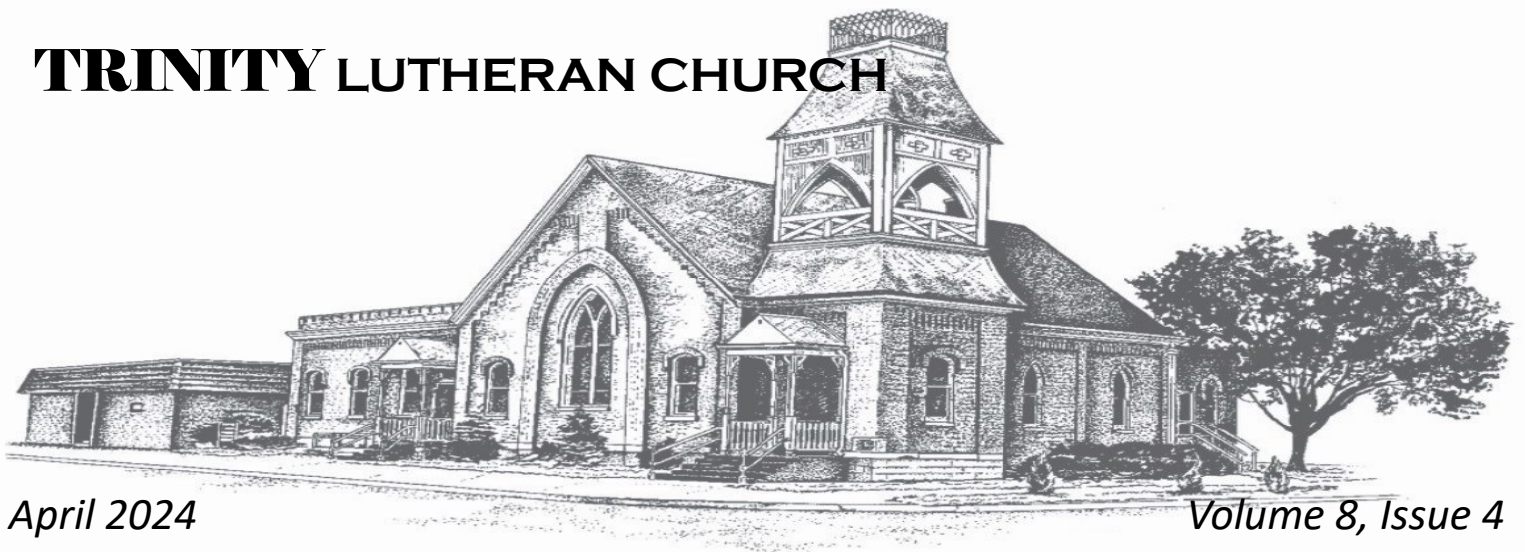


TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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The Newsletter

Christ is risen!
Alleluia!

Special Dates

Earth Day, April 22, 2024

Administrative Professionals Day, April 24, 2024

Arbor Day, April 26, 2024

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One Easter morning, a Sunday school teacher decided to see how much her class knew about the true meaning of Easter. One of the little girls quickly raised her hand. "Yes, Sarah?" the teacher called.

"Easter is when all of my aunts and uncles come to my house to eat turkey, watch football, and take naps," she said.

"No, Sarah, that's Thanksgiving." Another student raised his hand. "Yes, Billy?" she asked.

"Last Easter, we decorated a tree, sang songs, and got lots of presents," he answered.

"No, Billy, that was Christmas," she replied. Now the teacher was getting a bit nervous. "Does anyone know what Easter is?"

"I know," little Emily said, confidently standing to her feet. "Easter is a special day to remember that Jesus was hung on a cross, died, and put in a tomb for three days."

"Very good, Emily!" the teacher said with a sigh of relief. "Now, class, we're going to..."

"And on the third day, everyone gathers around the tomb," Emily continued. "And they wait to see if Jesus comes out, and if he sees his shadow, that means six more weeks of winter...."

As funny as that is, many people think that being a Christian is nothing more than going to church and obeying a bunch of rules. In doing so, they miss out on the wonderful, life-transforming power of the gospel message. Easter is so much more than just another holiday like Thanksgiving or Groundhog Day. It's a time when we pause to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice, death on the cross, victory over sin and the grave, and his ultimate gift of salvation and eternal life with him!

Whether you celebrate this Easter, or it's just "another day" to you, I challenge you to contemplate and seriously consider what has occurred. I challenge you to explore this renewed relationship with the living God. Your sins no longer keep you from a loving, caring God! This is wonderful news! We know how God loves us, so I challenge you to examine how you love God. If you think you might be off the mark a bit, make the adjustments and move forward. There is no condemnation! Heaven isn't a place for people who are afraid of hell, heaven is a place for people who LOVE God! This is a season of renewal and love. Heaven and eternal life have been given to you because you have been made righteous through Jesus Christ!

Have a blessed Easter!

Pastor Mike

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Bible questions? Worship questions? What would you like to know?

Please send your questions to:

Pastor Mike at michaelwikstrom@me.com or
the office at tlcabilene@eaglecom.net

Christian Symbol



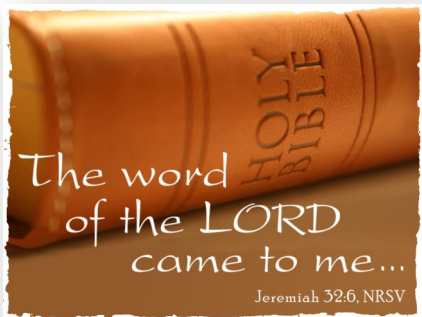
VICTOR'S CROSS — Also called the conqueror's cross, the victor's cross is composed of the Greek cross, recognized by its four equal arms, adorned with Greek letters in each quadrant. The top left letters stand for *Jesus* and the top right letters stand for *Christ* (the horizontal lines above them indicate that they are abbreviations). The four letters across the bottom spell the Greek word for *conqueror*.

