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Trinity Torch



August 2020

“Music is an outstanding gift of God and next to theology. I would not want to give up my slight knowledge of music for a great consideration. And youth should be taught this art; for it makes fine, skillful people.” -Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

With this opportunity, I would like to thank everyone on our church staff, and all the volunteers, who make our music ministry possible.

At the very beginning of this pandemic, I knew that music would be a beneficial comfort and strength to many. But I guess I did not know just how important it would be. Martin Luther rightly places church music next to theology. For good music and song allow us to sing and meditate upon the scriptures (or scriptural principles) themselves.

A special thanks to Mr. Howard Eggert, our director of traditional music and Mr. Jake Pallisard, our director of contemporary music. Both stepped up and provided music opportunities during the week that comforted our spirit and fed our souls. I would be remiss if I did not point out Mr. Richard Rediehs for his exceptional song leading during the Divine Service and Monday Hymn Night and Michele Geaschel for our Thursday Song Night. A heartfelt thanks to both of you!

As we have returned to limited in person worship, we will continue our live streaming services. If you have any questions about worship at church or how to reserve a seat, please do not hesitate to call the church office at 708-839-1200.

“Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.” Psalm 47:6-8

Singing along with you,
In Christ,

Pastor Bob



Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday evening service will resume on
September 1st at 6:30pm

The Apostles' Creed

The First Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife/husband and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Why does the catechism say that God created “me and all creatures”?

It is another way of saying that God made the universe and everything in it. Nothing exists apart from God's creation.

Nehemiah 9:6

What does it mean to confess that God made me?

I am a creature of God. My life is a gift from Him. I am accountable to Him.

Psalms 139:13-14

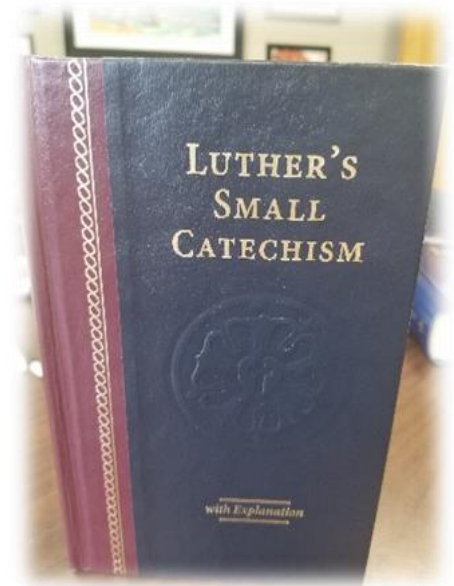
James 1:17-18

What does it mean that God has given me both a body and a soul?

I am not only a body. I am not only a soul. I am a body into which God has breathed life.

Genesis 2:7

Ecclesiastes 11:5



Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule August 2020

Please check over the many Bible Classes and TLC Bible Groups available throughout the week. If you have questions or desire more information, you may contact the class leader or DCE Rob Grady – 708-839-1200 ext. 6. All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.



Sunday - Sunday Night devotion at 6:30 p.m. (Facebook Live)

Tuesday Evening - Bible Study with Pastor Bob at 6:30 p.m. (Facebook Live)

Wednesday Evening - Cultivating Groups Bible Study with DCE Rob Grady at 6:30 p.m. (Zoom Meetings)

Wednesday Evening - Wednesday Night Devotion with Pastor Bob at 6:30 p.m. (Facebook Live)

Saturday Evening - Saturday Night Devotion with Pastor Bob at 6:30 p.m. (Facebook Live)



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the youth group clothing drive.

Live Simply... Reduce Your Closet

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship

This is the **fifth** in a series of articles which extend the concepts of our 2019 Annual Stewardship Emphasis, “Live Simply.” Each article includes a “30-Day Challenge” for you to consider. These challenges may, 1. Make your life simpler, and/or 2. Save you money, and/or 3. Practice good stewardship of the environment.

The 30 -Day Challenge for August is, **each day for 30 days, give away, sell or throw away one item from your closet.**

They say with all the “shelter in place” because of COVID -19, there was more spring cleaning this year than usual! No recreational shopping! No golf! No choir rehearsal! Work from home! With more time on our hands, and staring at our own walls, we see the clutter, the cobwebs, and (maybe) we want to do something about it.

Do you think you have more clothes than you need? Shoes you never wear? Jeans or shirts that are just worn out? Starting on August 1, choose one item a day to dispose of. If it’s simply worn out, put it in a box for Goodwill (or your favorite similar store). They sell worn-out clothing by the pound for recycling (I think it goes into paper). If it’s still in good condition, donate it for re-sale. If it’s a more “high-end” product (a “mother-of-the-bride dress” worn only once, for example), it could go to a consignment resale shop and you could get a few bucks for it...which you could donate to a worthy cause, if you wanted, or put toward paying off a debt. Animal shelters have a need for worn blankets, sheets and towels for their rescue animals.

