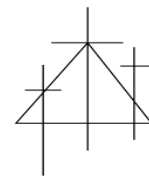
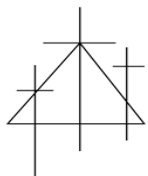


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From the Pastors

Children in Church

*“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God”
(Mark 10:14b).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Young children like to pretend that they are adults. When they think that no one is watching, girls dress up in their mother’s “grown up” clothes or try on their mother’s makeup. Boys like to hop into the driver’s seat of the family car, grab the steering wheel, and pretend to drive. Children are eager to show they are growing up and can do new grown-up things.

Parents are proud to see their children grow and mature. “You’ll never guess what my little boy can do now,” say proud parents to their friends and family. “My, how you have grown,” say proud grandparents. Parents are proud of their children and grandchildren as they mature, grow, and learn to do new things. And parents help their children learn what they need to know as they develop and mature to avoid that which stunts or hinders their growth. Everywhere, apparently, but how about in church?

Not that churches are *not* teaching their children. In every parish children are learning about worship. In too many, however, they are learning the wrong things. In some churches they soon discover that real worship is for “adults only” as they are whisked out of the sanctuary to “children’s church” elsewhere in the building or taken into a nursery to play. In others, they learn by example that, above all else, worship must be “fun.” They quickly catch on that worship is seen essentially as entertainment. They learn that any serious attempt to teach and nurture children to help them grow up in the worship of the Christian community seems to have no place at all.

We at Trinity want to assist parents in helping their young children grow up in worship. Parents can do this by teaching their children the simple melodies of the liturgy, helping them to learn the songs of God’s family in which they, too, can participate. As children gather around the font at baptisms, pastors are helping children learn what baptism means in their lives as well. When children participate in singing, whether at their parent’s side, or, in our school choirs, they are learning the songs of God’s people at worship: psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. In many ways and in many places, parents, teachers, and congregation members, by their example and patient teaching, are nurturing children in the worship life of the church.

As we begin another year at Trinity, nurturing our children in worship can take on a new seriousness. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Sit in the front of the church. In back of the church there is nothing to see except the back of heads. Children, especially young children, learn chiefly through their senses, and by doing. Bring children up in front of the church where they can see and be a part of what goes on in worship.
2. Teach the responses of the liturgy that can be easily learned by children at home and they will readily respond on Sunday with, “I know that part!” They will then sing along.
3. Perhaps it is time to give children more than crayons and coloring sheets to keep them quiet. Teach them to stand, kneel, bow, and sit with the rest of the congregation, to make the sign of the cross, and most importantly, teach them the meaning of it all.

Our children always sat up in the front of the church with our wives so that we could keep a good eye on them. More importantly, they could see what was going on in the Divine Service and readily participate. Our children are all grown up now, they still sit in the front of the church, and they are joyful participants in the Divine Service.

In Christ,

Rev. John M. Berg
Associate Pastor

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Senior Pastor



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Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Monday at 6:30 pm
Family Education Hour
9:30 am

Bible Classes
(throughout the week)

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3-K thru 8th grade
2 Year Old Childcare

January Calendar



Sundays: Weekly

* Divine Services 8:00 & 10:45 am

Sunday Education Hour: Weekly

* Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a

Mondays: Weekly

* Divine Service 6:30 pm

* Handbell Choir 7:35 pm

Tuesdays: 1st & 3rd

* Women's Bible Study (FH) & (LR)
(babysitting provided)

Wednesdays: Weekly

* Adult Bible Study 8:30 am (FH)

* Midweek Confirmation 3:30 pm

* Men's Choir 5:45 pm (MR)

* Mixed Choir 7:30 pm (MR)

Thursday: Weekly

* Women's Bible Study 9:00 am (FH)

Fridays: Weekly

* Men's Bible Study 7 am (FH)



Monday, January 3

* School resumes

* Board of Christian Day School Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 5

* Elder's Meeting 7:00 pm (FH)

Wednesday, January 12

* Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm (FH)

Monday, January 17

* No School - Teacher Work Day

LWML News

It is exciting to see how God is blessing the work of LWML SWD. Through the collection of mites, \$15,000 was paid to POBLO (People of the Bible Lutheran Outreach) for the purpose of Immigrants and Refugees to witness Christ's love at the International Friendship Centers and through the local churches. Also to train and equip the churches and congregations to engage with the Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, and Buddhist communities living in the surrounding area. Another \$12,000 was paid to Lutheran Heritage Foundation so they can translate and publish Lutheran books in the languages of people living in Muslim-dominated countries and give them free of charge.

