Special Prayers for Today

Dear Gracious Heavenly Father, I give You thanks that You have made me holy in Your eyes, and I implore You to continue to let the forgiveness, life, and salvation of your Son Jesus make me holy all the days of my life; 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, Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (family friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Bill Furling, Bill Hemenway (father of Pastor Hemenway), Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Joelle Knoles, Tom Kopera, Marilyn Lockwood, Anthony Meredith (father of Kaden Meredith), Barry Nass, Sheavie Reagan, Aaron Shipman, Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), and Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles); prayers for those affected by dangerous weather all over the world; Amen.

Sunday Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today by Steve and Nora Rossman with thanks for all God's blessings.

At Worship Last Week

Sunday Bible Study	9:30am-10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
October 2018 Automatic Contributions		\$7,820.00
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:		\$15,061.50
Adult Studies: 142 Sunday School: 38		
Saturday: 110 Sunday: 133, 214		

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: "God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail" is the Sunday School lesson for today. Just as God provided manna, water, and quail for the hungry and complaining Israelites to preserve them, in Christ, God feeds us with the manna of His Word and the water of forgiveness, satisfying our eternal hunger and quenching our eternal thirst. Consider discussing, "How does sin cause us to be lost and hungry and thirsty for wat we cannot have?" Talk about Jesus, the bread of life and the living water, and how He satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes:

• Bible Lutheranism 101: The Lord's Supper, taught by Pastor Holmes in the Science Room.

• Women's Bible Study: Living the Fruit of the Spirit, taught by Amy Holmes in the Extended Care room.

• Burning Questions, taught by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Center.

"What God Says You Are"

1 John 3:1-3

- You live in a state of "now, but not yet."
 - How?
 - You are simultaneously saint and sinner that is, you exist with both your old and new natures at the same time.
 - These two natures constantly butt heads with each other.
 - This can cause the many struggles and sufferings in this life.
 - What this means, however, is that there is something better to come.
 - Your salvation will be made completely perfect at the coming of Christ on the last day.
- To accomplish this, God Himself calls you His child.
 - What does this mean?
 - You have been made a saint, a holy one of God.
 - He alone who makes all things new Christ accomplished forgiveness, life, and salvation *for you*, when you could not – making your sainthood a gift.
 - What does it mean to be "holy"?
 - To be holy is to be set apart for a specific purpose.
 - This means God has set you apart made you sacred from the rest of the world, and made you His own.
 - You are made holy...
 - ...at your baptism, and every time you remember it.
 - ...in the absolution (forgiveness) of your sin.
 - ...when you eat the holy food of Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.
- Being a Saint means you are valuable to God regardless of what you or other people think or say.
 - o God has made you valuable...
 - ...in fact he purchased you not with gold or silver, but with the innocent suffering and death, and the precious, holy body and blood of Christ, all *for you*.
 - Christ died *for you* on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins.
 - ...because He declares you to be so yes, He actually declares that you are righteous.
 - Christ was resurrected from death *for you*, declaring you righteous before your Father in Heaven.

"Your worth isn't based upon what you have done to others or yourselves; it's based upon what God has given for you. You can't change that, and it takes the focus off your mistakes and places it upon what God has done, is doing, and will do for you through Jesus." Pastor Marc Engelhardt



Worship Services:

Sermon "What God Says You Are" Rev. Jonathan Holmes

<u>Saturday Service</u> 5:30pm-Parish Center Liturgy 203 Hymns: 677 (st. 1-4), 670,

677 (st. 5-8)

Sunday Services

8:00am-Church Liturgy 203 Holy Communion Hymns: 677 (st. 1-4), 670, 676, 677 (st. 5-8)

10:30am-Church Liturgy 203 Hymns: 677 (st. 1-4), 670, 677 (st. 5-8)

Adult Choir: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

Scriptures for Today

1st Reading:	Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17	(p. 1031)
Psalm:	Ps. 149	(p. 526)
Epistle:	1 John 3:1-3	(p. 1022)
Psalm: Epistle: Gospel	Matt. 5:1-12	(p. 809)

Those Serving This Week

Communion Assistants

Saturday Non-Communion Service Sunday Al Casolari, Travis Hindman, Brian Ogan, Byron Welt

Ushers Saturday 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> Wendy Boehme <u>Sunday</u> Laura Fliege

Altar Committee

<u>Saturday</u> Non-Communion Service <u>Sunday</u> Kathy Koopman, Cindy Ushman

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... We discern God's will in our lives by studying and learning from His Word.

All Saints' Weekend Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4



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