

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER & DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse and Catechism (front page)

MEDITATION: Portals of Prayer/Devotion

READINGS:

Sun: 1 Sam. 17:1-19, Acts 26:1-23

Mon: 1 Sam. 17:20-47, Acts 26:24-27:8

Tues: 1 Sam. 17:48-18:9, Acts 27:9-26

Wed: 1 Sam. 18:10-30, Acts 27:27-44

Thurs: 1 Sam. 19:1-24, Acts 28:1-15

Fri: 1 Sam. 20:1-23, Acts 28:16-31

Sat: 1 Sam. 20:24-42, 1 Sam.21:1- 23:29,
1 Cor. 1:1-25

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- † Steve Heronemus, ALS
- † Leona Gilligan, cancer treatment
- † Edwin Livermore, cancer treatment
- † Tony Baker, cancer treatment
- † Barb Mallow, mother of Mike Mallow, cancer treatment
- † Kathy Struve, cousin of Diane Hennell, breast cancer treatment
- † Mary Schumann, friend of Wayne LeClair, cancer treatment
- † Joan Kostmerchok, aunt of Sarah & David Laetsch and Julie Sarabia, cancer
- † Jane Peterson-Bass, sister of Mary Ann Miller, breast cancer treatment
- † Steve Puksich, father of Tim Puksich, cancer treatment
- † Earl Jacobs, cancer treatment
- † Les Zelt, uncle of Gary Melcher, cancer treatment
- † Barbara Ruppel, cancer treatment
- † Sharon Larson, sister of Ron Mueller, cancer treatment
- † Marlys Farrelly, mother of John Farrelly, diagnoses with bone cancer
- † Ruth Riemer, upcoming surgery
- † Elmyra Krause, aunt of Pastor Mech, hospitalized
- † Kristine Tharp, granddaughter of Charles & Sharon Gerber, cystic fibrosis
- † Those currently serving our country in the military: Timothy Schwanke, Rev. Brian Banke, Harvey Utecht, Michael Schommer, Robert Badtke, Joey Henning, Lt. Robert Swanson, Andrew Kelm, Justin Herbst, Eric Nitsch
- † Seth and Shannon Hoepfner, returning home from Cambodia
- † Jeff Kelm, mission trip to Poland
- † Will Olsen, recovering from a recent hospital stay
- † Sue Slimmer, recovering from a heart procedure
- † Larry Koepsel, hospitalized
- † Bonnie McCance, daughter of Esther Divine, for healing after surgery
- † Chuck Gerber, undergoing tests
- † Family of Marla Zerger

HYMN OF THE WEEK: "Consider How the Birds Above"

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COLLECT (front page)

APOSTLES' CREED

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 1, 2010

Introit

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*

rich and poor to- | gether!

Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*
or give to God the price | of his life,
for the ransom of their life is | costly*
and can nev- | er suffice,

This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;*
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;*

Death shall be their | shepherd,

But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*
for he will re- | ceive me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*

rich and poor to- | gether!

Collect of the Day

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,*
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.

Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*

and their words to the ends | of the world.

LEARN BY HEART: COLOSSIANS 3:1-3

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

THE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 15:1–6, Hebrews 11:1–16, Luke 12:22–34

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Colossians 3:1–11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Luke 12:13–21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Notes on Today’s Divine Service

Treasures from the Church: “The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” (Romans 8:26). “It is not a bad but rather a good sign when our prayers are answered by events which seem to be the very opposite to what we have asked, just as it is not a good sign when our prayers are fulfilled exactly as we desired. The reason and cause of this is that God’s will and wisdom are high above our will and wisdom. Therefore it may come to pass that when we pray to God for something and He hears and begins to answer, that He does it in a way which runs counter to our ideas, so that it appears to us that He is more angry with us after our prayers than before, and that there is less hope of the fulfillment of our desires than before we prayed. God does all this because it is His way first to destroy what there is in us before He bestows His gifts. “And when all is hopeless and everything goes against our prayers and desires those inexpressible groanings begin. Then the ‘Spirit helpeth our infirmities’. For without the help of the Spirit it would be quite impossible for us to endure this way God has of answering our prayer and fulfilling our requests. Here the soul is bidden: Be brave! Keep your courage! Let your heart be strong, and wait upon the Lord. “And whosoever has received the Spirit receives help. For the work of God must remain hidden and unknown while it is going on, but it cannot be hidden except in a manner which is contrary to our thinking and understanding.”— Martin Luther

