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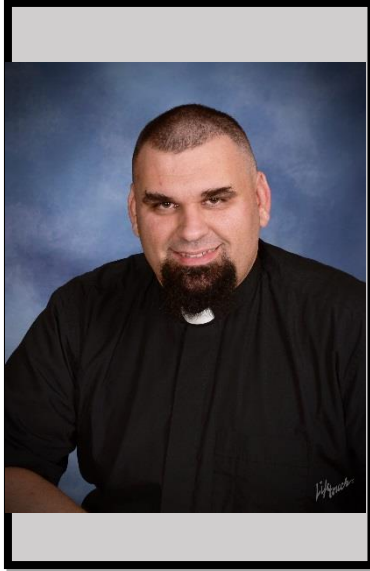
The Trinity Trumpet

Connecting people to Jesus

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

~ John 8:36

Rev Matt Gehrke



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sin is a cruel task master. It is always demanding more from you. Never wanting to let go of its grip over you. Asking for more allegiance, more money, more time, more energy. Sin wants more from you.

Think about it. Your temptation will lie to you and say, "This will be the last time," just to get you to fall into temptation another time. It will trick you into thinking, "you are doing the right thing," or "everyone else is doing it," or "it isn't hurting anyone." It has its own set of excuses.

All the while it lies and deceives you. It gets you more and more under its spell, under its control. Pretty soon, it is no longer you who is deciding it, but the sinner, the sinful self, even the sin itself that can control you. As long as you are in this earthly, sinful body, you are a slave to sin.

No matter how hard you try, you just can't master it. Not on your own anyways. You need something greater than you, something from outside of you to help you. You need someone to set you free. That person is Jesus.

Jesus tells you very clearly, "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Not your own habits, strong mind games, your own meditative practices, or anything else can truly set you free from sin. Only Jesus sets you free.

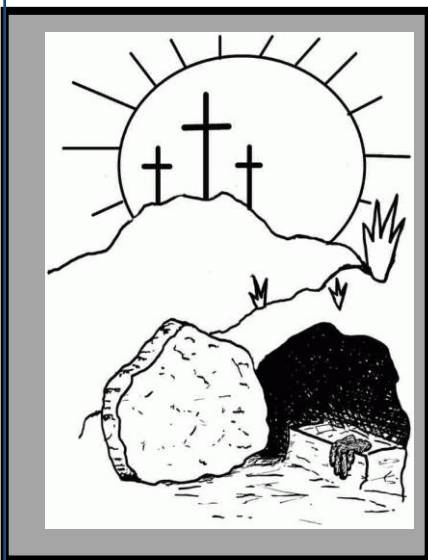
The amazing thing is that He sets you free by becoming your servant. He serves you by taking away all your sin, your mistakes, your temptations, your false desire, and every single mistake you ever made. He takes it to the cross. Puts them on His back and says to you, "Those are now mine!" Then He dies on the cross.

But the great news is that when they buried Jesus, those sins were buried with Jesus. But on Easter morning, Jesus rose from the dead. Showing us true freedom from not only sin but also from death. Those sins that enslaved us are buried in the tomb. Jesus took them to the cross, was buried with them, and left them buried in the tomb. Setting you free from your sins. Setting you free from your mistakes. Setting you free from your past. Giving you a future, a free future in God's kingdom forever. When one day, the mention of sin and even the memory of sin will be gone for good. This all because Jesus set you free.

In Christ,
Pastor Gehrke

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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...

Oct. 4 We read: Amos 5, Hebrews 3, and Mark 10:17-22

We Pray: For the Ladies of Trinity.
For all who are battling breast cancer.
For the LWML.

Oct. 11 We read: Ecclesiastes 5, Hebrews 4, and Mark 10:23-31

We Pray: For our quilters.
For farmers.
For Lutheran World Relief.

Oct. 18 We read: Jeremiah 31, Hebrews 7, and Mark 10:46-52

We Pray: For our homebound members.
For all pastors.
For the Global Seminary Initiative.

Oct. 25 We read: Revelation 14, Romans 3, and John 8

We Pray: For our Trunk N Treat.
For a blessed Reformation celebration.
For all Church Workers.



