Special Prayers for Today

Lord, give us the strength, wisdom and patience to love our enemies, just as You have loved us; be with those who suffer and struggle with this life, especially Colleen Armitage, Jan Arnold, Jo Barrington, Eugene Beccue (brother of Evie Meyer), Dee Boehm, Mila Beck, Marilyn Britton, Richard and Terri (parents of Adam Bridgman), Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (family friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Faye Garvue, Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Joelle Knoles, Tom Kopera, Marilyn Lockwood, Anthony Meredith (father of Kaden Meredith), Evie Meyer, Barry Nass, Paul Ogan (father of Brian Ogan), Sheavie Reagan, Elsie Reed (mother of Mickey Reed), Aaron Shipman, Amelia Smith (daughter of Kris Smith), Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), Rev. Harold Woodworth (retired LCMS pastor who served in Jacksonville), Jeff Vorderstrasse, and Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles); prayers for those affected by dangerous weather all over the world; Amen.

Flowers for the Altar

Flowers for the altar are given today by Ruth Young in thankfulness of God's many blessings.

At Worship Last Week

Sunday Bible Study	9:30am-10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
January 2019 Automatic Contributions		\$7,820.00
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:		\$9471.11
Adult Studies: 142 Sunday School: 42		
Saturday: 124 Sunday: 115, 153		

Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study are held at the Trinity School Parish Center.

Grades Pre-K-Grade 8: Today in Sunday School we study the calling of Jesus' first disciples with "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael." In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. You might discuss, "How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?"

Sunday Morning High School Bible Class: What's YOUR Worldview, taught by Cindy Good in the church library.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes:

• Anger And How To Overcome It: We live in an angry world. We are relentlessly confronted with anger in its many forms and new methods of communication have only made the problem worse. How can we avoid the entanglement of anger that hurts us and our loved ones? Join us for this two-week Bible class as we explore ways to avoid getting drawn into the cyclone of anger. Discover what God's Word says about this dangerous emotion and, better yet, how to use the weapons that He gives us to overcome it! Led by Pastor Hemenway and Pastor Holmes.

The Christian's Mission: This is a nine-week Sunday morning Bible class taught by Ken Schurb in the science lab. The first session is today, Feb. 24. This course examines the mission that the Lord has given to Christians as members of His church, first receiving from Him in Word and Sacrament and then responding in love and service. Among other things, this class can make for a catechetical review, with application to mission. The study will utilize weekly worksheets and Issues, etc. companion audio, so class time will maximize discussion.

"Loving Your Frenemies" **Rev. Hemenway** Luke 6:27-38

Most of us don't have real enemies. Most of us have _____, or, people we don't really care for, but still have to deal with.

"An enemy stabs you in the front. A frenemy stabs you in the back."

If we aren't blatantly hurting someone that means we don't really mess up this directive from Christ, right? Well... We make this mistake whenever we withhold

from others.

- Do we _____ the co-worker who isn't very nice to us?
- Do we _____ our best from the person who is always negative to us?
- Do we talk _______ about people behind their backs? ٠

Jesus comes along and _______everything that we think we know!

- He tells us to _____. Bless. Share. Even your enemies and frenemies.
- He purposely _______ everything we do as a culture.

How do we live like He calls us to?

- 1. Be ______ to your frenemy. Invite that coworker to come out with you.
- 2. Give _____. Build up those who are trying to hurt you.
- 3. _____ for them. Don't just ask God to help you get over those who have hurt you, pray for joy for those who hurt you.

There's a promise of a reward with this direction! What is it?

- Practical: Loving your enemies is the best
- Practical: If you constantly shut out other people you miss out on the • opportunity to _____as a human being.
- Most importantly, though, is the _____ promise that comes with ٠ following this direction.
- As you bless your enemy you start to learn about _____
- With God's help we learn about how ______, petty, weak and in need ٠ of God we are.
- When you are at that point God steps in and speaks to you in your weakness and says, "Because of My Son Jesus Christ, I hold none of your nastiness against you. You are _____!"

God doesn't treat His enemy like His enemy deserves to be treated. He punished Jesus instead of us. Now, God loves _____. Because of His Son you are part of His

In Christ God loves you, forgives you and ______ nothing from you!





Worship Services:

Sermon "Loving Your Frenemies" **Rev. Hemenway**

Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center Liturgy 184 Holy Communion Hymns: 411, 395 (St. 1, 4, 6), 848, 537

Sunday Services

8:00am-Church Liturgy 184 Hymns: 411, 395 (St. 1, 4, 6), 537 **Trinity School Students** In Thee Is Gladness LSB 818

10:30am-Church Liturgy 184 Holy Communion Hymns: 411, 395 (St. 1, 4, 6), 848, 537 **Trinity School Students** In Thee Is Gladness LSB 818

Scriptures for Today

	1st Reading:	Gen. 45:3-15	(p. 39)
	Psalm:	Psalm 103:1-13	(p. 502)
	Epistle:	1 Cor. 15:21-26,	(p. 961)
		30-42	
	Gospel:	Luke 6:27-38	(p. 862)



Those Serving This Week

Ushers

Saturday Wayne Harshaw, Barry Lowy, Rick Nance Sunday 8am Al Casolari, Kevin Cranford, Lynn Friday, Bill Miller, Barry Nass Sunday 10:30am Paul Hartman, Bryan Knoles, Alan Krofchick, Cliff Krueger, Chris Nickols, Adam Strong

Communion Assistants

<u>Saturday</u> Ted Haberman <u>Sunday</u> Dave Rohe, Steve Rossman, Byron Welt

Musicians

<u>Saturday</u> Amy Reed <u>Sunday</u> Laura Fliege

Altar Committee

<u>Saturday</u> Sonya Cohn, Donna Harshaw <u>Sunday</u> Carol Ponder, Betty Shaw



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

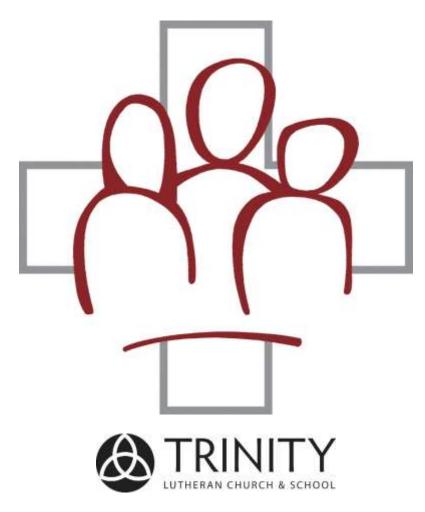
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through 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...God's stewards are in the world but not of the world. God's stewards recognize that the Lord sets them apart from the world and by the transforming power of the Gospel sends them into the world to live out the Gospel.

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24



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