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QUAKES, FEAR AND JOY

*By Pastor Lisa A. Smith April 10, 2023
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I'd always skimmed over the earthquake in Matthew's resurrection story (28:1-10) until I was in "a big one." I live in Alaska. There hadn't been "a big one" in my part of the state since Good Friday 1964, when a 9.2 shaker on the Richter scale destroyed homes, killed dozens and forced the relocation of Southcentral Alaska coastal towns decimated by tidal waves.

Scientists warned there would eventually be another big one here. I was making breakfast for my children in 2018 when it hit—a 7.1 quake. I was downstairs with the 2-year-old when the shaking started. I knew I was supposed to shelter in place—stop moving!—but my 5-year-old was somewhere upstairs alone, and he started screaming. I was filled with terror. Bookshelves flung their contents; photos sailed off the mantle. The shaking was the hardest I'd ever felt, and it just kept going.

I grabbed my toddler and tried to run upstairs, but the shaking made it difficult to walk. A massive chandelier was swinging wildly above my head, and I saw the folly in climbing the stairs under it while holding a toddler. Glass shattered upstairs. My 5-year-old was still screaming. Was he hurt? I was screaming. We were all afraid.

After less than a minute of shaking, which felt like an hour, everything was still. I went upstairs and stopped short: a sea of broken glass filled the hall and bathroom floor. A wall-mounted bathroom mirror had shattered and sent shards throughout the hall, nearly into my son's bedroom. My son, who I thought might have been in the bathroom, was safe on his bedroom floor. I felt a moment of joy amid the terror.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary who walked to the tomb went there expecting death. They were already traumatized by the terror of seeing their beloved Jesus beaten and executed. Then the earth began to quake, and they were afraid all over again.

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Instead of broken glass, they saw blinding light and an angel, who shone with painful brightness. Do not be afraid, the

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Luther and Lutheranism

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michaelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, “captivated with an



extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans.”

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. “I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God.” Then, in

the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a “merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God’s mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, “Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.”

This discovery set Luther’s life on a new course — both his own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher.

When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God’s unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise.

His 95 Theses or Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society.

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Earthquake, Continued....

angel said, he has been raised. The women were still filled with terror but something else crept in—great joy. They ran to tell the disciples and met the risen Lord on the way.

The Easter story is one of interwoven fear and joy—the same is true in our lives. We don’t have to live on a fault line to feel the ground move beneath our feet. We have all felt the earth quake, so to speak. It’s the phone call that begins with “sit down.” It’s the doctor with bad news from the PET scan. It’s the realization that you can’t fix the relationship. It’s the realization that you can’t fix your child. It’s another month when the money runs out before the month does. We have all lived through some kind of earth-quaking experience. We have all felt fear.

Yet sometimes it is precisely in the shaking that we get a glimpse of great joy. Someone you love is holding your hand. A member of your church brings a hot meal. A Scripture verse brings a word of comfort. God’s peace comes unexpectedly. Someone offers you forgiveness. Someone sits quietly beside you.

The women at the tomb didn’t suddenly drop their fears when they learned that Jesus was alive. The women ran to tell the good news while they were full of fear and joy. The same may be true for us. They were afraid, but they went anyway. They didn’t go alone—they had each other—and as they went, they found Jesus. I can think of worse metaphors for the life of a disciple.

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Right after the quake of 2018, my children and I were together on the floor of my older son’s room when the first big aftershock came, a 5.7. Aftershocks always come after a big quake, and you can’t predict them. The aftershock was another big jolt, but this time it was different. We sat with our arms around each other and a few stuffed animals thrown in for good measure. We were afraid but thankful to be together.

“No storm can shake my inmost calm” read the words of the hymn “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 763). This is not entirely true when I’m relying on a calm I must manufacture. I can’t manufacture it. But God can. Our inner calm is God’s own peace, given by the Spirit.

What I know from Christ’s death and resurrection is that God doesn’t promise a life of steady ground. God promises God’s presence in the shaking and the joy of God’s loving embrace.

God says to us what Jesus said to those fearful and joyful women at the tomb: you will see me. It’s a solid foundation on which to rest.