Book of Concord Quote of the Month:

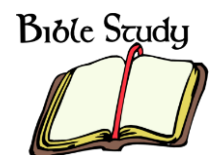
“Likewise, they teach that human beings cannot be justified before God by their own powers, merits, or works. But they are justified as a gift on account of Christ through faith when they believe that they are received into grace and that their sins are forgiven on account of Christ, who by his death made satisfaction for our sins. God reckons this faith as righteousness” Augsburg Confession, Article IV as found in Kolb/Wengert edition of the Book of Concord published in 2000 by Fortress Press.

Sunday morning Bible Study will meet in the basement at 8:30am Sundays before worship! We are studying Lutheranism 101.

Wednesday afternoon Bible Study continues to study Isaiah. We meet at 1:00pm outside the Trinity Fellowship Room.

Bible Breakfasts will be on Thursdays during the month of September and into October at 9am at Mryt & Lucy's Chat 'N Chew. Our theme will be the 10 Commandments. No Bible Breakfast, Oct. 21!

Online Bible Study is studying the Minor Prophets! 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 Thursday, Oct. 21!



AROUND THE CHURCH

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 are still searching for a vice chairman and a congregational secretary. The congregational secretary records the minutes of the voters assembly and church council meetings. The Vice Chairman leads the Salary Committee and fills in for the Chairman when not available to lead Voter's Meetings and Church Council meetings.

Team Trinity will have a bon fire at Pastor Gehrke's backyard on Saturday, Oct. 16 7:00-9pm.

Confirmation class will meet Oct. 6, 13, and 27 at 5:30pm in Mr. M's classroom.

Kid's Church is back! We need more teachers. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to be a teacher for a week.

Voter's Assembly will be Sunday, October 24 at 11am. Church council will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 6pm.

Constitutional Committee will meet on Thursday, October 7 at 5pm in the Trinity Fellowship Room.

Chili Supper hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church (Big Creek) located 5 miles north of La Valle. Tuesday, Oct. 5 4-7pm. It is a joint event between the ladies of St. Paul and Zion of La Valle. Menu of Chili or Chicken Soup, cheese and crackers, French Bread, and dessert. There will also be a quilt raffle.

Trunk N Treat is back! On Sunday, Oct. 31 5:00-6:30pm. Come join us as we hand out candy from the trunk of our cars in our parking lot. You can dress up, decorate your car, hand out candy to hundreds of kids, and have fun, while also helping us share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you can't make, you are welcome to donate candy to be handed out as well.

New Member Class will begin on Sunday, Oct. 3. Our Adult information class for people wanting to join Trinity and those wanting to review the basics of the Christian faith begins the first Sunday in October. We will meet in the basement at 6pm. The class is a 10 course class that shows what the Bible teaches about the Triune God, Christ, Baptism, Confession and Absolution, Holy Communion, and much more. If you have any questions, please contact pastor.

Thank you for all the Wo-Zha-Wa help! It is a busy week of baking and selling pies, parking cars, making walking tacos, and handing out water. Everyone's effort was greatly appreciated. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Trinity Lutheran Church and School is still looking for a new office secretary. If you are interested or know of anyone who is looking for a secretarial position, please encourage them to send their resumes to office@trinitydells.org.

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. 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.

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. It is also time to turn in your financials for the past year so they can be audited and published. Get them into the office ASAP.

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. As it gets closer, we will be giving you more information. Please save the date!!

LWML Sunday is Sunday, October 3! The quilts that have been made will be on display. The Ladies of Trinity will be helping to usher and serving birthday treats after the worship service. Join us for another exciting LWML Sunday!

LWML Zone Rally will be Saturday, Oct. 30 beginning at 10am. We will have a speaker from Lutheran Heritage Foundation. It will take place at St. Luke's in Richland Center. A member from Trinity will need to be the zone secretary for the meeting. Our zone also needs a new zone president!

Next Ladies of Trinity Meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 6pm in the basement of the church. Come and hear about how we did at the pie sale and help us make plans for the cookie tins.

Congratulations to Mrs. Enith Bailey! She will receive the Service to the Church Award as an alum from Concordia University St. Paul on Friday, October 8 during their Homecoming celebrations! We at Trinity Lutheran Church and School agree! A well deserved reward for her decades of work as a church worker!