Member News



March 3 during worship Ruby Kohman made her First Communion. A reception was held following the service to celebrate her. Congratulations Ruby!

Refresh Your Mind



BIBLE STUDY NOTES

We would love to have you join us for any of our Bible studies!

SUNDAY MORNING

Each Sunday morning at 9:30 our Sunday school has a discussion about the readings for the day.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Bible Study Sunday evenings at 6:00 with Mike Padgett.

TUESDAY MORNING

Bible Study Tuesdays at 10:00am with Ken Russell.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Fellowship & Bible Study at 6:00pm on Wednesdays.

Community Outreach

APRIL NOISY OFFERING:

ELSIE BROOKS MEMORIAL CANCER FUND

BEST CHOICE UPC LABELS

We are collecting Best Choice UPC Labels to be given for Community Meal. There are boxes in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the labels.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will be collecting STUFFED ANIMALS in April.

There will be a bin in Bergstresser Hall for all donations!

Samaritan's Purse has suggested items of the month for packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, and for April it is Stuffed Animals.

Everyone has a love of stuffed animals! Those little, fluffy creatures and characters are a perfect addition to our shoeboxes!



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NALC News

The NALC is Growing!



THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH IS NOW

500

CONGREGATIONS STRONG!

*When the NALC was formed in 2010, it began with 17 charter congregations.
This week, we grew to 500 congregations! Thanks be to God!*

There are **64** congregations actively seeking to call a pastor. There are 42 openings for full-time ministry and 22 congregations are in need of a part-time pastor.

NALC YOUTH GATHERING

Get excited because it's almost time for our first NALC Continental Youth Gathering (CYG). Make plans to join us July 1-4 at St. John Lutheran Church in Boerne, Texas. Youth grades 6-12 are invited. You can find all the information at cyg.thenalc.org.

In addition to multiple age-appropriate Bible studies led by NALC pastors, we will be engaging in several mission projects within the Boerne community and packing kits for disaster relief. We're also looking forward to a true Texas rodeo, fun night spots, and all the fellowship of gathering with Lutheran teens from across the continent.

We are looking forward to a faith-filled youth gathering. Don't miss out. We belong to Christ, we belong to His Church, we belong to community, and we belong to each other. You belong with us for this gathering!



WE BELONG
"I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME"

Registration deadline for the Continental Youth Gathering is April 15.

If you are already registered watch for information emails starting in May. We are so excited to make this event happen!

If you have any questions about the CYG or just want to get excited with other leaders contact Pastor Teresa Peters, NALC Youth and Family Ministry director, at tpeters@thenalc.org.

Did you know? Pastor Mike is one of the speakers at the Youth Gathering!

In Our Prayers



Please remember in your prayers:

Jim Foster	Courtney Clark
Jean Weeks	Marty Becker
Ron Brunner	Fred Coliglazier
Francis Hammond	Monte Dautel
Dave Cook	Cathy Brundage
Bailey Holley	Bob McVicker
Roger Swenson	Margaret Kilgore

Prayer Partner

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, SC: Pray for their preschool, Mother's Day Out, and their committees and life groups.

Foundation Christian Academy

Please keep the school in your prayers as they journey through their first school year.

If you have a prayer concern to be added or removed, please call or email the office or drop a prayer request in the Sunday offering plate.

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer. Ephesians 6:18

Celebrating You

Celebrating You: 3rd Sunday of each month.

If you are interested in hosting a Celebrating You Sunday; a sign-up sheet is available in Bergstresser Hall.



BIRTHDAYS

April 3:	Jim Foster
April 9:	Mary Feller
April 10:	Gracie Erichsen
April 12:	Lorna Davis
	Rylie Volkman

ANNIVERSARIES

April 5:	Steve & Jacque Foster
April 12:	Allen & Teresa Hudson

Your date is very special to us and we don't want to miss it. If your birthday or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, please contact the office, so our records can be updated. Thank you.

Serving this Month

Selection of worship assistants is assigned for a calendar year. If you find a conflict in where you are listed to help for worship, please visit with the Worship Committee. Thanks to all for accepting your worship assignments.

	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
Organist	Jennifer A.	Jennifer A.	Jennifer A.	Jennifer A.
Announce & Prayers	Nancy G.	Cecilia H.	Debbie H.	Georgia R.
Greeter	Debbie H.	Allen H.	Gary L.	Dan R.
Greeter	Terri B.	Teresa H.	Rocky L.	Georgia R.
Reader	Debbie H.	Mindee R.	Georgia R.	Mary R.
Camera	Jaden R.	Kody C.	Cecilia H.	Allen H.
Usher(s)			Allen H.	
Comm Helper	Layton R.	Terri B.	Kody C.	Debbie H.
Altar Guild			Rocky L./Jackie S.	
Liturgist/Comm			Teresa or Brian when available	





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Abilene Duplicate Bridge	3 6:00pm Fellowship & Bible Study	4	5	6
7 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Bible Study	8	9 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Abilene Duplicate Bridge	10 1:00pm CM Prep 4:30pm Worship Committee 6:00pm Fellowship & Bible Study	11 1:00pm CM Prep	12 1:00pm CM Prep	13
14 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Bible Study	15 <i>Community Meal @ CBC 9:00am CM Prep</i>	16 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Abilene Duplicate Bridge	17 6:00pm Fellowship & Bible Study	18	19	20
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GRADUATION SUNDAY
MAY 12



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