Special Prayers for Today

Lord, give me the strength to build up, defend and protect the reputation of my neighbor; prayers for those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays; prayers for the health concerns of Colleen Armitage, Jo Barrington, Phil Behlmann (father of Shannon Shannon), Marilyn Britton, Adam Bridgeman, Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (family friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al and Merle Casolari,, Larry Goetz (father of Kimberly Garvue), Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Eugene Holmes (grandfather of Pastor Holmes), Michael Kincaid, Joelle Knoles, Barry Nass, Sheavie Reagan; Aaron Shipman, Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), and Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles); prayers for the family of Dorothy Himes who passed away recently (great aunt of Jessica Gottschalk), Amen.

Sunday Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today by Stu and Judy Fliege in thankfulness to God for His many blessings.

Last Week

Saturday: 98 Sunday: 146, 196	
Adult Studies: 105 Sunday School: 27	
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:	
June 2018 Automatic Contributions:	\$7950.00

Sunday Bible Study 9:35-10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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: This week's Sunday School lesson, "Jesus Appears to the Disciples," recounts the Easter story. Students will discuss how God speaks through their pastor to forgive their sins. Families could discuss, "How did Jesus' appearance on Easter evening both encourage and frighten the disciples? Why is it sometimes difficult to admit and confess our sins?"

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!

"The Power of Words"

8th Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

How do we ______ what God says in the Eighth Commandment?

- Don't speak to other people in ways that are _____.
- Don't communicate to others in ways that make them feel ______.
- Don't make <u>"</u> negative comments or use passive/aggressive comments on others.
- Don't betray the _____ of others.
- Don't _____. What is gossip? Gossip happens when we say something about a person that may or may not be true and 2) is not intended to help, defend or protect their reputation.
- Don't _____.

"People are called slanderers who are not content with knowing a thing, but go on to become the judge in that situation. They are delighted and tickled that they can stir up another's displeasure, just as swine delight to roll themselves in the dirt and root in it with the snout. God, therefore, would have such behavior banned."

Is it alright to discuss a situation when you are trying to help or find a Godly ______? Yes.

It's the motive in your heart that is important. Do you want to hurt or help? Be honest...

How serious is _______ about this commandment? It's important enough to be a Commandment and in Romans 1 God equates gossip with murder, envy, sexual immorality, hating God, and creating evil. He says that those who approvingly practice these things deserve to die.

Our seemingly small words have ______ and far reaching effects.

 The same Word that created the universe is the same Word that tells you today that you are ______.

His Words are so alive they heal the sick, forgive sinners and raise the dead to life!

Use your words like God does. Use them to forgive, love, build up, encourage, show compassion, protect, etc. Whatever is positive and _____, use your words for those things!!!

God bless us to NEVER use our tongues as the ______ they have the potential to be!



Sermon "The Power of Words" Rev. Paul Hemenway

Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center Liturgy 151 Hymns: 909, 644, 912

Sunday Services

8:00am-Church Liturgy 151 Hymns: 909, 644, 912

10:30am-Church Liturgy 151 Divine Service Setting One Holy Communion Hymns: 909, 644, 618, 744. 912

Scriptures for Today

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Those Serving This Week

Communion Assistants Saturday Non-Communion Service

<u>Sunday</u> Travis Hindman, Brian Ogan, Steve Rossman, Byron Welt

Ushers <u>Saturday</u> Non-Communion Service

Sunday 8am Al Casolari, Kevin Cranford, Lynn Friday, Bill Miller, and Barry Nass Sunday 10:30am Paul Hartman, Alan Krofchick, Cliff Krueger, Chris Nickols, Adam Strong

Musicians Saturday Cathy Von De Bur

<u>Sunday</u> Laura Fliege

Altar Committee

Saturday Non-Communion Service

> Sunday Janice Batson



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

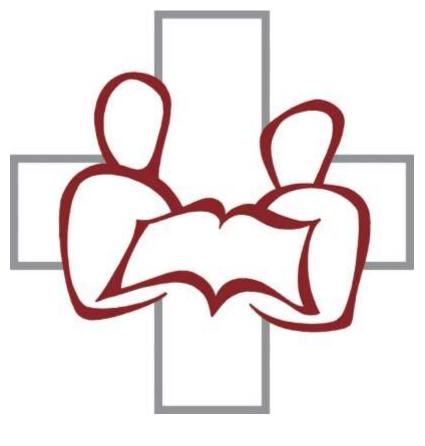
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through 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 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... God's rescue of us is total. We were dead in trespasses and sins. He gives us new life in Holy Baptism. Our lives are different. We belong to God.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 21 and July 22, 2018





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