



He Is Risen! Alleluia! Let's Celebrate!

After careful consideration and discussion of safety protocols, your Church Council and our Worship Leaders **invite you to celebrate Easter on April 4th as an In-Person Worship Service at Trinity at 10:00 am.** For those who prefer to continue to “attend” virtually, the service will be streamed live on Zoom and on FaceBook. In order to keep everyone safe and follow evidence-based guidelines, we have a wonderful team of volunteers who are working out the details of how to gather together in the sanctuary for worship on Easter Sunday. **YOU are an important part of final steps** in the planning process! This is why you are receiving our monthly Glad Tidings early.

Our capacity for attendance is increased by state guidelines now. Given that it is Easter Sunday, we do want to plan carefully, so **we ask that you call Cassie in the church office to RSVP for you and your family to participate in the service at church.** How many from your family can join us? Call 315-866-6474 and leave a message if Cassie is not available. Having this information in advance will help us accommodate safety and personal needs. We are also excited to offer Communion as part of this service. Music will be provided for us by Jerry Manning and Sue Kubica; we will be able to hum along from the safety of our seats and behind our masks.

Safety protocols will be followed.

- As you enter the building, your temperature will be taken and personal information will be verified.
- Wearing masks for congregation members will be required for the full service.
- Volunteers will assist in the flow of entry and seating. As you enter the sanctuary, individual servings of Communion elements will be provided for consumption at our seats instead of at the Communion railing. An offering plate will be available at that point also.
- Once you are seated, we ask that you do not leave your seat except for necessary personal needs.

Please know that the team making these plans for our return to the Sanctuary has been mindful of everyone's safety and the faith-based tenets of taking care of our brothers, sisters, neighbors and community. We look forward to being together again for a wonderful Easter Sunday at Trinity! **Please RSVP for your attendance by Thursday, April 1 for our planning purposes.**

What You Can Expect When You Attend an In-Person Service

- Everyone in attendance is healthy and has had no known Covid exposure.
- Everyone will wear a face covering, in compliance with TLC Council policy.
- Worship leaders will provide the service from the altar area; congregation members will be seated during the service.
- Two large screens on both sides of the sanctuary will provide information for the service. At this time, no paper bulletins will be used.
- Adequate air flow in the building will be provided.
- Social distancing will be maintained.
- Access to restrooms will be available.

What You Can Expect When You Attend a Virtual Service

We give thanks for our opportunity to also worship virtually, streaming the live worship service into homes. Setting up a “Communion Table” at home is encouraged as a way to fully experience the service. It could look like:

- Lighting a candle.
- Filling a small bowl with water.
- Gathering a plate with bread, and a small cup of wine or juice.

Looking Beyond Easter Sunday

Church leaders will carefully evaluate the safety and success of our Easter service. If all goes well, we will hold **in-person Worship services on April 18 and April 25**, following all the same procedures. The Pandemic is not over, so careful attention to safety must guide decisions. As some area churches have found, a return to virtual services can happen at any time. Information will be shared weekly in our Weekly Announcements email that we hope you receive!

The Upstate NY Synod is offering a virtual service to all churches on April 11. Trinity will participate in that broadcast via Zoom, Facebook, and our website.

| Date | Worship Leader | Format |
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| April 4 | Dean Gail Wolling | RSVP to attend In Person or join us Virtually |
| April 11 | Bishop - SYNOD | Zoom/Facebook |
| April 18 | Patsy Glista | RSVP to attend In Person or join us Virtually |
| April 25 | Deacon David Grindle | RSVP to attend In Person or join us Virtually |

*All in person worship services are subject to change to virtual only if Covid status changes.

Church Office Hours

Cassie will be in the office Monday-Thursday 10am-1pm, and at other various times throughout the week. Please contact her at 315-866-6474 or cbecker@trinityherkimer.org and she will be happy to assist you with any of your church needs.

Trinity's Safe Use of Space Policy

Trinity's Council has reviewed and updated our Covid Safety Procedures for the church building. **If a person has any symptom of illness, that individual should not enter the church building.** Wearing **face covering** is **MANDATORY IN ALL PARTS OF THE BUILDING**. Please use the hand sanitizer and sign in on the form at the bottom of the stairs. If you are with other people, maintain social distance. Since we don't clean the building after each person exits, compliance with safe practices is important.

Stay connected with us weekly

Do you receive our weekly announcements in your email? Go to our website or contact Cassie at 315-866-6474 or cbecker@trinityherkimer.org to sign up!

Serving and Sharing

The food pantry box and Box for Sox continue to be located on the parsonage porch for donations. As we look toward spring and Earth day, another highway clean-up is in the planning stages. Want to become more involved? Contact Sue Harkins, JoAnn Blaise, or any member of the Serving and Sharing Team.