Do this each day. Have a location somewhere with a couple boxes or bags for different purposes (it’s not like you want to stop by Goodwill every day with one item!).

By August 31, think how much more open and roomy your closet(s) will be! And other people will be blessed by what you have donated!



Church Library News

Church Library

You never need to be socially distant from books! While you may be physically distant, **Trinity Church Library is still operational**. However, in compliance with CDC guidelines, ***we are not allowing anyone to remove books on your own***, at this time.



Please email the library and we will pull the books and arrange pick-up. LIBRARY@TLBR.ORG

“How do I know what books are in the library?” you may ask....

I am so glad you did!!

Trinity's library is now available digitally!! To view what books we carry in the library, you can access our full catalog at: www.librarything.com/catalog/TLBRCHURCHLIBRARY

Are you participating in **CPH Reads** this summer? <https://read.cph.org/>

Reminder: **The deadline to log points is Friday, August 7.**

Book lovers enjoy the smell, look, and feel of books. There is something warm, wonderful, and comforting about a bookstore or library. And while this congregation's library exists to meet that need, this is also an excellent time to explore digital resources.

You need 3 things to enjoy the following options:

- 1) Membership to your local library card.
- 2) A computer, tablet, or smart phone.
- 3) Wi-Fi

All local area libraries offer some combination of the following digital resources. Many wonderful Christian books can be found on these and are available as either an eBook or audiobook (often both).

Hoopla

Libby/OverDrive

Axis 360 (E-Read Illinois)

RB Digital

Cloud Library

Biblioboard

Check your local library to see which resource(s) they use and give them a try.

I also want to encourage the books that LCMS pastor, Bryan Wolfmueller, has made available on his website.

<https://wolfmueeller.co/> You will find books written by him as well as other Lutherans. You can certainly purchase the books on the site, both in print or digitally, and I would encourage you to do so. However, he has also graciously made the books available for free as a PDF.

He has two books that you may really appreciate:

A MARTYRS'S FAITH IN A FAITHLESS WORLD We Christians have enemies: the devil, the flesh, and the world, and these enemies attack incessantly. Jesus outlines these attacks and attackers in the Parable of the Sower. The sower throws out the seed, and the birds, the sun, and the weeds are after them! But Jesus does not want us to be afraid, He has promised to protect and keep His children. We, then, fight with hope, knowing that Jesus sits on the throne and rules for us. We live and in this joyful hope. That is what this book is about.

AND TAKE THEY OUR LIFE In this book, Pastor Wolfmueller explores Luther's understanding of faith that pushes through suffering and arrives, with joy, on the threshold of eternal life.

Please feel free to contact your library representative should you have questions regarding any of these resources. God bless you as you grow in your love and knowledge of Him.

Your library representative,

Crista Childers

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Whoever believes and holds to Christ's Word, Heaven stands open to him, hell is shut, the devil is imprisoned, sins are forgiven, and he is a child of Eternal Life. That is what this book teaches you – The Holy Scripture – and no other book on Earth.

~ Martin Luther

Caring Network Baby Bank

Beverly Gehrt and Lori Trinche

Steve and I were blessed to be able to volunteer with Lori Trinche at the Baby Bank in Wood Dale at Calvary Lutheran Church, 107 N. Wood Dale Rd. from 10 AM till noon during one of their recent Thursday openings. We were graciously welcomed by our host, Pastor Rick Heller, upon our arrival. Pastor Heller has been doing the Baby Bank for longer that he can remember. I would have said warmly welcomed, but due to loosening of restrictions and the predicted temperature in the upper 80's, we were allowed to set up in the cool basement instead of outside. The Baby Bank had temporarily moved outside at the beginning of the pandemic for safety concerns for all.

First, there was a woman from Caring Network that stayed upstairs at the door to greet people, make sure that they got a mask, if needed, take prayer requests, and to keep all at a safe social distance while getting what they needed from what loving Christians had provided.

Then, Pastor Heller and Lori took care of diapers, wipes, formula, shampoo, lotion, blankets, etc. that were requested. Steve and I provided plastic gloves to those who wanted to look through a hallway of tables with bins of clothing sizes O-3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 18, 24 month for boys and girls. Last, there was a table with 2T, 4T, 6T as there had been a special request for help with larger size clothing needs. We were helping the women to find anything they might need and they've been very thankful for the clothing, blankets and other baby items that Trinity members have been providing.