Today’s Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26: Solomon instructs us about the vanity of life and earthly pursuits. Without Christ, without faith, without the love of God that flows from faith all human pursuits and accomplishments are meaningless and will eventually come to ruin. Ultimately, everyone must find their delight in the Lord who is the source of all things and who alone gives meaning and significance to our lives. **Colossians 3:1-11:** The Apostle Paul calls us to put off all the self-centered works of our flesh and live in Christ, whose righteousness, love, and salvation teach us how to live as His children. **Luke 12:13-21:** God gives us the gift of daily bread not only to provide for our own personal earthly needs, but also that we might be a steward of His earthly gifts in loving service to our neighbor. Covetousness is characteristic of the sinful nature of all of us. We crave the things of this world, not to spend them on another, but to use them in the service of self. This is why Jesus warns: “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” What does one’s life consist of? One’s life consists of knowing Christ by faith and in living in His love toward others. This means that the life of charity, compassion, and mercy is both a confession of our faith in God’s mercy to us in Christ and also that which gives meaning to the lives we live toward others. The Rich Fool lived only for himself. He is the picture of the Old Adam who must be continually drowned and die through repentance and faith. To be “rich toward God” is to lay hold of Jesus alone for life and salvation. Through faith in Christ above all things, God transforms us into the very image of His Son that we might love as He loves.

The Divine Service: “Holy ground calls for holy songs. Yet some are put off by the foreign feel of the liturgy. Our ears are so jaded by the discord of modern life that harmonious texts of ancient liturgy seem stilted. Our voices are so attuned to the music of this age that the liturgy’s timeless music seems awkward. Yet the genius of the historic liturgy and hymnody of the church is that it has always managed to transcend time and space. Changing ever so slowly through the centuries, it has borrowed something from every culture it has touched, and yet it has never been bound to any one of them. Like a giant coral reef, the liturgy grows almost imperceptibly from the great deep with the accretions of the centuries. Unlike a coral reef, it teems with life throughout, the contributions of each succeeding age as alive as the one before it. The liturgy and hymns of the church pulse with life. For there God speaks His Word. And there is life in that Word. *Harold L. Senkbeil, Dying to Live the Power of Forgiveness p.128 CPH*

Sermon: The only way to enjoy this life is to hold your life, and everything in your life, in the dead, open hand of faith. To live as one who has nothing to lose, as one who is dead, because that’s what you are. You are dead to the world and alive to God in Christ. In Christ you have all the riches of heaven. You have wealth that won’t depreciate, rust, or get stolen. In Christ you have the ultimate retirement plan - eternal life with God and a seat at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. And all of it comes to you gratis, grace, a gift from God to you in Jesus.



Trinity Church Picnic
Sunday August 29th at 10 am
Kiwanis Park

- One Divine Service at 10 am at Kiwanis
- Picnic Following the Divine Service
- Trinity Band Leading the Service
- Gunter Good Times German Band
- Kick-ball Team Stenklyft vs. Team Berg, Card games, baseball, football, etc.
- Mark this date and let's enjoy a great day of Family Fellowship

Volunteer, kickball and bake sale sign up is on the table in the Lounge. Each kickball team needs 20 players. Sign up to save your spot!

CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS! Trinity needs you to share your talents at our outdoor church service at Kiwanis Park on Sunday, August 29th. So dust off those instruments, practice those scales, and get ready to join in our church band. We won't have enough people for a band unless EVERYONE participates, so mark your calendar today. We will practice on Sunday, August 22rd at 7 p.m. in the music room. Please see Brian Heinlein to pick up your music.

THRIVENT PICNIC: The second annual picnic for the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans East Sheboygan County Chapter is Wednesday evening, August 18th, 5:30 pm at Kiwanis Field House. This will include the ice cream social that was rained out with the Sheboygan A's game on July 7th. You may redeem your July 7th A's tickets at any remaining home game this summer. There will also be a presentation concerning information on how to use the Thrivent Choice program and a presenter from Lutheran High School.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP will be a fun day, full of activities at Our Redeemer (3027 Wilgus Ave. Sheboygan) on August 5th. Early registration begins at 8:00am and "Camp" starts at 9am with an Introduction by Pastor Osladil. This all-day camp is for children from 4 years old through high school. We will explore Bible stories from the book of Daniel that will help us understand, *"Sharing Christian Qualities, amid Trials and Tests."* Games, crafts, a skit, a potluck meal, and attending worship together, will be some of the activities packed into this "Day at Camp." Then we'll sit 'round the campfire, as the day comes to a close enjoying s'mores. Please call 452-0717 to register or with questions. There is no cost, just register and come. 8 - 8:59am is early registration and quiet activity time. The 'camp' begins at 9am and activities run through 5pm. Lunch is provided. A potluck supper will take place from 5 - 6:15pm. Please plan on attending the 6:30pm worship service and having a bonfire with s'mores after the service to close the day's activities.