Website Issues if you have gotten used to using our website for finding information about the church. There was a major technical glitch that basically lost our entire website for a time and now we need to rebuild it back up. Please be patient with us for this will take some time. Watch for more announcements about our website and be ready to enter your email address so that we can't keep in touch when we are ready for that information.

Serving Schedule

October 3

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

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

October 10

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

October 13

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

October 17

Elder: Jeff Degner/Larry Kelly
Acolyte: Makayla Schweda

October 20

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

October 24

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

October 27

Elder: Doug Jonas
Musician: Cheryl Harder
Acolyte: Melanee Becker

October 31

Elder: Jeff Degner/Larry Kelly
Musician: Ken Howes
Acolyte: Gracie Flipppo

Reformation Day is October 31! On Oct. 31, 1517 on All Hallowed's Eve, Martin Luther posted the 95 thesis on the church doors in Wittenburg. This has been called the beginning of the Reformation. Our Reformation service will include the adult choir and the school children singing during worship. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate our theological heritage. You won't want to miss our Reformation celebration!

LUMBERJACK DAYS!

Our first morning of cutting, splitting and stacking was a **GREAT** success! We need to continue this success and with the colder weather coming we need to get this job done. So far, **we have received orders for 21 face cords to be delivered** and have delivered two faces cords already. Last year, we sold over 65 face cords and so we are asking for help this month to get as much done as possible. This is another way to meet the students, parents and members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

Work site address is: 3706 8th Avenue.

Upcoming work dates are as follows starting at 8:30am each day: Oct. 1 and Oct. 22 – These are cutting days so bring your chainsaw. If you want to split wood, you can come. Oct. 2 and Oct. 23 – These are mornings of cutting, splitting and stacking. Bring your chainsaw if you can. Lunch will be provided on Oct. 2nd and Oct. 23rd.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!

1 Hayden Luther

2 Darrin Schuette

3 Janel Giese
Jamie Pfeifer
Orpha Reifsteck
Melissa Smith

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6 Laura Clark
Jeff Hoffman
Lauren Rockwell

7 Karissa Ott
Debra Spencer
Abel Wieser

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11 Jamie Potter
Judy Treptow

12 Jean Krause

13 Logan Goetz

14 Mariah Murphy

15 Michael Bremer
Trevor Slaght

16 Mary Schwark
Jayna Zobel

17 Sandy Hickey

18 Carolyn Madsen
Nathan Rockwell
Avree Wieser

19 Sean Adee
Victoria Morse

20 Brittany Egnaty
Alexandra Fitzgerald
Joan Kleinshmidt
James Madsen

21

22 Jade Hesse
Ryder Rogge-Puckett
Shari Stroede

23 Heather Kutaj

24 Katie Pelner

25

26

27 Jacey Walker
Sandra Winnes

28

29 Mary Meyer
Chantelle Pelner
Ryan Rockwell
Rachel Van Horn
Sophia Venne

30 David Jarvis
Alberta Schultz
Edward Schwark
Michelle Strange
Ehren Stroede

31 Jordyn Hammerly
Lana Hammerly

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Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lumberjack Day Wood Cutting 8:30am	2 Lumberjack Day Wood cutting splitting/stacking 8:30am (w/lunch)
3 Adult Bible Study 8:30am LWML Sunday Worship w/H.C. & Kids Church 9:45am Adult Information Class 6pm	4	5 Altar Guild 6pm Board of Evangelism 6:30pm	6 Chapel 8:30am Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm Choir 6pm Worship 7pm	7 Bible Breakfast 9:00am Constitution Committee 5pm 7pm Online Bible Study	8	9
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17 Adult Bible Study 8:30am Contemporary Worship w/H.C. & Kids Church 9:45am Adult Information Class 6pm	18	19 Church Council 6pm	20 Chapel 8:30am Adult Bible Class 1pm Choir 6pm Worship 7pm	21	22 Lumberjack Day Wood Cutting 8:30am	23 Lumberjack Day Wood cutting splitting/stacking 8:30am (w/lunch)
	Pastor's Conference La Crosse					
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