Special Prayers for Today

Dear Gracious Heavenly Father, We live in a world that seeks to offend us - as well as do many who live amongst us, the church, seek such things. Give us the strength to endure this world of sin, that we would forgive those who would seek to hurt us in body or soul in order to live our lives boldly on this earth until the end of time: prayers for those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays; prayers for the health concerns of Colleen Armitage, Pat Baker, Jo Barrington, Marilyn Britton, Adam Bridgeman and Adam's mother Terri, Ed and Janet Durr (family friends of Faye Garvue), Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (family friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Bill Furling, Faye Garvue, Bill Hemenway (father of Pastor Hemenway), Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Michael Kincaid, Joelle Knoles, Tom Kopera, Marilyn Lockwood, Anthony Meredith (father of Kaden Meredith), Jessica Nardulli, Barry Nass, Sheavie Reagan, Aaron Shipman, Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), and Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles); prayers for those affected by Hurricane Florence; prayers for all places of education in our community; Amen.

Sunday Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today by Percy and Karen Stephens in thanksgiving to God as they celebrate 57 years of marriage and God's many blessings of family.

At Worship Last Week

Saturday: 94 Sunday: 135, 214	443
Adult Studies: 163 Sunday School: 41	
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:	\$11,655.41
August 2018 Automatic Contributions	\$7,950.00

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: Today in Sunday School, the children will learn how "Joseph Feeds Egypt" during a great famine. Ask your children, "How do our sins cause suffering for both ourselves and others?" God sent His Son, Jesus, to save all humanity from sin, death, and the devil. Discuss the reality that in spite of how awful life seems, Jesus is with us through His Word and Sacraments, caring for us always.

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!

Sunday School Rally Day

Today Trinity is recognizing Sunday School with installation of Sunday School staff at the 8am service.

A Sunday School Open House follows at 9:30am at the school campus. Families have the opportunity to meet the Sunday School staff and participate in a Sunday School opening with their children. Please join us!

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to share their time and talents in teaching our children in Sunday School this year. You are such a blessing to these children and to this congregation. We thank God for you!

Sunday School Teachers

Elaine Moran: Pre-K and Kingergarten (Room 202)

Michelle Swisegood: 1st and 2nd Grades (Room 203)

Angie Strong: 3rd-5th grades (Room 205)

Heather Daniel: 6th-8th grades (Room 200)

Cindy Good: High School (Church Library)



Worship Services:

Sermon "Intestinal Fortitude" **Rev. Jonathan Holmes**

Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center Liturgy 203

Hymns: 849, 696 (st. 1-4), 819 (st. 1, 2, 4)

Sunday Services

8:00am-Church Liturgy 203 **Holy Communion**

Hymns: 849, 696 (st. 1-4), 620, 819 (st. 1, 2, 4)

Junior Choir

10:30am-Church Liturgy 203

Hymns: 849, 696 (st. 1-4), 819 (st. 1, 2, 4) Adult Choir

Scriptures for Today

James 3:1-12

1st Reading: Is. 50:4-10 Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9 (p. 611) (p. 510) (p. 1012)

Epistle: Gospel Mark 9:14-29

(p. 844)

Those Serving This Week

Communion Assistants

Saturday
Non-Communion Service
Sunday
Travis Hindman, Brian Ogan,
Steve Rossman

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, Bryan Knoles,
Alan Krofchick, Cliff Krueger,
Chris Nickols, Adam Strong

Musicians

<u>Saturday</u> Melissa Bowers

<u>Sunday</u> Laura Fliege

Altar Committee

Saturday
Non-Communion Service
Sunday
Melissa Bowers, Susan Gilman



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 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...

Everyone, whether they realize it or not, is a steward. The question is whose.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16, 2018





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