We're There; We Care

Who am I?

Blessings to each of you! Such wonderful news I have to share. Not only am I a graduate of Trinity Lutheran Grade School, but Jesus has granted me the high honor and privilege of being a teacher in the very school that I graduated from. I never pictured myself on the other side of the desk as a teacher. Can you imagine what my students think

when I tell them that I sat in the very place where they are sitting and thought the same things that they are thinking now? With wide eyes and a curious look, they respond by saying, "are you serious?" I can only smile back at them. In fact, I love my students! I love teaching at Trinity School! I love the faculty that I'm associated with! We have a wonderful team for Jesus here at Trinity School. It is a unique opportunity to be teaching and to share God's love with his Little Lambs in all different types of settings. Whether it be at an athletic event or a gathering of some type, teaching our little ones is not a job, but a special experience I have with Jesus.

Let me take you back to my school days at Trinity School, where I graduated in 1991. Although there are fond memories on top of memories, I think of the athletic events, the confirmation retreats and the youth group gatherings where I became acquainted with so many other students in social settings. These types of events were a blast and so much fun for me. After High School, I pursued my college education at Concordia - River Forest, where I graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. Beyond my Bachelor's Degree, I have attended ongoing education courses at Cardinal Stritch University which can be applied toward a Master's Degree.

Finally, what can I say about Trinity Lutheran Church? I was baptized here, attended Sunday School here, was a student here at Trinity School, was confirmed with my confirmation class here and ultimately walked down Trinity's majestic aisle where I met my husband-to-be and Jesus at the marriage altar. Now my little girl is walking down the same path that I walked and I have the unique privilege to witness this, not only as a mother, but as a teacher for Jesus. What a gift!

Someday I shall meet Jesus face to face and I can't wait to thank Him for His great love that He has, not only for me, but for all of us. Also, I can't wait to thank Him for the abundance of blessings that He continues to provide. Do you recognize me? My name can be found on the Jesus Little Lambs display table in the Narthex.

STEWARDSHIP FOR REEL: In last Sunday's bulletin, "We're There; We Care" featured a photograph of Greg Becker. Greg is the Principal of Trinity Lutheran School.



LUTHERAN WITNESS: Anyone wishing to subscribe or renew their subscription the Lutheran Witness, please contact the church office by August 9th. The annual subscription begins in September and the cost is \$18.

MIDWEEK CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The first date for 2010-2011 Midweek School is Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 2:30 pm for 6th and 8th graders and 3:30 pm for 7th graders. If you have any questions contact Roger Buck (6th grade) or Pastor Mech (7th and 8th grades).

PRISON MINISTRY: Trinity will lead worship at Kettle Moraine Correctional Institute on Sunday, August 22. Please contact Roger Buck as soon as possible if you would like to participate.

MINISTRY CENTER PLAYGROUND UPDATE: So far we have raised \$8,257 for our playground for the Ministry Center. Here is a look at our revised playground for the TLMC. Thank you to all that have contributed to our playground so far. If you or your group is interested in donating a portion of the climbing structure or helping build the structure, please call the school office 458-8248. All donations are welcome. Every little bit helps. Here is a list yet to be purchased:

- *Rock Climbing Wall - \$1800
- *Double Slide - \$1500
- *Tunnel - \$1500
- *Quarter turn slide - \$1250
- *Loop and Rope ladder - \$600 each
- * (3) Play Panels - \$500 each



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- August 16 – Table Talk with the Pastors
- August 23 – Lutheran High School begins with a half day
- August 25 – Back to School Night
- August 29 – Church Picnic at Kiwanis Park
- August 31 – First day of School with opening Chapel at 9 am
- September 4 – Emmaus Meal at the Salvation Army
- September 18 – Trinity Golf Outing at Town & Country



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Trinity Golf Outing, **September 18, 2010** at Town & Country. Get your foursomes together!

RUMMAGE SALE: Christ Lutheran Church will have their annual Rummage Sale/Brat Fry/ and Bake Sale on August 28, 2010 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Come and enjoy a tasty sandwich, shop the rummage sale and purchase some sweet treats. All items left over will be donated to Neat Repeats.