

September 18, 19 & 22, 2021 Weekly Bulletin

Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings

Principal/Associate Pastor: Rev. Keith E. GeRue

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm



✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, September 18

5:00 PM Worship in Church & Online

Sunday, September 19

9:00 AM Worship in Church & Online

School Sings and Chimes

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Sunday School Rally Day!

Monday, September 20

Pastor's Sabbath

Sewing

District Principal's Conference

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 21

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

District Principal's Conference

4:30 PM Volleyball Trinity Oshkosh @ Home

5:30 PM Ladies Aid Potluck

Wednesday, September 22

8:45 AM Chapel

5:00 PM Confirmation

6:30 PM Worship in Church

Thursday, September 23

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

4:30 PM Volleyball Valley Home School @ Home

Friday, September 24

2:00 PM Walk-A-Thon

Saturday, September 25

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship in Church & Online

Sunday, September 26

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

10:30-11:30 AM Sunday School Begins

10:30-11:30 AM Young Adult Bible Study

✠ We Pray For... ✠

Karen Lambert, Liz Swaney, Shannon Braun, Rev. Dale Trimberger, Jim Perry, Mona Bahrke, Ronald Virchow Sr., Brenda Kempf, Rose Kosloski, Pr. Ronald Meier, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Michael Hastings, Merle Webber, Dennis Durkey, Joyce Virchow, Pastor Timothy Kinne, Michelle Mahoney, Jeff Dionne, Sue Maynard, Donna Mies, Sally Bolen, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Frank Erdmann, Alan Manteufel, Debbie Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Ann Keller, Jerry Peotter, Lana Gast, Scott Dontje, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomerence, Brooke Schroeder, Judy Krause, Lynn Olson, Caleb Manteufel, Rev. Jerry Stecker, Dominic Hall, Sam Koch, Gradin Taschner, Gloria Williamson, Philip Conradt, Jim Zeinert and Joyce & Paul Faga.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.”

The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or

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Altar Flowers

Given in honor to the Glory of God by the Ladies Aid.

This Weekend's Banners

"Trinity Partners in Christ"

"Lutheran School Week"

"Sharing God's Blessings;
Proclaiming His Gospel"

Church Office Hours

Church office hours are 8:00AM-3:00PM

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**

Income as of September 12: **\$24,433**

Weekly Bible Study

Opportunities:

10:30AM Sunday – "Prayer: We Speak to God" with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings (In Person & Online).

10:30AM Sunday—Young Adult Bible Study "Daniel a Man of God" with Rev. GeRue.

10:45AM Sunday – Book of Isaiah (Blaine Henkel) (Online).

6:30PM Monday – Women's Bible Study, "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma (Connie Henkel) Large Conference Room

6:30AM Tuesday – Ladies Bible Study, Ten Minute Bible Journey (Dottie Kraus).

6:00AM Thursday – Men's Bible Study, Book of Acts (Steve Reinke).

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or let Jean know.

Altar Flower Donations

If you wish to donate flowers, the "Altar Flowers" envelope are again available in the Narthex. You may also contact the office. The cost of providing altar flowers is \$25.00. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Specific flower requests are dependent upon availability. If you want a specific arrangement, the Board of Worship is asking that you work directly with a florist.*

September 21st—Ladies Aid

All ladies of the congregation are invited and welcomed to come to our September 21st potluck and 2021-2022 organizational meeting of Trinity's Ladies Aid/LWML. It starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall. SIGN UP SHEET is on the spinner in the narthex. Come and bring a dish to pass or just come!

Trinity's Food Pantry

On any given month, we provide up to 100 orders of both perishable and non-perishable foods and household items to families that are in need through our Food Pantry. Your continued support of Trinity's Food Pantry, through food and monetary donations, is a blessing to so many. We thank you!

Our needs change throughout the year. Currently we are in need of the following non-perishables: Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Tomato Soup & Chicken Noodle Soup, Jelly/Jam. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Holy Communion

We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with one of the Pastors.

Octoberfest Cancelled

As you may have heard, the Appleton Octoberfest has been cancelled. Many thanks to those who signed up to work and donate items for this event. Hopefully, next year we will once again be able to participate in Octoberfest.

