

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: 2 Kings 2:1-25, Eph. 4:25-5:14

Mon: 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37, Eph. 5:15-33

Tues: 2 Kings 4:38-5:8, Eph. 6:1-24

Wed: 2 Kings 5:9-27, Phil. 1:1-20

Thurs: 2 Kings 6:1-23, Phil. 1:21-2:11

Fri: 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29, Phil. 2:12-30

Sat: 2 Chron. 29:1-24, Phil. 3:1-21

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

† Steve Heronemus, ALS

† Leona Gilligan, cancer treatment

† Edwin Livermore, cancer treatment

† Tony Baker, recovering after stem cell transplant

† 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 Kostmerchock, 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

† Barbara Ruppel, cancer treatment

† Sharon Larson, sister of Ron Mueller, cancer treatment

† Marlys Farrelly, mother of John Farrelly, diagnosed with bone cancer

† Amanda Rothlisberger, cancer treatment

† Ruth Riemer, recovering at home after 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

† Chuck Gerber, undergoing tests

† Emily Shelby, undergoing tests

† Joe Herm, cancer treatment

† Edna Peterson, mother of Mary Ann Miller, recovering after surgery

† Todd Fors recovering after eye surgery

† Deb Johnson, cancer treatment

† Wilma Fieck, recovering after surgery

HYMN OF THE WEEK: "Father Welcomes"

LSB #605

COLLECT (front page)

APOSTLES' CREED

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2010

Introit

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

My soul melts away for | sorrow;*
strengthen me according | to your word!

Put false ways | far from me*
and graciously teach | me your law!

I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.

I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;*
let me not be | put to shame!

I will run in the way of your com- | mandments*
when you en- | large my heart!

Glorify 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.

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

Collect of the Day

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

LEARN BY HEART: 4th - 6th Commandments and Meanings **LSB#321**

THE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Ezek. 34:11-24, 1 Tim. 1:(5-11) 12-17, Luke 15:1-10

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14:25–35

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Notes on Today's Divine Service

Treasures from the Church: The greatness of Christianity lies in its being hated by the world, not in its being convincing to it. - Ignatius of Antioch

Today's Readings: A disciple of Jesus Christ will *“carry his own cross”* (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with *“all his own possessions”* (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows *“his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life”* (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as *“life and prosperity, and death and adversity”* (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to *“choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him”* (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, *“that your goodness should not be as it were by compulsion, but of your own free will”* (Philemon 14).

Liturgy: “There are many people who participate faithfully in worship but complain that they don't get anything out of it. I guess we've all felt that way at times. What we forget is that the work of God is invisible to us. We don't notice it, but only know about it, because he himself tells us about it in his word. We may sense the results of it, as we sense the results of our nourishment from breathing and eating, but we don't see it happening. I feel that it is just as silly to complain about how boring, useless, and unpleasant church worship is as to complain about how boring good food is, or how useless sleep is, or how unpleasant medicine is. Like good food, proper worship is not meant to entertain but to nourish us, and we can often be best nourished by what we most dislike, like broccoli or liver. Like sleep, worship may seem dull and its benefits often escape our attention, as they can be as much physical as mental or emotional. After all, God instituted the Sabbath in the Old Testament for physical, and not just spiritual rest, refreshment and fellowship. Like medicine, worship is at times unpleasant and uncomfortable, just because it attacks, destroys, and heals the evil in us. God does not necessarily give us what we want, but what we need in worship. So, though I, for one, am always grateful if I feel that I have got some blessing from worship, I am not unduly disturbed if I feel that I've got nothing. The benefits of worship are a matter of faith and not of sight.” – Rev. John W. Kleinig

