



July 1-2, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, July 1:

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, July 2:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour

Monday, July 3:

Rev. Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

**Office will be Closed,
Monday, July 3rd &
Tuesday, July 4th**

Tuesday, July 4: 4TH OF JULY

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, July 5:

6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, July 6:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**NOTICE
2023-2024 BUDGET MEETING
Thursday, July 6th at 6:30PM
in the Sanctuary
The agenda is available in the Narthex.**

Friday, July 7:

Saturday, July 8:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, July 9:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour

✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Jan Bathke, Mark and Jean Becker, Karelton Borchardt, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, Matt Daniels, Nancy Davidson, Ed Diesch, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Dennis & Judith Durkey, George Engele, Frank Erdmann, Sara Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Bruce Gast, Michael Hastings, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Jackie Lennox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, James Mass, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Lynn Olson, Jerry Peotter, Julia Peterson, Norb Pomerence, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Marty Schramper, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeder, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Deloris Vozka, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth and Terry Wray.

Celebrating Birthdays: Kelly Acheson, Charles Brehm, Levi Kroes, Ellie Maynard, Melissa Reed, Mark Waldburger, Bradley Wendler, Tegan Wray

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Kelly and Steven Acheson, James and Cari Boss, Bart and Jane Nielsen, Brian and Paula Reichert, Steve and Joan Reinke.

Those Grieving: Warren Lindner Family
LeRoy Schaefer Family

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion, please talk with one of the pastors before the service.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers have been donated by Rodney Fischer in loving memory of his wife, Bonnie Fischer.

This Weekend's Banners

"Come Follow Me" & "Grow Strong in Faith"

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:42 – "And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord's work in His church go toward supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through your support of it.

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.

\$ SCRIP News \$

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

Trinity Camping Weekend 2023

Trinity Camping weekend is set for the traditional 3rd weekend in August, August 18-20 and will be held at Wild West Campground & Corral. They are located on Hwy 54, 8 miles west of Waupaca (5 miles west of Hartmann Creek State Park). Check them out at <http://www.wildwestcampground.com>. Reservations are taken online; go to their website and place your reservation today, or call them direct at (715) 824-5112.

Questions or ideas for other campgrounds to consider for 2024?

Contact Roger or Merry Voigt, at (920) 725-9908, or rogerwvoigt@gmail.com.

Church Picnic—Mark Your Calendar!!

WHEN: Sunday, August 6, 2023

WHERE: Smith Park Pavilion in Menasha

WHAT: Fellowship hour starts at 9:00 AM
10:00 AM worship service.

Potluck luncheon to follow the service: A-H bring salads; I-R bring main dishes, and S-Z bring desserts.

We can use help setting up/moving tables and cleaning up afterwards. Sponsored by the Board of Outreach and Social Ministry.

✠ Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church ✠

10:30 AM **Sunday:** *"The Letter to the Romans"* with Pastors Alliet & Billings-Large Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM **Sunday:** *The Book of Isaiah*, Contact: Blaine Henkel (*Recessed for the Summer*)

6:30 PM **Monday:** Women's Bible Study, *"Chosen: A Study of Esther"* by Donna (Pyle) Snow - Conference Room. Contact: Connie Henkel

6:30 AM **Tuesday:** *Ladies Bible Study*, 12 Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You Contact Dottie Kraus

6:00 AM **Thursday:** *Men's Bible Study*, Paul's Letter to the Corinthians Contact Steve Reinke, Large Conference Room

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or the church office.

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, July 1:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*
Altar Guild: *Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*
Acolyte: *Maya Torres*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, July 2:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bexk*
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*
Communion Assistant: *Robert Flater*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**
Flower Delivery: **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Acolyte: *Donovan Rausch*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 5:

Elder on Duty: *Tim Reuning*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

Food Pantry

This month our Pantry needs are: Ketchup, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Canned Fruit, and Laundry Detergent. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Would you like to help pick fresh produce for our pantry? If so contact Steve.

Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

Altar Guild Help Needed

We are still in need of volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild Team. Tasks are: Saturdays: set-up, reset. Sunday duties are: clean up and deliver altar flowers to members of Trinity.

Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Contact Mary or Jean in the church office if you are interested in becoming a member of our Altar Guild Team.

**PROOF YOUR LISTING FOR THE
CONGREGATION DIRECTORY PLEASE.**
Ring binders are in the narthex with your info.
Initial if okay, write any changes by your name.

