



The R.L.C. Mid-Week News: 03/17/2021

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in the community and the world"*

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Holy Week Begins March 28, 2021

2021 HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES



**PALM
SUNDAY**
March 28

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**
April 1

**GOOD
FRIDAY**
April 2

**EASTER
SUNDAY**
April 4

Richfield Lutheran Church will remain closed to in-person worship through April 2021 but will have a full complement of online and audio worship options available for everyone to access through our digital platforms for the remainder of Lent, Holy Week and into the Easter season.

VIDEO WORSHIP VIA YOUTUBE:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCULV7ieJedcPUzrVjP120Mg>

DIAL-A-WORSHIP PHONE AUDIO OPTION:

612-474-4974

With the decrease in COVID-19 cases, the vaccinated population on the rise and the state limitations for worship gatherings removed, RLC leadership is developing a limited in-person worship reopen option on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month starting in May. At this time, our first planned worship is scheduled for:

May 02, 2021 @ 9:15 a.m.

Look for more details in future issues as planning continues ☺

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From Pastor Brian Mundt

In-Person Worship: With Easter and with spring come the promise of new life and of hope. We knew this day would come! And now—knock on wood—it appears America and Minnesota are gaining the upper hand

on COVID. Of course, now is not the time to become complacent or let our guard down. We have a ways to go yet, and there are those mutant strains. Still, let us celebrate hope!

Council approved resuming in-person worship on the first and third Sundays, starting May 2nd, at 9:15 a.m. There'll be no congregational singing at first, though we will have the organ and a cantor. And we'll hold off on celebrating communion until we work out the details there. And, of course, no fellowship hour for now.

While many of us have completed our COVID vaccinations, many of us (*including me!*) have yet to schedule our first shot! So, we need to "turn the dial" cautiously for all. Video, phone-in, and Zoom worship will continue as well.

So, huzzah! That's our plan. We expect the services will become more complete and more regular as time goes by. At the same time, in case there is a pandemic rebound or a mutant strain, we'll need to "dial back" again.

Council: Speaking of council, welcome Richfield Lutheran's new council: President Susan Anderson, Vice President Patty Evans, Secretary Bridget Gorshe, Treasurer Cathy Salin, Outreach Liaison Jim Pemberton, Property Liaison LeRoy Weibel, Worship Liaison Shirley Evenstad, and Youth member Emily Shultz.

Synod Assembly will be Friday-Saturday, **April 23-24**, all via Zoom this year. 6-9 pm on Friday, 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday. If you're interested, please let me or Susan Anderson know.

~Pastor Brian

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From Mary Beth Weibel

Director of Outreach Ministries

"And if he finds one, truly I tell you, the shepherd rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost."

Parable of Lost Sheep (Matthew 18:13-14)

This weekend I was at a synod workshop on the future of Young Adult Ministry in the 21st Century. It was led by the University of MN Lutheran Campus Pastor, Kate Reuer-Welton. She provided great incite to the young adult world – both in church and in community. Here are 'take-aways' of interest:

- 1-Young adults (*confirmed teens-35 yr*) are identified as the 'lost sheep' of the flock by most churches and young adults themselves.
- 2- Young adults don't want be seen as only byproducts of their parents in congregational life.
- 3- Through absence and online burnout, large amounts of this demographic have faded away from connection to a church community during COVID .
- 4- Young Adults look for church thru side door entrances; As in: Belong To—Behave Like—Believe In
- 5-Acceptance of a diverse herd will cultivate more possibilities for a sustainable community blend.
- 6- Gracious acceptance of equity in support for this age group who gives and serves of time and talents far more readily than through financial treasures.
- 7-Community is key. Anxiety, depression, isolation and loneliness of this age group is 2-3 times higher than the adult national average.

I'm not sure how we will achieve attracting this demographic again post-pandemic at RLC but I'm committed to where God is leading and calling us. I ask for your prayers in support of the lost sheep in the world! There are many and they need us.

Peace to your day,

~Mary Beth

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From Bonnie Nichols

Bonnie, Bonnie quite con-tronnie(?) How does your garden grow?

It may not rhyme well and it's definitely not cockleshells and silver bells and three maids all in a row. It's more like orchids tall and cuttings all and three poinsettias all in a row.

The back counter behind Bonnie's desk is "plant central" for RLC. It is here that plants in need of attention can thrive in the south sunlight of the office space under Bonnie's TLC.

Bonnie's secret? She will tell you it is not her green thumb. *"I just ignore them and water once in awhile,"* she remarks off-handedly. Needless to say, it is a rare day to get one Christmas poinsettia from 2019 to re-bloom but Bonnie has managed to coax new blooms out of three church poinsettias! And bring orchids to bloom repeated with bold color. And just in case you don't believe us – here's a picture to prove it. Enjoy!