Easter Donations for Salvation Army

If you feel led to support our local Food Pantry as part of the Easter season, please mail checks directly to the Salvation Army 429 North Prospect St Herkimer, NY 13350. Remember to write "food pantry" on the memo line.

With your support we were able to have another successful SOUPer Bowl!

THANK YOU!
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church's 2021 Collection
raised:
\$40 and 55 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.


tacklehunger.org

February 7, 2021


Alison Reese
Executive Director
Souper Bowl of Caring

Faith Formation/Learning BOOK GROUP

It was a joy for nine members of the TLC Book Group to gather at Harriet Neff's home recently to share reading experiences over these past months. The Book Group will meet again on Friday, April 16th to discuss two books. News of the World by Paulette Giles and Bookshop at the Shore by Jenny Colgan will be the books for discussion. The gathering will again be held at Harriet's house. Contact her at 315-868-9977 or 315-219-5355.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS of PRAYER: 🙏

"Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be shaken."
Psalm 55:22

Prayer Notes:

Wow!!!! What a promise from our Lord ! The psalmist is making it known that those who turn to God, in prayer, can forever trust in His faithfulness. YES 😊

Faithfulness: Making FAITH a living
reality in one's life.

The faithfulness of God is described as:

Psalm 119:90. - Everlasting

Psalm 89:2. - Established

Psalm 89:33. - Unfailing

Psalm 36:5. - Unfailing

Psalm 89:8. - Incomparable

Lamentation 3:23 - Great

The faithfulness of God is manifested in:

Isaiah 25:1. - Counsels

John 1:9. - Forgiving sins

1 Kings 8:20 - Promises

Manifested in:

Matthew 24:45 - God's Service

John 3:5. - Helping others

Illustrated in the lives of:

Galatians 3:9. - Abraham

Numbers 13:8. - Moses

2Samual 22:22-25. - David

Acts 4:8-12. - Peter

Acts 17:16,17- Paul

The above are just a few bible verses describing God's faithfulness to us and our faithfulness to God.

Prayerfully read these verses and let the Holy Spirit guide and direct our hearts 😊 to God's Will for our lives. Amen!

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal/family matters, please call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379.

Volunteer Schedule

As needed, the following have volunteered as counters:

- March 28th and April 4th - Cathy Mayton-Collins and JoAnn Blaise
- April 11th and April 18th - TBD
- April 25th and May 2nd - TBD

If you are available to volunteer for counting, please contact Cassie in the office at Cbecker@TrinityHerkimer.org or 315-866-6474. Thank you! Your help is greatly appreciated.

Stewardship

Thanks to everyone who has continued to mail offerings to church (443 Henry Street, Herkimer, NY 13350) or continue to use Simply Giving. The mission of the church continues throughout the pandemic. If you wish to receive more information about giving directly to Trinity through the Thrivent Simply Giving Program, please contact Wendy DeLuca at wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org.

Our Church Family

God's children in need of prayer and support:

Marilynn, Tillie, Eleanor, Steve, Tom, Peter, Gary, Ann, Millie, Bill, Dolly, Rose, Mike, Jan, Ernie, Loren Jr, Ron, John, Nancy, Esther, Judy, Ed, Rich, Jennifer, Irene, Felix, all those touched by Covid-19 virus, and all those on Trinity's prayer chain.

Our prayers are with the family and friends of Dwane Aney who went to be with our Lord on March 10, 2021. May God's peace and comfort be with Jean, his wife, remembering our Lord's promise of life eternal in Christ Jesus.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Kristin Omerzu | Justin Manning | Joshua Hinckley |
| Morgan Lynn Rivers | Dan Collins | Heather Marusic |
| Margaret K. Jones | Pam Stafford | Leah Donnelly |
| Timothy Smith, Jr. | Stephen Osley | Martin Collins |
| Ellen Olson | Joshua Neff | Veronica Gerdau |
| Mildred Jwaskiewicz | Stephanie Merena | Cooper Jordan |
| Caden Marusic | Nancy Pollak | Lucas Rivers |
| Medisyn Lyle | Brittany Engert | Megan Stewart |
| Wesley Stewart | Carlianna Stafford | Peter J. Bunn |
| Richard Savarese | Robine Snow | Allison Maguire |
| Ruth Wicks | Jeremy Hinckley | Reese Capozzi |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Tracy & Matt Stewart

You can send news for the upcoming issue to Tidings@trinityherkimer.org. Justina, Cassie and Ann will all receive the email. We appreciate feedback and ideas to improve our newsletter too!

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Worship With Us From Anywhere!

Call on your landline phone, use your computer, receive a DVD, or receive a printed copy of the sermon!

Herkimer County Public Health is Here to Help

Covid-19 vaccines are available for those who are homebound. If you are in need, Please contact Melissa at 315-867-1565 or Cassie at the office 315-866-6474.