One of the first moms to arrive brought some newborn clothes with her that her baby had outgrown before he could use them, and then she found some 12-month clothes that she needed. A few minutes later there was a mom-to-be that shared the news with us that she had just learned she would be having twin boys. We are praying for this mom now – she found out just recently that one of the babies has a hole in its heart. She was extremely happy that GOD had provided what she needed through the other mother. A few women came with an older child to help with English translation, they were very happy to receive some small books that had been donated from the Wood Dale Public Library. The older siblings said they were going to read to the baby to help make them smart. There was even one dad that came because the baby's mom had just delivered a week ago. Steve was happy to help him look through the six-month boy clothes to find a blue "sleeping bag with arm holes" to keep him warm when winter comes.

A Muslim woman wearing a hajib thanked each of us for our kindness and showed a newcomer some new clothes in the size of girl clothes they were both needing. Lori shared with us that when this mom first came to the Baby Bank, she was so desperate for supplies that she would not even speak to the other moms and would not share out of her fear of not having enough for her daughter. Pastor Heller shared with her that God loves you and that we are here to help as a reflection of the love first extended by God to us. Jesus gift of giving his life on the cross so that we might live and share his love with others.

Lori shared with us that it has been beautiful to watch the changes that are occurring – hearts are changing due to the kindness and generosity which has become contagious.

Loving our neighbors and treating others as we would like to be treated are evident in this ongoing opportunity to put faith into action. Had this happened at a non-Christian site, perhaps the woman might have been told to leave and not come back for her behavior – considered a “weed among the wheat”, from Pastor Bob's sermon on July 19th, but kindness and patience as fruits of the spirit and a teaching moment were provided by the Holy Spirit in outreach to this woman who is not a Christian. God's Word is scattered as seed in the devotional materials on hand and often in the prayers shared with the guests.

Since it was a weekday, there were fewer people that came for care and prayer than sometimes come on a Saturday, but the one to two dozen that we were able to help surely felt: “And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:”

For more information on opportunities to sort clothing donations, for a list of most needed items or to serve on a first Saturday or third Thursday of each month, please contact Lori Trinche at ltrinche@yahoo.com.



Update on Baby Elizabeth

Special thanks to Teena Bottger for her handmade baptismal blanket! Mom sends a heartfelt thank you!

We discovered we had exactly the formula that baby Elizabeth needs on hand at the baby bank due to an unexpected donation. God is good! She is growing, able to eat now, and doing much better. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support with any donations of either clothing or supplies for the baby bank. It truly makes a difference!





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*Thank You Pastor Bob
& Friends!*

Anne Marie

6/23/2020

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Dear Friends of LOVE at Trinity Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$500.00 received on 6/23/2020.

Your contributions to Love INC continue to have great impact on the lives of people in our community. Because of your support, more than 4000 lives were touched in 2019 through various ministries. Whether through referrals to community services or financial assistance to avoid eviction, providing toys at Christmas or gym shoes for back to school, through Love INC, families experienced love and compassion -- and relief -- during stressful times.

2020 brings new opportunities to impact the lives of our neighbors, bringing *lasting* change and self-sufficiency where today there is need. Love INC and local churches will pilot a new ministry called **Moving Forward Together** aimed at nourishing the 'whole person' -- spiritually, emotionally, physically, and relationally -- through classes that affirm each person's God-given potential and teach skills that can be immediately applied to become more self-sufficient. Additionally, a year-long one-on-one mentoring tract will help families eliminate debt and live the life God meant for them.

So thank you for your contribution today and God Bless You.

Anne Marie Schuster

Anne Marie Schuster, Executive Director

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Please retain this letter for your records.

Working in partnership with member churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

Hello? Anyone There?



CHURCH and SCHOOL phone system update: You should know that over the past four months we have had an ongoing phone problem at our church and school office.

Our phone system was stuck on *away mode*, which automatically placed everyone into the voice mail system. Now we have a new phone system and yet the set-up continues as I am writing this. Hopefully, by the time this is published, we will be up and running as normal. Thanks for your patience.



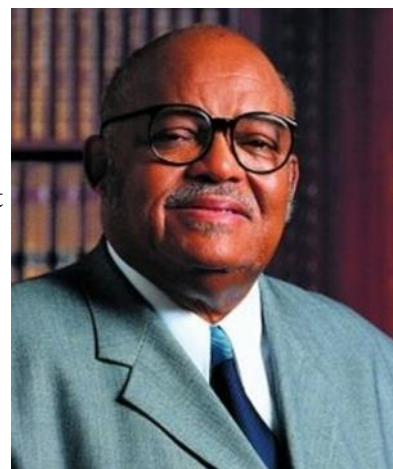
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"white Jesus"

Pastor E.V. Hill used to tell of a time he received a death threat from the Black Panthers because they didn't like his preaching about that "white Jesus".