Come and See

TLC Krafty Kids

Mother's Day Craft

Surprise Mom for Mother's day

- * 2 cards to pick from/make/and give to Mom
- * 2 crafts to pick from/make/as a gift to Mom
- * FREE Wrapping

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
3201 Meadow Drive, Rolling Meadows

When: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

TRINITY LADIES GROUP

May 09, our Trinity ladies group will be meeting at 12 noon, Sharp!

Bring your lunch plus a refreshing beverage.

We will share time together then view a movie.

Neighbors and friends are always welcome.

Lets See you on the 9th!

PRINCESS KATHY'S PARMESAN CHICKEN

- 3-4 boneless and skinless chicken breast
- 2-3 T. olive oil
- Salt/pepper
- ¼ c. crushed Durkham fried onions
- ¼ c. breadcrumbs
- ¼ c. good Parmesan
- ¼ c. butter, melted

Heat oven to 350.

If necessary, smack chicken like I occasionally have to do with Rick to even out thicknesses. Coat each breast with oil and then season.

Place into a baking dish with sides. Mix the crushed fried onions, breadcrumbs, and Parmesan. Spoon over chicken. Drizzle with melted butter. Bake 30-35 minutes or until cooked through.

From The Kitchen Of Kathy Johnson

METROPOLITAN CHICAGO SYNOD ASSEMBLY

In Jesus' Name. Proclaim the Gospel. **Make Disciples.** Do Justice.

1 PETER 4:10-11

#GoodSTEWardship



**36TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:
IN JESUS' NAME – MAKE DISCIPLES
Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Q CENTER

1405 N. 5TH AVE., ST. CHARLES, IL 60174

Like To Attend? See Pastor John

Financial Update: General Fund 2023

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)
January	\$ 10,607.10	\$ 13,876.34	\$ (3,269.24)
February	\$ 9,811.68	\$ 13,689.80	\$ (3,878.12)
March	\$ 15,415.88	\$ 13,223.68	\$ 2,192.20
Total Jan-Mar 2023	\$ 35,834.66	\$ 40,789.82	\$ (4,955.16)

Donations can be made electronically from your smartphone using the "Vanco Mobile" app, available from the App Store or Google Play, or the Donations link on our website tlcrm.com or our secure website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home>

Thank you for your continued support!

TRINITY'S WELFARE FUNDS - HELPING OTHERS

Trinity occasionally receives requests from people who need financial assistance. They may need help paying for car repairs, food, gasoline, utilities, or rent for example.

Trinity has two funds that were set up for this purpose many years ago. Welfare Fund 1 is to help people from the community.

Welfare Fund 2 is to help people from Trinity. Requests for help have exceeded donations to these funds over the past few years, so it is time to ask for your help to replenish these funds.

To donate, you can put cash or a check in the offering basket. For cash, write Welfare Fund 1 or Welfare Fund 2 on the envelope.

Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and write Welfare Fund 1 or Welfare Fund 2 on the memo line of the check.

You can also donate online from your checking account or with a charge card by using the Vanco Mobile App on your smartphone or by going to Trinity's website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home>.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OTHERS BY DONATING TO THESE FUNDS.



COME AND SEE

TLC Markets











WHEN: The 3rd Saturday of the Month

WHERE: Trinity Lutheran Church
3201 Meadow Drive, Rolling Meadows

TIME: 9:00am to 2:00pm



2023 Easter Brunch Photos

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM</p> <p>10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner</p> <p>11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm Fellowship Ministry</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Masihi Church of God Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p> <p>1:00pm TLC Krafty Kids - Mother's Day Craft</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM</p> <p>10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner</p> <p>11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>   <p>Girl Scouts</p> <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study</p> <p>12:00pm Talk, Lunch, Crafts - TLC Ladies Club</p> <p>4:30pm Girl Scouts - Troop 45736</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM</p> <p>10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner</p> <p>11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>7:00pm TLC Council Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>9:00am Trinity Markets</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM</p> <p>10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner</p> <p>11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM</p> <p>10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner</p> <p>11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> 	<p>30</p>  <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00pm Masihi Church of God Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p>

Uh Oh!! MISSED CHURCH?

DON'T WORRY ALL OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ARE RECORDED AND UPLOADED TO YOUTUBE FOR VIEWING ANYTIME!

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May Birthdays

- Shirley Powell 05
- Denise Wendt 24
- Ray Kaese 25
- Ron Hedke 27