~Bonnie Nichols

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There are no articles this week from Lynn Hoskins, Randy O'Brien, or Meggy Wagner

**No Computer? No Problem!
Try "Dial-A-Worship"**



Call: 612-474-4974

- New Wednesday Lenten Worship will be available each Monday morning in Lent.
- New Sunday worship audios posted every Friday!

ONLINE GIVING

The work of RLC continues to move forward in new ways to help spread God's mission and ministry in these times. We rely on your generous offering giving, pledges and special gifts to help make that happen. Here are the ways you can support RLC through your giving this year:

- Your offering check can be mailed to:
Richfield Lutheran Church
8 West 60th Street
Minneapolis MN 55419
- For those who prefer online giving – you can connect through the new, secure online giving link on the new RLC website at:
<https://richfield-lutheran.org/give/>

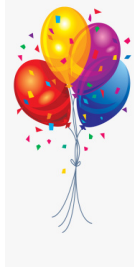
(our current online giving/donation link is only set up for credit card payments at this time; however, we are working fast to provide a direct link for payments via your banking accounts shortly.)

**March 17 – Happy St. Patrick's Day
With An Irish Blessing to All**



Happy Birthday To You!

3/1 Merle Benson Judy Dykes
 3/5 Sharon Lundgren
 3/8 Allen Carlson
 3/13 Helga Wittig
 3/18 Patricia Schwamm
 3/20 Orlen Hovila Paul Johnson
 3/23 Patty Evans



DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

March 17: Psalm 107:1-16
 March 18: Hebrews 4:1-13
 March 19: Hebrews 4:14-5:4
 March 20: John 12:1-11
Sunday, March 21: John 12:20-33
 March 22: Isaiah 43:8-13
 March 23: Isaiah 44:1-8
 March 24: Psalm 119:9-16
 March 25: Philippians 2:1-11
 March 26: Psalm 118:1-2, 13-29
 March 27: Mark 10:32-34, 46-52
Palm Sunday, March 28: Mark 14:1-15:47
 March 29: Isaiah 42:1-9
 March 30: Isaiah 49:1-7
 March 31: John 13:21-32



JOIN US FOR "Luck O' The Irish" Online Trivia Night

MARCH 17th

St. Patrick's Day Online Trivia

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89094262051>

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

You can play with just a pen and paper by your side. Fun for all ages every week! Seasonal and holiday fun during the year! Join the fun - invite your friends. No prizes - just bragging rights!



RLC CHURCH WEBSITE UPDATE



The new church website has been "live" for two weeks now and running quite well. We would love to have you visit the the new, easy to navigate site and give us some feedback.

Additionally, please help us spread the word and let people know about the new church website. There, you can view online worship videos, view the church calendar, see photos, print resources, see what's happening in RLC's Mission and Ministry or make an offering contribution, mission gift or ministry donation securely – all through a convenient online giving portal.

Click and view at:

www.richfield-lutheran.org

Website feedback can be sent to: mbweibel@usa.net

As a reminder, here is a handy large-print guide to the many ways you can connect to the Richfield Lutheran Church Community of Faith.

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[@rlctheatercompany](https://www.instagram.com/rlctheatercompany)

WORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

As we reached the milestone of the pandemic one year anniversary, it seemed a good time to look back and see how well RLC has managed to be a faithful presence for all ages and abilities to access connection to their church and worship experiences. We are one of only a few churches in the Twin Cities area that has worship options for everyone including; video worship, Zoom worship and Audio worship. In addition to interesting stats, you can see that our numbers of worshippers has actually increased during our Stay Safe MN period.

As we prepare for resuming in-person worship options this spring, this time in pandemic has allowed us to be more aware of the needs of our community and their ability to access worship in more than a Sunday morning experience. When the community of faith resumes in-person worship, there is a realization that we will resume in a “both/and” model of worship presence with the needs for “both in-person and on-line” options available for people to be connected in faith.

Not everyone is going to want to resume in-person immediately and RLC is committed to continuing our on-line presence as well so all people have worship options available to them through the rest of the year. And, after one year of isolation, we also realize that for some, worshipping in-person on a regular basis is no longer possible due to health and mobility restrictions.

Numbers are only a part of the picture – but an important snapshot into the world around us – and afar. With digital worship, we can connect locally and even globally as needed with just one click of a button or dial of a phone. People who cannot attend in person Sunday mornings now have the option to engage in online worship at their convenience on the weekends. In a nutshell, RLC has managed to provide worship options for everyone. Please help us spread the Good News of Jesus in our Lent and Easter season journey by inviting or connecting someone to worship with us this week!

