Special Prayers for Today

May God bless us to share with the world the peace that Christ earned for us by His death, resurrection, ascension and perfect obedience to His Father; prayers for those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays; prayers of thanksgiving for the healing of Sonya Cohn; prayers for the health concerns of Jo Barrington, Phil Behlmann (father of Shannon Shannon), Lorna Biermann, Marilyn Britton, Al and Merle Casolari,, Larry Goetz (father of Kimberly Garvue), Morgan Grillot, Ted Hasselbring, Pam Hilberer, Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Eugene Holmes (grandfather of Pastor Holmes), Michael Kincaid, Joelle Knoles, Barry Nass, Sara Opperman, Rachel Peters (mother of Sarah Grillot), Sheavie Reagan; Aaron Shipman, and the grandmother of Mark Wellenkamp; prayers for the family of Jeannie Lascelles as she passed away last week; prayers for the church expansion and renovation. Amen.

Sunday Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today by John and Melissa Boehme in celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary and God's gift of their two children.

At Worship Last Week

Saturday: 85 Sunday: 100, 120	
Adult Studies: 138 Sunday School: 25	
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:	
May 2018 Automatic Contributions	\$7,950.00

Sunday Bible Study	9:35-10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
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Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study are held at the School Campus Parish Center, 515 S. MacArthur. Directions are as follows: From the Church to get to Trinity Lutheran School and thus our Parish Hall, head south on 2nd Street, then go west on Edwards Street, and turn right (north) on MacArthur Blvd. The school/parish center will be on your left. From the parking lot you'll see doors to the school. Enter there and the Parish Center is on your right. **Childcare is available for Adult Bible Study.*

Grades Pre-K-Grade 8: "Peter preaches on Pentecost" is the account for this week in Sunday School. Students will learn how God washes away their sins in Baptism and gives them eternal life. Your conversation could include, "How did Peter's message affect the people who heard it? How does God's Word change us?"

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: Galatians: What does God's Word say about faith, the challenges of living in a broken world and how believers should live together in the Christian church? Come find out as we study Galatians! This powerful book of the Bible is packed with numerous tools for Christians as we live out our callings on this earth. Sunday mornings in the Parish Center from 9:35am-10:15am. We hope to see you there!

"Breaking Through The Fog" Rev. Paul Hemenway Mark 4:26-34

Christ came to bring us ______.

"Why did Jesus come to earth? To reclaim man from his sin. To reclaim man from evil. To reclaim man from the grave. What part did Jesus have in the story of salvation? He is humankind's Savior from sin, evil and death. Through His life and death the reclamation of man was made possible. Jesus stood in our place as our Substitute. As our Substitute He was obedient to His Father's Will after we had rebelled against His Father. As our Substitute He endured the punishment from God that we deserved. As our Substitute He fulfilled the Law for man. The chance to spend eternity in God's Kingdom had to be paid for with a perfect righteousness and Jesus accomplished that for us."

God doesn't give us the Jesus we want, He gives us the Jesus we _____!

God wants us to be His ______ and _____. Jesus earned that possibility for us.

Jesus is the perfect ______ for all time. He is the fulfillment of the story of salvation.

He came to bring us ______. What Christ did for us is so massive that we are called by His Father to live a life of joy, knowing that our eternal lives are so secure that we can enjoy and celebrate life in a broken and sinful world.

"And while we realize that troubles happen in this life we also must understand that the awful things that happen to us cannot ruin the work of God. It can't take away what He has accomplished for us through His Son."

He went through all of this so that we could spend eternity with Him and His Father! Was He doing all this for Himself? _____. It was for you and me.

God gave us a gift and He wants us to ______ it. We shouldn't be so apathetic, callous and selfish with this gift that the people in our lives die without hearing about the Savior of the world from **us**. God has given us everything! Let's share our blessings with others!



Sermon "Breaking Through The Fog" Rev. Paul Hemenway

> Saturday Service 5:30pm-Parish Center Liturgy 151 Hymns: 863, 644, 912

<u>Sunday Services</u> 8:00am-Parish Center Liturgy 151 Divine Service Setting Four Holy Communion Hymns: 863, 644, 725, 912

10:30am-Parish Center Liturgy **151** Hymns: 863, 644, 912

Scriptures for Today

	1st Reading:	Ezek. 17:22-24	(p. 704)
	Psalm:	Ps. 1	(p. 448)
	Epistle:	2 Cor. 5:1-10	(p. 966)
		(11-17)	
	Gospel	Mark 4:26-34	(p. 839)

Those Serving This Week

Communion Assistants

<u>Saturday</u> Non-Communion Service <u>Sunday</u> Travis Hindman

Ushers

<u>Saturday</u> Non-Communion Service <u>Sunday 8am</u> Al Casolari, Kevin Cranford, Lynn Friday, Bill Miller, and Barry Nass <u>Sunday 10:30am</u> Paul Hartman, Alan Krofchick, Cliff Krueger, Chris Nickols, Adam Strong

Musicians

<u>Saturday</u> Cathy Von De Bur <u>Sunday</u> Laura Fliege

Altar Committee

Saturday Non-Communion Service Sunday Karen Anderson, Sara Schlichting



A Warm Welcome to our Visitors and Members!

- We would like to know who our visitors are, so either before or after the service, please sign the Visitor Register in the Welcome Center at the back of the sanctuary.
- Personal Assistive Listening Devices for persons with hearing problems are available from an usher.
- The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Trinity, moved by God's love, to support this ministry. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate. We want you to feel welcome and we truly wish to serve you.
- If at any time during the service it becomes difficult for you to stand, by all means take a seat, even if others are standing. God knows our strengths and He understands our weaknesses and frailties, too. God bless you!



Our Practice in Participating in the Lord's Supper

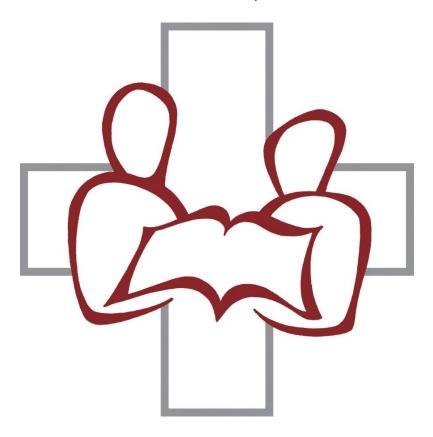
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through this blessing, we are also strengthened to live in faithfulness to Christ, lead more Godly lives and have a deeper love for one another. Those communing are publicly professing that they believe these things to be true and are also giving witness that they are in agreement with the teaching of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

St. Paul tells us that those who take Communion without proper instruction take it to their great harm (I Corinthians 11:29). We don't want that for anyone; therefore, we ask that anyone holding a different Christian confession or belief about the Lord's Supper refrain from Communion. If you are not Communing with us today, we encourage you to come forward with those in your aisle to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your presence by crossing your hands on the rail (or in front of your body for Saturday night worshipers). If you have questions about our Communion policy or our beliefs please feel free to speak to one of the pastors after the service or indicate on an attendance card that you would like to be contacted. May God bless us all as we worship Him in His house today! *Upon request, we offer a gluten free communion wafer. Please ask an usher for

*Upon request, we offer a gluten free communion water. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. The Truth is...The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. It is first His love, then our response

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 16th and 17th, 2018





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