



# July 8-9, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, July 8:

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, July 9:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour

### Monday, July 10:

Rev. Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

6:00 PM Prayer Group

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, July 11:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 12:

6:30 PM Worship Service

### Thursday, July 13:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

### Friday, July 14:

### Saturday, July 15:

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, July 16:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour

**School Office is by  
Appointment Only,  
through the summer.**

## 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.

## ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Jan Bathke, Mark and Jean Becker, Karleton 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 Pomeranke, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, LeRoy Schaefer, Dan Schael, Marty Schramper, Jordan Schroeder, Ray Schroeder, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenpoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Deloris Vozka, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth and Terry Wray.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Lilli Kroes, Lois Thoman, Jackie Bourchard, Christopher Gast, Erwin Graper, Elizabeth Kamprath, Savannah Ross, Cheryl Wendler, Jeffry Dionne, Deb Henshel,, Cameron Messenger

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** Craig and April Schmidt, Mark and Jean Becker, Michael and Aliene Moderson, Andrew and Nicole Ross

## 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.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or

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### Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are donated

by the Ladies Aid

### This Weekend’s Banners

“The Truth Will Make You Free”

“He Comes”

## ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

### The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Matthew 11:28** – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!

## 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!

## \$ 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.

**Jimmy Johns—Back in stock with \$25 cards!**

## 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](mailto: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-Small 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 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 Bekx*  
Usher Team: *Jim Wittman*  
Communion Assistant: *Lee Weinig*  
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*  
Flower Delivery: *Gail Burrows*  
Greeter: *Connie Henkel*  
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 12:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*  
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, July 15:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*  
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*  
Communion Assistant: *Lee Colby*  
Altar Guild: *Jackie Bouchard*  
Greeter: *Betty Allen*  
Acolyte: *Melani Gast*

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, July 16:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*  
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*  
Communion Assistant: *Blaine Henkel*  
Altar Guild: *Volunteer Needed*  
Flower Delivery: *Volunteer Needed*  
Greeter: *Liz Kamprath*  
Acolyte: *Dylan Kobs*

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 19:

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

## Ladies Aid Event—July 19, 2023

Our next Ladies Aid / LWML event is a tour planned for Wednesday July 19, 2 p.m. at the Appleton Historical Museum, 128 Durkee St., Appleton. We are okayed to park in the First United Methodist Church parking lot at 325 E. Franklin St. The dine out will be at Pullmans Trolley Square, 619 S. Olde Oneida St., Appleton at 4:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet on the spinner in the narthex, or call/email Dottie Kraus (920-991-2705 or email rkraus001@gmail.com) to indicate your plans to attend both tour and dine out or one or the other. Please do so by Friday, July 14th. ANYONE (GENTLEMEN OR LADIES) ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

## Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is available in the narthex, or stop by the and for a copy to pick up your free Portals of Prayer, courtesy of the Board of Elders.

A yellow sign with a black vertical bar on the left containing the word "VOLUNTEER" in white capital letters. At the bottom of the bar is a QR code. To the right of the bar are four white boxes with black borders. The top box has a logo with a cross and the text "WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED". The second box says "LCMS CONVENTION July 29-August 3 Wisconsin Center Downtown Milwaukee". The third box says "Volunteer Opportunities" followed by a bulleted list: "• Hospitality", "• Registration", "• Information", "• More". The bottom box says "Signup to Volunteer by June 27 swd.lcms.org/serve".

## “Forgiveness and Freedom”

### Romans 7:14-25a

In these verses from Romans, Paul doesn't just sound like a sinner, but an addict. Someone in bondage. He sounds like the **gambler** who knows he shouldn't play with the rent money. He knows what he should do, but he can't; he can't resist. He sounds like the **alcoholic** who knows he should walk past the bar and go home to his family. He knows what he should do, but he can't; he can't resist. He sounds like the man who neglects his family and works too much. He sounds like the child lying to her parents. He sounds like the wife compulsively shopping. He sounds like us. He knows what he should do. He knows that what he is doing is wrong, BUT. But. Such a little word that is oh, so big. BUT. .

It's not an excuse. That doesn't make it right. Paul knows that. We know that. He wants to do what is right. He doesn't want to be ruled by what he knows is wrong. He tries to resist. But he is not strong enough. Something has a hold on him. And he doesn't like it. And yet he can't seem to get rid of it. What's wrong with him?