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, July 8:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Roger Voigt*
Communion Assistant: *Bruce Buksyk*
Altar Guild: *Jackie Bouchard*
Greeter: *JoAnn Schultz*
Acolyte: *Cecelia Street*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, July 9:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bexk*
Usher Team: *Jim Wittmann*
Communion Assistant: *Lee Weinig*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**
Flower Delivery: **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter: *Connie Henkel*
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 12:

Elder on Duty: *Tim Reuning*
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

VOLUNTEER

WE PREACH!
CHRIST CRUCIFIED

LCMS CONVENTION
July 29-August 3
Wisconsin Center
Downtown Milwaukee

Volunteer Opportunities

- Hospitality
- Registration
- Information
- More

Signup to Volunteer
by June 27
swd.lcms.org/serve

Trinity Lutheran School "What Do You Want to Hear?"

Matthew 10:34-42

Sometimes people just tell you what you want to hear. It could be because they just don't care. Sometimes they're being condescending. Or maybe they want something from you, and think they'll get it by telling You what they think You want to hear. And if you know that, if you know that's what they're doing, it makes you angry. It's belittling. It means you really don't matter; they're the only ones that matter. You're just being used, abused, ignored, or pushed aside.

Sometimes politicians do that in order to get votes. Not all and not always, but it happens. The last election cycle was interesting because it was noted that people who were answering polls were telling the pollsters what they thought they wanted to hear instead of what they really thought. And so some of the polls were very wrong.

But it's not just politics. Sometimes children do it to their parents, spouses to each other, friends, too. Just say what they want to hear . . . It can even get absurd. Like when we tell the doctor that everything's fine when it's really not. Maybe we do that because it's what we want to hear; what we want to believe. We don't want to deal with the truth.

Today we hear the truth from Jesus. We always get the truth from Jesus, but today it is a truth that we perhaps would rather not hear; that we would rather not believe; that we would rather not deal with. That the Christian life is not all candy and roses. In fact, the truth is that following Christ and His Word may put us at odds with the world, divide families, and even lead to you losing your own life. Clearly, Jesus is not fishing for votes here.

The Christian life is not easy because the truth of God's Word goes against our very nature and what we want to be true. We like those who tell us we're okay just the way we are, that we don't have to change, that God likes us and will bless us and protect us because we're pretty good people, try hard, and do our best.

But that's not only not what Jesus said today. For who of us lives up to His standard? Who of us is worthy of Him? Remember what He said? **Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.** If Jesus were living today, those stunning words would have been caught on someone's cell phone video, played over and over again on the news, and His Messianic career would be over. Not what we want to hear, Jesus. Not what we want to hear.

Well, not just today. Then, too. Words like this from Jesus are what got Him put up on the cross. He didn't try to say what people wanted to hear. He didn't try to save His life, so He lost it. Brutally.

But because He did, there is life for us. Because He spoke the truth, we know the truth, unpleasant as it may be: that we're not worthy of Him or eternal life. We do love others more than Him. We love our stuff more than Him. We love ourselves more than Him. And we try to save and hang onto what we love the most - our lives and reputations and activities and stuff, more than Christ and His truth. You can see it when we say things like: I know I shouldn't say this, but . . . I know I shouldn't do this, but . . . I know this is wrong, but . . . We're. Not. Worthy.

But unworthy does not mean unredeemable. Jesus spoke the truth so that we would not only know the truth about ourselves, but so that we would know the truth about Him. That we would not look to ourselves for our hope, but look to Him. That we know the only way to worthiness is through Him. And specifically, His cross.

Jesus came not just to die on the cross, but to die and then live. So that we can die and then live. Or think of it this way: a knife in the hands of a criminal is a weapon of death. But a knife in the hands of a skilled doctor is transformed; it becomes an instrument of life. That is what Jesus did with the cross. For the cross wielded by Rome was a weapon of torture and death. But the cross with Jesus on it is transformed into an instrument of life. For on the cross Jesus gives His life to death, into order to take His life from death again. And in taking His life back again in His resurrection, provide that same life from death for you, too.

So on the cross Jesus becomes the unworthy one, Jesus becomes the sinner, Jesus takes the sword and division and loses His life. He takes all that your peace-shattering sin can throw at Him, and He dies for it. But because it was all thrown against Him, it is not thrown against you. Which is what He wanted. So that when He rises from the dead with new life, there is now nothing to throw against you. He already took it all. All those threats and stones and arrows of the Law that Satan was ready to hurl against you . . . are gone.

And you get that now when you die and rise with Jesus now. That's baptism. For in those waters you don't do anything; but in those waters Jesus makes your sins His and His forgiveness yours; your death His and His life yours; your unworthiness His and His worthiness yours. That you come out of those waters a new person, with a new life, a new way to live, a new hope and freedom.