Sermon: In order to get up on stage for that old television show, “The Price is Right,” you had to give the best estimate of all the contestants of the cost of a particular item placed before you, without going over. In today's Gospel lesson we see the opposite going on. Jesus tells you exactly what it costs to be His disciple. The price is this: your father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and yes, even your own life. How can this be? Is there a misprint on the price-tag of discipleship? No, the price is right. Sin has already taken everything from us, including our very lives, whether we know it or not. Discipleship is about entrusting all you are and have to Christ who is the source of the gifts of father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and yes, even life itself.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PAL: Trinity is beginning its fourth year of the Confirmation Secret Prayer Pal Program this September for the 2010-2011 Confirmands. This program is designed to provide spiritual and emotional support for our 8th grade Confirmands. This will be done through prayer, notes, and other small reminders. They will be aware that they are being thought of by a member of the congregation as they learn what it means to be a member of the body of Christ and the Lutheran Church. We are looking for a sponsor (s) for each of the 8th graders. It was a great success last year. This program begins at the end of September and goes through May. Please contact the church office (458-8246) if you would like to be a prayer partner.

LET START SOMETHING NEW!! EMPTY NEST-FULL LIFE BIBLE STUDY. An informational meeting with a Pot Luck Dinner is planned for September 19th, 5:30 pm-7:30pm in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. Hot Beef Sandwiches will be served. Bring a side dish to share. Please park in the north lot behind the church. Questions call or e-mail: Alice Buck (459-7080 or Alice.Buck@cuw.edu) or Mary Kempf (892-2936 or mkempf002@wi.rr.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS RETREAT: Come and learn more on how to teach and lead Sunday School and Bible Class more effectively and productively. A retreat led by Deaconess Pamela J. Nielsin, Senior Editor of Sunday School & Bible Class materials from Concordia Publishing House is going to be held September 25, 2010 from 9:30 am to noon at Lutheran High. Please call the church (458-8246) office to sign up.

KARAOKE NIGHT: Christ Lutheran Church, 3816 So. 12th Street invites you to attend their third Karaoke Night on September 11th from 6:30 -9:30 pm. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served at a minimal cost. No alcohol will be served. Bring the entire family. Fun for all!

ASSISTANT CHILD CARE TEACHER: St. Paul Preschool (Sheboygan Falls) is looking ore a caring Christian person who has worked with young children to serve as an afternoon Assistant Child Care Teacher. They are also in need of a Substitute Teacher. For more information, call 467-6733. Applications are available from St. Paul's and will be accepted until September 8th.

NEAT REPEATS UPCOMING SALES:

Sept. 7-11 – Sport & Fitness Equipment 50% off

Sept. 13-18 – Shoes \$2/pair

Sept. 20-25 – Books 25¢

Sept. 27- Oct. 2 – All clothing with RED tickets 50% off

Sept. 27 – Oct. 2 – Sidewalk Sale

Come and check out our new location at 2627 Eastern Ave, Plymouth and our great bargain prices! Have a few free hours? New volunteers are always welcome! Come and support Lutheran High! **Did you know that on Back to School night, Neat Repeats was able to give LHS a check for \$25,000?** Thank you all for your support!



9th Annual Trinity Lutheran Church & School Golf Outing

Town and Country Golf Course
September 18, 2010

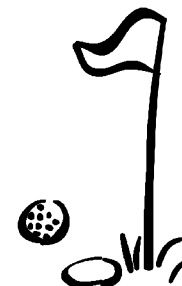
Shot-gun Start @ 8:00am

Four-player shotgun
start scramble

Sign-up Deadline: Tuesday,
September 12th, 2010

Entry Fee: \$70.00 adults
\$55.00 students (under 18)
includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and lunch

Prizes will be awarded!



ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____

Team Members

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I'm not part of a foursome. Please pair me with others.

Please return completed form to the church or school office.

FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class (Gym) at 9:30 am

Sunday September 12th – Sunday School Rally Day and Mission Festival

- Mission Festival (Reports from our Missions to Cambodia, Cloquet, Red Lake, Poland, and Costa Rica)

Sunday September 19th – Outreach to Muslims

- Rev. Farrukh Khan from People of the Book Lutheran Outreach presentation on outreach to Muslims

Sunday September 26th – Sunday October 31st – One People - Forgiven

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- October 3rd: One People – Forgiven...to Forgive
- October 10th: One People – Forgiven...in the Family
- October 17th: One People – Forgiven...in the Church
- October 24th: One People – Forgiven...in the Community
- October 31st: One People – Forgiven...the Kiss of Peace



9:30 am Sunday - **Adult New Member Class** (Fellowship Hall) begins Sept 26th

9:30 am Sunday Youth Bible Class - **Topical Studies** (Ministry Center)

9:30 am Sunday School for ages 3K-8th grade (various classrooms, all children 5K-grade 8 begin each week with an opening devotion in Church, 3K & 4K begin in their Classroom) – **“Growing in Christ Curriculum”**.