But he's not the only one. Paul's story is **Cain's** story, knowing that he should be his brother's keeper, and yet overcome with jealousy and rage instead. Paul's story is the story of **Joseph's brothers**, who know they shouldn't sell him into slavery but do it anyway. Paul's story is **David's** story, who knows he shouldn't be looking at his neighbor's wife, bathing on the roof next to him, but who keeps looking anyway, and then acts on his lust and winds up a murderer. Paul's story is **Peter's** story, who knows he shouldn't deny Jesus, BUT . . . There's that word again. But . . .

And Paul's story is **your** story. I don't know what Paul's addiction was. And I don't know what yours is. But you do. And I know my own. What is it for you? What sin, what addiction, what bondage that keeps popping up in your life, but you can't seem to get rid of. It may be a deed, or an activity. It could also be a desire, or pride. Maybe for you it's a person, or an achievement that has a hold on you.

It may not be illegal. In fact, it probably isn't. It may not even be wrong in the eyes of the world. In fact, it probably isn't. People may look at you and think: what a good person! Better than most. But you know the truth. The ugly truth. That that's not true at all. You're an addict. It may not be illegal, it may not even be wrong in the eyes of the world, but it has become what you love so much, what you want so much, that it displaces God in your heart and life. And so it's an idol, making you, at times, push family aside, marriage aside, church aside, God aside, and serve yourself, your idol, instead. It's the elephant not in the room but in

your heart. A mammoth of sin, that keeps reappearing. What is it for you?

And it can be exhausting. Trying to serve it, trying to cover it up so no one knows, trying to fight it and overcome it. It wears you out because it's so strong and you're so weak. And you don't want to be weak - you want to be strong, and that just wears you out more and makes you weaker! It's a wicked cycle. Just the way Satan has set it up for you. To keep you in its grip. To keep you in his grip.

So finally Paul, at the end of his rope, blurts out: Ach! Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Maybe you've been there and know his cry. Maybe you haven't yet - but you will. No one is immune. Wretched man that I am! Wretched man, wretched woman, wretched child that you are! Who will rescue you?

You know the answer, but let me read it for you anyway: **“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”**

Now, I don't think those are the words you were expecting to hear! But maybe they were the words Paul had in mind when he wrote his answer: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!** Thanks be to God, through the one who rode into Jerusalem that day, humble, lowly, and looking like anything but a conquering king. And yet that's exactly what He was, and what He was doing. He came **having salvation**, Zechariah says. Your salvation. The deliverance from your bondage. The freedom from your addiction, your idols, your sin. No one less than the King Himself came to rescue you from your body of death, for no one less than the King could.

We usually talk about what Jesus did for us in terms of forgiveness - and that's certainly true. You are forgiven the guilt of all your sin. **Done!** But that's not all. Jesus doesn't forgive just to have you go back to the same sin again - but to set you free from that sin, from that burden, that bondage, from that heavy yoke of your addiction that is taking you where you do not want to go. And so give you rest. Rest from the pride that makes you try to cover it up so that no one knows. Rest from the despair that makes you wallow in it and think you'll never be good enough. Rest from the struggle to try to overcome it yourself. Rest, to see in Jesus the only way out.

So Come to me, Jesus says, take my yoke up on you, and learn from me - learn all that I have done for you! - for I am gentle and lowly in heart - like when I rode that donkey into Jerusalem - and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~ In Christ Alone

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1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my  
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in  
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was  
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT AND KIT MINISTRY

It is that time of year again when our hearts and minds are turned to remembering those neighbors who are less fortunate. For more than 75 years LWR has responded to war, disasters, and emergencies by turning the compassion of quilters and school and health kit makers into tangible items that meet urgent needs and offer glimpses of hope for families experiencing crisis. Your Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML has organized this drive here at Trinity for many years. Please pray about this and if so moved we would ask you to consider donating items for the school kits or personal care kits. Your generosity will certainly be a blessing to the receiving individuals and blessed by Him. We have completed an inventory of items we had already collected last year or during the interim. The following need numbers take this into consideration.

## **GOAL FOR 2023:**

**Our goal is to make 100 school kits and 100 personal care kits. Our dedicated quilters are nearing their goal of 50 twin size tied quilts.**

### ***To complete 100 personal care/health kits we will need the following:***

- 29 bath size bars of soap in wrapper
- 92 adult size toothbrushes in the original package
- 86 very sturdy combs (longer handle with large teeth or larger comb with large teeth), not packaged. Girls and boys with very tight curly hair can only use such combs.
- 35 metal nail clippers, not packaged

### ***To complete 100 school kits we will need the following:***

- 372-70 sheet notebooks, narrow or wide lined
- 78 boxes of Crayola crayons, 16 or 24 count
- 80 small hand held pencil sharpeners
- 53 blunt scissors
- 485 unsharpened #2 pencils with attached erasers
- 473 black or blue ballpoint pens