This was his reply: "I don't know anything about a white Christ - I know about Christ, a Savior named Jesus. I don't know what color He is. He was born in brown Asia, He fled to black Africa, and He was in heaven before the gospel got to white Europe, so I don't know what color He is."

I do know one thing: if you bow at the altar with color on your mind, and get up with color on your mind, go back again - and keep going back until you no longer look at His color, but at His greatness and His power - His power to save!" -- Pastor Keith Haney





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**SUMMER OFFICE
HOURS**

Church Office Hours

Tues—Thurs 8am-3pm

School Office Hours

Tues—Thurs 8:30am-12pm

In an emergency, contact

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Pastor Emeritus Albrecht

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August Birthdays

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|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1 Mitchell Barnacle | 10 Natalie McCormick | |
| Riley Barnacle | 12 Donna Halla | |
| William Ramos | Scott Reinhart | |
| 2 Michael Moreno | Melanie Siler | |
| Marilyn Todd | 13 Justin Gouty | |
| 3 Tatiana Murphy | Diane Lyall | |
| 4 Leann DeWitt | 14 Joseph DeWitt | |
| Howard Eggert | 15 Sean Martin | |
| Lynn Hughes | 16 Jamie Collings | |
| 5 Michael Fischer | Trisha Stremski | |
| Danielle LaPorte | 17 Cassandra Lantz | |
| Alice Messinger | Wendy Ulrich | |
| 6 Stephanie Gogolewski | 18 Piper Lakics | |
| Cindy McSweeney | 19 Ruby Radosevic | |
| 8 Dani Eggert | 20 Cayden Cook | |
| Sabrina Garren | Savannah Haw- | |
| Christopher Gart- | baker | |
| man | Shirley Kaminski | |
| Sheryl Gogolewski | 21 Janet Grimes | |
| Jaynia Schiller | Rick Thorburn | |
| Mark Schwoebel | 22 Madison Fritschel | |
| 9 Jute Camper | Dina Gnat | |
| Isabella Stillo | 23 Jaden Rochkind | |
| 10 Ryan Conoboy | Amy Sojka | |
| Trisha Kulis | Pamela Winterroth | |
| Tomas Malina | Karri Wunglueck | |
| | 24 Kati Marwitz | |
| | Ryan Miller | |
| | Gene Weisbecker | |
| | 25 Jim Wielebnicki | |
| | 26 Nancy Beaudry | |
| | Damian Fritschel | |
| | Shawn Gartman | |
| | Steven Radtke | |
| | Eric Zoller | |
| | 27 Dorothy Anderson | |
| | Alice Buege | |
| | Laurie Kunst | |
| | Catherine Peters | |
| | 28 John Wielebnicki | |
| | 29 Suzanne Ackerman | |
| | Amy Hutcheson | |
| | Cliff Joiner | |
| | Mack Rediehs | |
| | Paul Satek | |
| | 30 Chris Guerin | |
| | Phil Strieter | |
| | 31 Donna Rekau | |




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2020

HC = Holy Communion; BC = Bible Class; SS = Sunday School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30am HC 11:00am Cont Worship 6:30pm Devotion	3 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	4 6:30pm Bible Study	5 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA (TFH)	6 6:30pm Praise Team	7	1 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Devotion
9 8:30am Worship 11:00am Contemp HC <i>Autullo Confirmation</i> 6:30pm Devotion	10 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	11 6:30pm Bible Study	12 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA (TFH)	13 6:30pm Praise Team	14	15 St. Mary, Mother of our Lord 8:30am Trustees 11:00am <i>Hruska Baptism</i> 6:30pm Devotion
16 8:30am HC 11:00am Cont Worship 6:30pm Devotion	17 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	18 12:00pm TORCH DEADLINE 6:30pm Bible Study	19 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA (TFH)	20 6:30pm Praise Team	21	22 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Devotion
23 8:30am Worship 11:00am Contemp HC 6:30pm Devotion	24 St. Bartholomew Apostle 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	25 First Day of School <i>11:30am Dismissal</i> 6:30pm Bible Study	26 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA (TFH)	27 6:30pm Praise Team	28	29 The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Devotion
30 8:30am Worship 11:00am Cont Worship 6:30pm Devotion	31 6:30pm Celebration Service HC		Meeting areas: (shown in parenthesis) Ch = Church CR = School Conference Room CL = Church Library TFH = Trinity Fellowship Hall	SK= School Kitchen CK = TFH Kitchen SL = School Library G = School Gym N = Narthex YR = Youth Room OP = Off Premises	Altar Guild: Jan Baranek Spring Kneller Kim Valentino Mary Windzio Cheryl Kohutynski	Ushers: 8:30 – Group 4 11:00 – Group 2