Looking for Ushers

Ushers have an important role in our worship service. Our church is in need of more ushers to help on Wednesday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Jean or Mary at the office and they can get you on the schedule.

Altar Guild Help Needed

There are many opportunities to serve our Lord here at Trinity. We are in need of people to serve on our Altar Guild team. Tasks are: set-up, reset, and clean up communion. On Sundays, after worship, deliver the Altar flowers to members of Trinity. Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Contact Kari Lindner at (928) 279-7192 to become a member of our team.

**ADMIN E-MAIL ADDRESS:
ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com**

Prayer Chain

Barbara Kester is head of the Prayer Chain. If you desire prayers for yourself or someone else, please call Barbara at (920) 722-3228.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is \$.75 each. Please let the office know if you wish to purchase one.

Geraniums Available

Geranium season is about to an end! If you would like some of these beautiful flowers for your home, please come after September 26th and remove them at your convenience.

Help Needed Mowing Grass

Volunteers needed for lawn mowing this season. All equipment needed is provided by Trinity. Please contact Lee Colby for more information or to sign up. Thank you!

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:00PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

How to Order Scrip? Call the office Mon.–Fri., 8:00AM-3:00PM, or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

Check out “RaiseRight” electronic Scrip! Contact the office for details.

Please Check Your Church Mailbox

✠ SCHOOL NEWS ✠ “In All Things”

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| Sept 20—24 | MAP TESTING |
| Mon Sept 20 | District Principal's Conference |
| Tue Sept 21 | District Principal's Conference 4:30 PM Volleyball Trinity Oshkosh @ Home |
| Wed Sept 22 | 8:45am Chapel See You at the Pole |
| Thu Sept 23 | 4:30 PM Volleyball Valley Home School @ Home |
| Fri Sept 17 | 2:45pm Walk A Thon |
| Mon Sept 27 | 5:00 pm Parent Dinner and School Update |

Openings Available

We still have some openings for enroll for the 2021-2022 School Year. Please call the school office. If you or someone you know would like a tour or information on Trinity School. Tours and school information are available! Classes are filling quickly!

Teacher Opening

We are still looking for a full day 4K teacher. If you have any names or information please call or message Pastor GeRue. Thank You!

LAST OF ALL

Mark 9:30-37

Have you ever seen any “last place” awards? Typically, last place is not emphasized or recognized.

In today's Bible reading, Jesus teaches about being “last of all.”

Like us, Jesus' disciples were sinful, imperfect human beings. Like us, they sometimes argued with each other. In today's lesson, the argument was about who was the greatest. They probably weren't arguing about who was the greatest fisherman, runner or any such competition. They probably

wanted to know who was the greatest in God's kingdom or who was Jesus' best and favorite follower.

While our arguments might be about who is the best athlete, math student, speller or similar competition, we, too, can get caught up in thinking that we are better and more obedient followers of Jesus than others.

As true God, Jesus is certainly always first. Through Moses, God declared to Israel, “I am the Lord; there is no other.” Jesus was the first of creation and will be present through all eternity. Jesus was the first and only Son of the Father. Seated on His throne through all eternity, Jesus declares, “I am the first” (REV. 1:17).

Jesus, who was and is always first, also makes Himself “last.” Jesus chooses to come as a baby who is laid in a manger. Jesus said that He “had no place to lay His head.” The King of kings comes humbly into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus chooses to be crucified with criminals. Jesus chose to be last so that we could be saved. Through Jesus, we who should be in last place in God's kingdom are welcomed to be among His children. We are all #1 to Jesus.

It's OK to try to be first. We certainly always want to give our best effort in the classroom, in sports and in all tasks. We try to get the best grades we can. We realize that none of those things makes us right with God. Jesus has paid the price for our sins. Following His example, we seek to serve others rather than ourselves. We are ready to say, “You go first; I'll be last.”

All Things in Jesus' Name

Heavenly Father, may we always honor You as the first and only God. We give You thanks that You sent Jesus who was willing to be last and to be the perfect sacrifice for our sin. Give us serving hearts so that we are willing to put others first. In Jesus' name, Amen.