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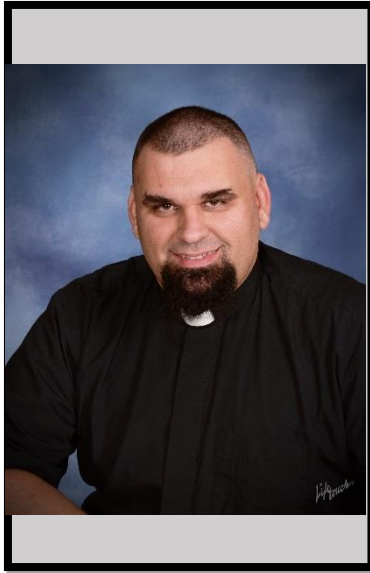
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The Trinity Trumpet

Connecting people to Jesus

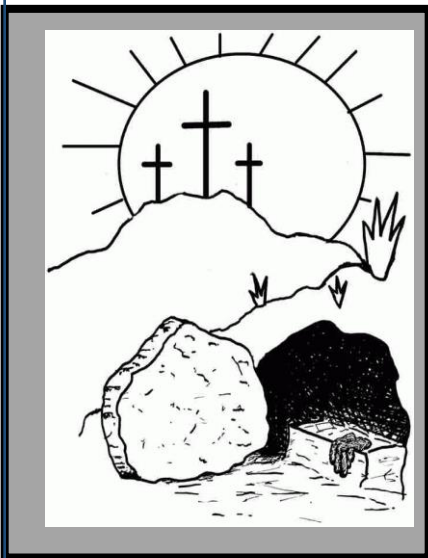
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!
Psalm 107:1

Rev Matt Gehrke



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What is steadfast in your life? Steadfast means resolutely or dutiful firm and unwavering. In world that is constantly changing, we need to be reminded that we do have something that is steadfast.

God's love is steadfast. There is nothing more steadfast than to last forever! Forever is a mighty long time. How many things can say that they are steadfast forever? A parent's love? A spouse's love? A family's love? Change itself? The sunrise and sunset? Gravity? When we start talking forever, that eliminates almost everything.

After all, if human hands has made it, it will crumble and fall. Even human emotions come and go. Those rock solid relationships we have with people, people we truly trust and can depend on, those relationships in this world will eventually crumble, fade away, and even die.

Even the things that this world makes and does won't steadfastly last forever. Even our smartest people tell us the sun will burn out or implode. That will mean disaster for the planet we live on. Gravitational pull will be changed forever in the surviving wreckage. No matter what it is, in this world, steadfast forever is a pipe dream.

Except not with God. His steadfast love endures forever! Forever, ever. We see His love in Christ Jesus who died on the cross for you. To redeem His creation. To redeem you. To forgive you for those times when your love toward others was wavering. He died to redeem you from those relationships that failed you. He died to give you a new home that has no expiration date. He shows us this truth by rising from the dead. Never to die again. Never to leave you or forsake you. Never to have death touch Him again. SO that His love can last forever. So that His love is and always will be steadfast.

That truth gives us eternal reasons to give thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord.

In Christ,
Pastor Gehrke,

Prayers

We Pray this month...

This is a guide to help all members of Trinity to study God's Word and be in prayer each week. The Scripture readings are based upon the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings so that each member can have a better understanding and grasp of what worship will be centered upon. Also it contains prayer requests that members can pray for in their daily devotions and members of Trinity can be united together in their prayers throughout the week.

Beginning the week of...

Nov. 1 We read: Amos 5, 1 Thessalonians 4:12-18, and Matthew 25:1-13

We Pray: In thanksgiving for the faith of the saints of Trinity who died this past year.
For an end to the pandemic.
For LCMS Disaster Response.

Nov. 8 We read: Zephaniah 1, 1 Thessalonians 5, and Matthew 25:14-30

We Pray: For our veterans.
For our military chaplains.
For LCMS ministry to the armed forces.

Nov. 15 We read: Ezekiel 34, 1 Corinthians 15, and Matthew 25:31-46

We Pray: For Christ the King to return soon.
For everyone battling cancer.
For LCMS Deaconess Ministry.

Nov. 22 We read: Isaiah 64, 1 Corinthians 1, and Mark 11

We Pray: Thanksgiving for all of God's blessing.
Thanksgiving for the good news of Jesus Christ.
For Rev. Nathan Meador, the SWD new mission ministry executive.

Nov. 29 We read: Isaiah 40, 2 Peter 3, and Mark 1:1-8

We Pray: For a blessed Advent season.
For families that were not able to gather for Thanksgiving.
For the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.



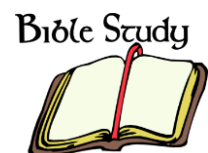
Book of Concord Quote of the Month:

"Therefore let pious consciences know that God commands them to believe that they are forgiven freely on account of Christ and not on account of our works. Let them sustain themselves with this command of God against despair and against the terrors of sin and death. Let them know that this position has been extant among the saints in the church since the beginning of the world."

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article XII, 72 as found in Kolb/Wengert edition of the Book of Concord published in 2000 by Fortress Press.