COULD YOU DONATE A SNACK OR JUG OF JUICE ????

This year, the Sunday School Teachers are in need of snacks and juice for our Sunday School children. We are requesting the following donations: Goldfish crackers, Teddy Grahams, soup crackers, graham crackers, pretzels, animal crackers and jugs of juice. Donations may be placed in the barrel by the church kitchen. Thanks you!!! **If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Gruben (208-3602).**

Grade:

3K/4K
Room5K/1st
2nd/3rd
4th/5th
6th, 7th & 8th

Teachers:

Nicole Muth & Kim Roethel
Mary Eissner & Erin Mueller
Kathy Berg & Sarah Laetsch
Cristy Smith & Debbie Wolf
LHS Teachers

Room Assignments:

LL/After School Care
1st Grade Room
2nd/3rd Grade Room
4th Grade Room
8th Grade Room

Weekday Bible Studies

8:15 am Wednesdays - Adult Bible Class (Ministry Center)
9:00 am Wednesdays - Adult Bible Class (Ministry Center)
8:45 am Thursday - Ladies Bible Study (Ministry Center)
7:00 am Friday - Men's Bible Study (Ministry Center)
9:00 am Friday - Ladies Bible Study (Ministry Center)

KIDDIE KEEP: Child care is available in the Luther Room (hallway across from the church restrooms) during Sunday School Hour for children under age 3.

**Sunday School &
Bible Class Rally Day
September 12th
9:30 am**

We're There; We Care



Allow me to greet you through Jesus' most precious Little Lambs who are found in our Trinity Preschool. Picture if you will that each morning, these tiny Little Lambs, with eyes the size of saucers, smiles that extend from ear to ear and voices that rival any heavenly company of angels, sing: "Let Me Learn of Jesus, He is Kind To Me; Once He Died to Save Me, Nailed Upon a Tree." Each morning they say hello to Jesus – through them, I say hello to you!

My call into the teaching profession, believe it or not, began when I was 2 years old. I was the youngest of 6 children and I can recall the 13 hours of road-tripping from our home in New Haven, Indiana, to Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, to visit my older sister who was attending college to be a teacher. Imagine what a thrill it was for a 2 year old to travel to Nebraska and then a few years later, travel again to Nebraska after another sister chose to attend Concordia-Seward. The icing on the cake was a third sister choosing Concordia-Seward to attend college. I fought the idea of becoming a teacher because I didn't want a 13 hour road trip in my life's plan. The Lord must have understood this because He allowed me to attend Concordia-River Forest. The Lord must have also understood my reasons for initially studying to become a DCE, however, after being a summer camp counselor for tiny little children, the Lord also knew that I would change my mind right then and there. Lo and behold, I saw for myself that the Lord had something special for me. I ended up graduating from Concordia-River Forest with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education. With pride and thanksgiving, I am a Lutheran School Teacher like three of my sisters and my brother. I love every minute working for Jesus in His Little Lambs' Pasture.

This fall I begin my 11th year as a teacher. I've had 3 teaching calls in my life. Upon graduating from college, my first call was to Trinity Lutheran School in Davenport, Iowa, where I was a 1st grade teacher. My second teaching call was extra special -- Jesus had blessed my husband and I with three children. I was now a teacher to my little congregation at home. My third teaching call was to Trinity Lutheran Preschool in Sheboygan, where I serve as the 4-K preschool teacher at the Ministry Center.

In closing, someday I shall meet Jesus face to face. At that time, I will tell Him how thankful I am to stand in His presence and personally see Him. My greatest joy will then be to live eternally with Him in his heavenly pasture.

In last Sunday's bulletin, "We're There; We Care" featured a photograph of Terry Stenklyft. Terry is the 6th Grade Teacher at Trinity Lutheran School.

