

Special Prayers for Today

Gracious Heavenly Father, your truth is the truth, no matter what we or anyone else says or thinks, or how we or another person react to it. We ask you to bless your Word wherever it is proclaimed, that it would remain in its' truth and purity, for the sake of our souls, and for life everlasting. Amen. Give comfort and peace to all who need it, especially Colleen Armitage, Jan Arnold, Jo Barrington, Eugene Beccue (brother of Evie Meyer), Mila Beck, Dee Boehm, Ron Boris, Marilyn Britton, Richard and Terri (parents of Adam Bridgman), Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Gary Hampton (Clara Mae Hilberer's son-in-law), Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Earl Huddleston, Joelle Knoles, Tom Kopera, Marilyn Lockwood, Anthony Meredith (father of Kaden Meredith), Barry Nass, Paul Ogan (father of Brian Ogan), Sheavie Reagan, Elsie Reed (mother of Mickey Reed), Vickie Reilly, Aaron Shipman, Alan Smith (father of Alicia Klug), Amelia Smith (daughter of Kris Smith), Jeff Vorderstrasse, Jenny Walker and her caregivers, Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), Rev. Harold Woodworth (retired LCMS pastor who served in Jacksonville), Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles) and for the family of John Giel (father of Holly Henning-Buhr) who passed away, and continue to bless those celebrating anniversaries especially Ray and Carol Boehner for 50 years of marriage. Amen.

Flowers for the Altar

Flowers for the altar are given today by Cheryl Neal in gratefulness of God's tremendous blessings, especially to His children in this congregation and in joyful celebration of our new members.

At Worship Last Week

Ash Wednesday:180 Saturday: 102 Sunday: 110, 177.....569
Adult Studies: 136 Sunday School: 33.....169
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:\$10,916.50
February 2019 Automatic Contributions\$7,020.00

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am-10:15 am

Sunday School

Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study are held at the Trinity School Parish Center (For complete descriptions, see Weekly Announcements)

- Grades Pre-K-Grade 8: (Various locations)
- Sunday Morning High School Bible Class: Led by Youth Director Cindy Good in the Church library
- Women's Bible Study: Led by Amy Holmes & Karen Hemenway in the Extended Care Room
- The Christian's Mission: Led by Dr. Ken Schurb in the Science Lab
- Lord's Supper Bible Study: Led by Pastor Holmes in the 8th grade classroom
- How to Read the Bible: Led by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Hall
- Conquering the Sins We Love (follows How to Read the Bible): Led by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Hall

"Don't Tell Me That!"

Rev. Jonathan E. Holmes

Text: Jeremiah 26:8-15

- God's truth is – more often than not – hard to listen to, even for you.
 - Doesn't matter if it's the Law or Gospel.
 - The Law is hard to listen to because we are told what we can and cannot do – which nobody likes to here.
 - The Gospel is hard to listen to because we are told that nothing we do contributes to our salvation – which hurts our pride.
 - God's truth completely rejects the philosophies of individualism and autonomy, not to mention the philosophy that there is no absolute truth.
 - Meaning to the Third Article of the Creed says as much, however: *"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him."*
- Speaking God's truth can get you beat-up, or worse: get you killed.
 - People react harshly to the absolute truth – just look at the reactions of the officials, leaders, and people of Judah against Jeremiah.
 - You need to remember people are not reacting against you, but against God when they react in such a brutal way.
 - It's God's truth, we're just the messengers.
 - Hence the phrase, "Don't kill the messenger."
 - Everyone always wants to kill the messenger.
- However, God's truth in the end truly sets you free.
 - While the text for today doesn't seem to offer any hope, hope sits in the greater context of the Book of Jeremiah and the entirety of the Scripture.
 - Why? Because Lent always points us to Jesus while we are awaiting to celebrate and receive the blessings of the death and resurrection of Christ.
 - Through Christ, God's truth is that He is merciful and gracious.
 - He forgives you all your sins.
 - He declares you righteous, and your Baptism declares this as such.
 - He gives peace of body, mind, and soul.



Worship Services:

Sermon

"Don't Tell Me That!"

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Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center

Liturgy 184

Non-Communion Service

Junior Choir

Hymns: 728, 420 (st 1, 6, 7), 725

Sunday Services

8:00am-Church

Holy Communion

Liturgy 184

Hymns: 728, 420 (st 1, 6, 7), 727, 725

10:30am-Church

Liturgy 184

Hymns: 728, 420 (st 1, 6, 7), 725

Primary Choir

Scriptures for Today

1st Reading: Jer. 26:8-15 (p. 654)

Psalm: Psalm 4 (p. 448)

Epistle: Phil. 3:17-4:1 (p. 977)

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35 (p. 873)



Those Serving This Week

Ushers

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

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

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday

Mark Cohn, Travis Hindman, Brian Ogan

Musicians

Saturday

Lisa Krueger

Sunday

Wendy Boehme

Altar Committee

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday

Susan Gilman, Melissa Bowers



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 complete a visitor card from the pew rack and pass it to the center aisle for collection by the ushers.
- 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 worshippers). 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.

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.

The Second Sunday of Lent Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17



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