Sunday morning Bible Study continues during the month of November studying Lutheranism 101 in the basement of the church at 8:30am.

Wednesday afternoon Bible Study continues to study the book of Isaiah. We meet at 1:00pm outside the Trinity Fellowship Room. We will not meet on Wednesday, Nov. 24.



AROUND THE CHURCH

Bible Breakfasts will conclude in November! We will gather together at 9am at Myrt and Lucy's unless it is closed, then we will meet at Howies. On Nov. 4 we will look at the 8th Commandment at Howies. On Nov. 11, we will conclude with the 9th and 10th Commandments back at Myrt and Lucy's. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Online Bible Study is studying the Minor Prophets! We currently are in the middle of Hosea! We meet on Thursday evenings around 7pm on Facebook. You can watch our live video live or watch when your schedule better allows it. You don't even have to leave your home for an awesome Bible Study! Join our online Bible Study at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/295348361009451/> called Trinity Lutheran Church Online Bible Study. We will not have class on Nov. 25, Thanksgiving evening!

Trinity Lutheran Church now accepts credit and debit cards! Are you worried about the security of our credit card processing? Our card reader puts everything into encryption. Our card processing security is way beyond the minimums required by federal law. Try it out today.

We need more volunteers! We need a vice chairman and a congregational secretary! Pray about it and talk to pastor about one of those positions. We are still looking for one more member of the congregation to join the employee handbook review committee.

Confirmation continues on Wednesdays in November! We will meet in Mr. M's room on Nov. 3, 10, and 17 at 5:30pm. There will be no confirmation Thanksgiving Eve!

Thanksgiving Eve worship with Holy Communion will be Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7pm. Join us in publicly thanking God for all His blessings.

All Saints Worship will be Wed. Nov. 3 and Sun. Nov. 7. We will remember the saints who have departed our midst in the past year and are now at rest in Heaven with Jesus.

Adult Information will meet each Sunday during the month of November in the basement.

Face cords of wood are for sale! \$75 and if you want it delivered, there is a \$15 delivery charge. Order your wood today through the church office before it is gone! All proceeds are donated to Trinity Lutheran School and are generously matched dollar for dollar.

Scrip cards make great Christmas gifts! Did you want to order some Scrip cards for Christmas? Contact the office by Dec. 1 and a larger order will be placed at one time! Now is the time to start thinking ahead about Christmas and Scrip cards make Christmas easy.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28! Then beginning December 1, we will have 3 advent midweek services. Our theme will be "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" Based upon Joseph's perspective both before the birth of Jesus and after the birth of Jesus. Dec. 15 will be our children's Advent service.

Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7pm. We will begin planning for our next Trinity Dinner Auction. Anyone from the church is welcome to join our Development Committee.

Check out our new website design! We need everyone to sign up for text and email updates on our website. Although we probably have your email and cell phone information, we don't know your cell phone carrier and this is important for our sign up. Go to trinitydells.org and sign up for updates under the Trinity Lutheran Church sign-up.

Cross Project! You have seen the crosses that the Board of Evangelism are making. We are hoping to be able to get them out into the public by having a display of them in front of local businesses that anyone can take home to put in their yards. Thank you to P.J. Kruschel for putting our first stand in front of Citgo! The first full rack was already emptied out once! If you know of any businesses that would be willing to have our crosses be available for FREE please let pastor or a member of the Board of Evangelism know.

Continue building up the church! Our Board of Evangelism has a build up the church project happening right now. Invite people to church, pray for the church, pray for the school, share God's Word with someone, and many other activities that are meant to build up the church are found on popsicle sticks that when completed can be added to our church model. This is an intentional way to build up our congregation as we emerge from Covid.

Employee Handbook Committee has been formed by the Voter's Assembly. We need a couple volunteers from the congregation to help us work through these guidelines. If interested, please contact pastor. We will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 29 at 6pm.

Annual Reports are now due in the office. It is time for chairmen of the different boards and committees to turn in annual reports for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Get them into the office ASAP. If you don't know if you are supposed to turn in a report ask these questions. Was I a board chairman or the chairman of the congregation? Did I keep finances for a group in the church? If you answer yes to any of these questions, we need you to turn in the report ASAP! It is already November!

Former board members if you have fulfilled your term on a board and still have a church key, please turn them into the office.

Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 11th from 9:00am – 1:00pm in the church basement. We will have sign up sheets posted shortly so that you can tell us what cookies will be brought, to help us better plan for this exciting event. Begin sharing the news and get your cookie sheets out and ready to bake!

Team Trinity will meet on Sunday, November 21 at 3pm in the basement of the church. It will be time to play sardines again! We will finish up at 4pm.

National Youth Gathering Forms need to be turned into pastor by December 1. Get those forms filled out, turn in your deposit money so that we can get our plans and fundraising rolling. Any questions? Please contact pastor.

The Voters' Assembly on Oct. 24 decided that Christmas Eve services will be 2 and 7pm. Mark your calendars today and make sure to worship with us during your Christmas celebration.

