26, Grades 4-8 will perform their play at 6:30 p.m.

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

<b>April 14</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>April 18</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Communion Service
<b>April 19</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Tenebrae Service
<b>April 21</b>	<b>EASTER</b>  <b>SONG SERVICE</b> <b>7:00 AM</b>  <b>BRUNCH 8:00 AM</b>  <b>FESTIVAL SERVICE</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>

## **LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

Jesus loved us so much that.....

He chose to be captured and bound by the Jews to set us free—we who had been bound by the chains of sin—and to save us from eternal damnation.

He was accused by false witnesses in the presence of the assembly so we would not be accused on account of God's law by Satan.

He was condemned on earth so we would be absolved in heaven.

He who committed no sin, was silent when accused of sins so that we would not be forced to be silent when are brought into the judgment of God because of our sins.

He sustained the weight of the cross to remove from us the weight of eternal punishment.

He cried out that he was forsaken by God so he could prepare an eternal cohabitation with God for us.

He was judged to free us from the judgment of God.

He was prosecuted as a criminal so we criminals could be pardoned.

He called out in pain to save us from eternal wailing.

He felt the pains of hell through and through so we would never feel them.

He was crowned with thorns to obtain for us the heavenly crown.

He suffered for all to furnish salvation for all.

He was darkened in death to give us the light of heavenly glory.

He heard disgust and contempt so we could hear angelic jubilation in heaven.

Do not despair then, O faithful soul. You have offended the infinite Good with your sins, but an infinite price has been paid. You ought to be judged for your sins, but the Son of God has already been judged for the sins of the whole world, which he took upon Himself. Your sins ought to be punished, but God already punished them in His Son.

The above are excerpts from Sacred Meditations by Johann Gerhard first published in 1606. These portions are taken from the translation done by Wade Johnston published in 2008 by Magdeburg Press, pages 40-42.