The next Mission Grant is for \$12,000 to complete the building of a Lutheran church in Delta State, Nigeria. If you would like to help collect mites for this project, you can take an LWML Mite Box from the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs going to the school gym. Mites collected can be turned into the church office.

TRINITY LWML: We invite you to join us for our **January Fellowship on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 1:00 pm**, in the lounge. There will be a fellowship, collection of mites, Bible study, and servant project. We will be helping Trinity School prepare for their Nearly New Book Sale by cleaning and sorting books which were donated. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Our LWML and guests had a special fellowship in November and went on a Steeple Chase. There were 36 people who went on this tour of churches in the Milwaukee area. Churches toured were:

- Chapel of Christ Triumphant at Concordia University with Dr. Harald Tomesch being our guide.
- The Basilica of St. Josaphat
- Historic Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. M.D. Peters leading us in a Noon Day Prayer and giving a presentation about the restoration of the church
- Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
- Historic Grace Lutheran Church.

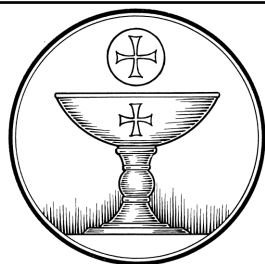
THANK YOU to the following people who helped make this Steeple Chase possible:

- Pastor Berg for contacting the churches and making arrangements for the tours
- Dr. Harald Tomesch and Rev. M.D. Peters for their presentations.
- Thrivent for a \$250 grant that offset the cost of the tour bus.

East Central Basketball Tournament

January 14-16, 2022

Contact Terry Stenklyft for tournament volunteer opportunities (920-458-8248 or stenklyft@trinitysheboygan.org).



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

You're invited to Trinity's **14th annual** Higher Things youth retreat, **IN COMMUNION**. The weekend includes great teaching, fun activities including a Comedy show from Milwaukee's Comedy Sportz, a brat fry and

fellowship with over 100 youth from across the Midwest.

Our featured speaker, Pastor Christopher Seifferlein, will guide our learning about the Lord's supper from its institution to how our Lord continues to feed us today and keep us together as one in Christ.

The retreat begins Friday, February 18 at 6 pm and concludes Sunday, February 20 at 10:30 am. The \$50 fee includes the program, housing both nights, food and entertainment.

Questions or registration forms can be obtained through Pastor Berg or Heide Otten (803-9572/heideotten@sbcglobal.net) **Youth who register by Jan 14th will be guaranteed a retreat T-shirt.**

From the Principal

“In All Things” Colossians 1:15-20

Beginning a New Year with Christ in ALL Things

Does anyone else feel like we collectively exhale in January? November and December are filled with activities, holiday preparations, and family gatherings. While all of these are great things, the combination of all of these activities can leave us feeling exhausted by January 1st. In these times, we desire quietude—a time for rest.

In Scripture, Jesus reminds us that during seasons of busyness, we must take time to step back from our activity and focus on Him and His Word. In Luke 10:38-42, Jesus teaches this lesson to Mary and Martha:

Now, as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

How many of us find ourselves relating more to Martha than to Mary in this account? We fly through the Christmas season, checking things off of our list, but amidst the productivity, we fail to pause and truly listen to what God has to say to us through His Word. We forget to sit at the feet of Christ and listen to His message of salvation.

At Trinity Lutheran School and Childcare, we are definitely “exhaling” this month after a busy December. We hope many of you attended our Children's Christmas Service at Lutheran High and our Choral Candlelight Service at Trinity. Watching our children proclaim the Good News of Jesus is the best reminder of why our school is a primary mission of our church. There is no better gift at Christmas than receiving God's Word in its purity and truth. We pray that these events gave many of you a chance to pause, be still, and meditate on God's Word alongside our staff and students.

As we enter the New Year, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Let's act like Mary instead of Martha and prioritize the hearing and digesting of God's Word over our “to do” lists. This year, our school theme reminds us to focus on Christ in ALL things. If you are like us and taking some time to exhale this month, we pray that you will spend some of your quiet time in prayer and meditation. Meditate on Colossians 1:15-20, which reminds us that God is the Creator of all things, and in Him, all things hold together. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Jenna Roeske, Principal



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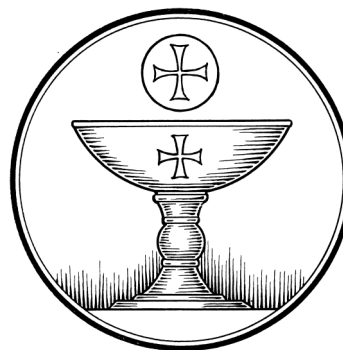


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Col. 1:15-20

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