The following is shared from a homebound member! The question is, are you a disciple of Jesus? If you say, "I'm not sure about that. Why can't I just be a good Christian?" Then we have an answer for you. The Lord Jesus came looking for disciples and at the end of his earthly ministry told the church to do one thing: make disciples. These thoughts are appropriate for our congregation at Trinity. Are we disciples of Jesus? Or are we simply putting in our time? Are we making disciples of Jesus? Or are we simply concerned with church attendance? Are we making disciples of Jesus? Or are we obsessed with the offering numbers? As you prepare for worship and life, consider the following questions: "How does discipleship occur in the secular world today? How is that process similar to Christian discipleship? In what ways have I been discipled by Jesus Christ? In what ways have I been discipled by other Christians? How can I help others in the church conform to Christ's patten of life? How can others help me? A prayer for this congregation is that we grow in discipleship, in the pattern of Christ Jesus. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform any longer to the patten of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind

Serving Schedule

November 3

Elder: Doug Jonas
Musician: Cheryl Harder
Acolyte: Gracie Flippo

November 7

Elder: Jeff Degner/Larry Kelly
Musician: Ken Howes
Acolyte: Makayla Schweda

November 10

Elder: Doug Jonas
Musician: Cheryl Harder
Acolyte: Makayla Schweda

November 14

Elder: Jeff Degner/Larry Kelly
Musician: Ken Howes
Acolyte: Robert Degner

November 17

Elder: Doug Jonas
Musician: Cheryl Harder
Acolyte: Khammi Alsum

November 21

Elder: Jeff Degner/Larry Kelly
Musician: Return of the King
Acolyte: Robert Degner

November 24

Elder: Doug Jonas
Musician: Cheryl Harder
Acolyte: Izzy Smith

November 28

Elder: Jeff Degner/Larry Kelly
Musician: Ken Howes
Acolyte: Makayla Schweda

WE NEED BAKERS!

Put your baking skills to good use. We need cookies for the cookie walk.

Check the cookie board for the selection of cookies needed.

Cookies need to be in the kitchen by Friday, Dec. 10th no later than noon!

Thanks for your help to make this fundraiser a success!!

WOOD FOR SALE!

Thank you to everyone who helped cut wood in October! What a tremendous blessing! The second weekend saw us spilt 33 face cords of wood! It is a new record!

We are accepting orders for wood to be delivered. The cost is \$75 per face cord. If you want it delivered, then there is a \$15 fee as well. Our wood sales are matched by a generous donor so your purchase is doubled for our school.

Where does the wood money go? In the recent past, the wood money has gone toward Tuition assistance. It has been used to help families unable to make full tuition payments still be able to send their children to Trinity! This wood project is a tremendous blessing to our school and to our school families. Your work and support are greatly appreciated!

We can still use your help!

- The Altar Guild is always looking for new members
- You can shop on Amazon Smile and choose Trinity
- We still collect aluminum cans. They can be left by the shed.
- We need a vice President and a congregational secretary
- Thrivent Members can apply for 2 Action Team Grants
- The Quilters meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

1

2 Jeremy Becker
Ron Birkholz
Judy Owens

3 Gina Anderson
Heidi Klave

4

5 Brett Udelhofen
Shiann Warren

6 Jeffrey Stroede

7 Emma Kruschel
Matthew Madsen
Michael Madsen

8 Helen Bender

9 Carol Hueffner

10 Helen Gourley

11 Hannah Hammerly

12 Taylor Crum

13 Kathy Knetter
Michelle Rogge

14 Stephani Warren

15 Aurelia Becerra-Giese

16 Duane Rich
Brooke Smith

17 Shane Hesse
Lance Raney

18 Dawn Crum

19 Gene Harder
Aaron Huefner

20 Kimberly Holcombe
Emilee Ott

21

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23 Janelle Julson
Eliza Piotter

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25 Scott Owens
Traeton Udelhofen

26 Sonny Cooper
Sammy Cooper

27 Daniela Sellmeyer

28 Lloyd Bender
Tonya Goetz

29 Rachel Knutson
Matthew Snyder

30 Taryn Alvin
Greg Schultz

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Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Altar Guild 6pm Board of Evangelism 6:30pm	3 Chapel 8:30am Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm Choir 6pm Worship w/H.C. 7pm	4 Bible Breakfast 9:00am 7pm Online Bible Study	5	6
7 Adult Bible Study 8:30am Worship w/H.C. & Kids Church 9:45am Adult Information Class 6pm	8 No School Board of Trustees 5:30pm	9 No School Board of Christian Education 6pm	10 Chapel 8:30am Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm Choir 6pm Worship 7pm	11 Bible Breakfast 9:00am Quilting 1pm Bd of Stewards 5:30pm 7pm Online Bible Study	12	13
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21 Adult Bible Study 8:30am Contemporary Worship w/H.C. & Kids Church 9:45am Team Trinity 3pm Adult Information Class 6pm	22 Board of Elders 6pm	23	24 NO SCHOOL Choir 6pm Thanksgiving Worship w/H.C. 7pm	25 THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED	26 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED	27
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