(Stats located in right column)

WORSHIP STATS: 03/18/20 – 03/12/21

(as of 3/12/21)	YouTube	Zoom	Phone-In	TOTAL	Rolling, 4-Wk Average	Monthly Average
Wed, Mar 18	0	0	0	0		
Sun, Mar 22	0	0	0	0		
Wed, Mar 25	0	0	0	0		
Sun, Mar 29	0	12	0	12		
Wed, Apr 1	16	0	0	32		156
Palm Sun, Apr 5	46	12	0	104	104	
M Thu, Apr 9	21	0	0	42		
G Fri, Apr 10	35	0	0	70		
Easter Sun, Apr 12	96	15	0	207	156	
Sun, Apr 19	44	15	0	103	138	
Sun, Apr 26	26	14	0	66	120	
Sun, May 3	30	14	0	74	113	83
Sun, May 10	28	10	40	106	87	
Sun, May 17	27	14	19	87	83	
Sun, May 24	22	10	17	71	85	
Pentecost Sun, May 31	22	12	20	76	85	
Trinity Sun, Jun 7	27	12	18	84	80	70
Sun, Jun 14	27	11	11	76	77	
Sun, Jun 21	12	12	12	48	71	
Sun, Jun 28	20	12	19	71	70	
Sun, Jul 5	26	10	12	74	67	70
Sun, Jul 12	22	12	13	69	66	
Sun, Jul 19	30	7	14	81	74	
Sun, Jul 26	18	6	15	57	70	
Sun, Aug 2	16	10	13	55	66	68
Sun, Aug 9	24	11	8	67	65	
Sun, Aug 16	24	11	9	68	62	
Sun, Aug 23	33	10	7	83	68	
Sun, Aug 30	26	8	9	69	72	
Sun, Sep 6	23	7	12	65	71	63
Sun, Sep 13	24	9	8	65	71	
Sun, Sep 20	20	9	10	59	65	
Sun, Sep 27	21	8	14	64	63	
Sun, Oct 4	28	6	12	74	66	82
Sun, Oct 11	27	9	14	77	69	
Sun, Oct 18	30	8	13	81	74	
Sun, Oct 25	38	9	10	95	82	
All Saints Sun, Nov 1	44	7	8	103	89	105
Sun, Nov 8	26	9	12	73	88	
Sun, Nov 15	37	14	11	99	93	
Sun, Nov 22	40	15	10	105	95	
Thanksgiving, Nov 26	15	0	0	30		
Sun, Nov 29	45	16	10	116	106	
Sun, Dec 6	51	15	10	127	119	147
Advent Special	45	0	3	93		
Sun, Dec 13	30	15	12	87	130	
Sun, Dec 20	22	15	16	75	115	
Christmas Eve, Dec 24	55	0	5	115		
Sun, Dec 27	34	15	9	92	137	
Sun, Jan 3	45	8	10	108	151	92
Sun, Jan 10	56	8	9	129	130	
Sun, Jan 17	26	7	10	69	118	
Sun, Jan 24	28	7	8	71	94	
Sun, Jan 31	34	7	6	81	88	
Sun, Feb 7	24	7	9	64	71	96
Sun, Feb 14	30	8	11	79	74	
Ash Wed, Feb 17	27	0	5	59		
Sun, Feb 21	32	6	6	76	90	
Wed, Feb 24	18	0	3	39		
Sun, Feb 28	26	8	6	66	81	
Wed, Mar 3	19	0	3	41		
Sun, Mar 7	21	0	9	51	103	
Wed, Mar 10	4	0	0	8		



Daily Bible Readings — Sunday: Numbers 18-20;

Monday: Numbers 21-24;

Tuesday: Numbers 25-27;

Wednesday: Numbers 28-30;

Thursday: Numbers 31-33;

Friday: Numbers 34-36;

Saturday: Psalms 31-32

SAME ... BUT DIFFERENT

According to some definitions, a *homophone* is a word with the *same pronunciation* as, but *different meaning* than, another word. Thus, homophones come in pairs (at least).

However, some remarkable homophones come in triples. Identify the first homophone using the clue provided. Then write two more homophones. We have done No. 1 for you.

DEFINITION OR CLUE	ANSWER (First Homophone)	Second Homophone	Third Homophone
1. Receptacle for cremains	URN	ERNE	EARN
2. In 1918, a strain of this disease killed 18 million.			
3. The number of corners near Shiprock, NM			
4. A medieval craftsmen organization			
5. Beef is a form of this.			

6. Sacred			
7. Two of something			
8. A contraction of he will			
9. A painter's paints are on it.			
10. Destitute			
11. A smaller version of a highway			
12. A cord stretched tight.			
13. Also			
14. Not here, but ...			
15. 2 nd person possessive pronoun			
16. This duct carries blood back to the heart.			
17. He walked his daughter down this.			
18. First person personal pronoun			
19. Wild, tusked porcine beast			
20. A penny is one of these.			
21. You do this to bread dough.			
22. Precipitation			
23. She regretted, or did this, the day she married him.			
24. Short for, say, the tenor version of this			
25. The Spanish word for donkey			

