



June 21, 22 & 25, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, June 21:

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, June 22:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

Monday, June 23:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study-Menasha Public Lib.

Tuesday, June 24:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Annual Budget Voters' Meeting

Wednesday, June 25:

4:00 PM Adult Information Class

6:30 PM Summer Divine Service with Communion

Thursday, June 26:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, June 27:

Saturday, June 28:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, June 29:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

School office hours for the summer are by appointment only. Church office hours remain 8 AM to 3 PM.

Summer Mid-Week Services (June–July) will be on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Communion will be served. Please note this is a repeat of the previous weekend's service.

✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Eileen Acker, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Deb Bartelme, Linda Bartelme, Linda Bayer, Mark & Jean Becker, Ronald Bielefeld, Lucy Brisco, Ken Brusda, Michael Burns, Bill Diesch, Jeff Dionne, Judith Durkey, Dave Edwards, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Sara Flater, Robert Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Bruce Gast, Lana Gast, Michael Hastings, Mary Howden, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Ken Kamprath, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Juniper Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Alan & Deb Manteufel, Amy Martin, Phyllis Moran, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Raymond Schroeder, JoAnn Smoody, Mike Stapleton, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Rudy & Barb Vittek, Ronald Voster, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth, Dorothy Wirth, and Jim Zeinert.

Celebrating Birthdays: Kaleb Bartelme, Braelyn Boss, Makenna Davis, Timothy Francis Friedeck, Ronald Kraus and Ezra Tuyls.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Rev. Keith & Valerie GeRue, Sheila & Tom Hanby, Kenneth & Elizabeth Kamprath, Ericka & Tyler Sickels, and Craig & Jill Thomas.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

Wednesday, June 25, 2025



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or
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This Weekend's Flowers

The flowers this weekend have been donated to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

This Weekend's Banners

"Crown Him the Lord of Life" &
"Joy, Love, Peace"

Congregational Voters' Meeting for the 2025-2026 Budget

Tuesday, June 24th • 6:30pm

Copies of the agenda can be found in the Narthex. Thank you.

David Collingwood

Congregational President

Holy Communion

Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak to one of the pastors before approaching the altar.

Painters Needed

If you know anyone who would like to do some painting to match our beautifully restored windows, please contact Elaine Weinig for a list of needs. Phone or text to: (920) 470-9090, or email: lweinig@outlook.com Thank you!

Donations Are Needed ...

We are running short on toilet paper. Donations can be left in the church or school offices. Thank you so much for any help you can offer.



BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY: "Ruth" with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
10:30 AM

SUNDAY: "*What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School*" with Pastor GeRue
10:30 AM
Conference Rm

MONDAY: **Women's Bible Study**
6:30 PM
"Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply" by Deb Burma, Contact: Connie Henkel, Menasha Public Library

TUESDAY: **Ladies Bible Study**
6:30 AM
200 W Packard, Appleton
Contact: Dottie Kraus/All are welcome!

THURSDAY: **Men's Bible Study**
6:00 AM
"Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians"
Contact: Steve Reinke, Conference Room

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

✠ Stewardship ✠

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 8:37 – "*Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned.*" The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd $\frac{3}{4}$ their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?

Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in need of Jello/Pudding, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Cold Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap. If you have questions please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090. Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, June 21:

Elder on Duty: David Little
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard
Communion Assistant: Dan Siebert
Altar Guild: Paula Reichert
Greeter: Barbara Kester
Acolyte: Payton Lenth

Sunday, 9:00 AM, June 22:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann
Communion Assistant: Lee Weinig
Altar Guild: Howard & Jackie Kislewski
Flower Delivery: Howard & Jackie Kislewski
Greeter: Connie Henkel
Acolyte: Simon Kroes

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, June 25:

Elder on Duty: DuWayne Griepentrog
Usher Team: Dave Acker
Altar Guild: Carol Evensen/Jean Zeinert

Doty Island Rummage Sale

Thank you to the Trinity Family Members that prayed and donated baked goods, books, puzzles, plants, quilts and other items to this fundraising effort. Saturday, June 14th we were blessed with non-stop visitors to our sale. As always, the baked goods flew off the tables.



We were excited to get a visit from the Doty Island Turkeys. They were kind enough to help clean up the popcorn left on the driveway.



The Evensen Family was incredibly helpful transporting books and tables to, and back from, the sale.

Our own Trinity School Library donated many children's books which the kids loved. A big "Thank You" to Mrs. A for sorting and boxing up the books for transport. Each child that came got one free book from Trinity.

Total funds raised were: \$1,567.75. Once again, God has greatly blessed Trinity's efforts to take good care of His house of worship. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, June 28:

Elder on Duty: David Little
Usher Team: Brian Gast/Dominic Corrente
Communion Assistant: Vance Pues
Altar Guild: Paula Reichert
Greeter: Dan & Peggy Dahms
Acolyte: Sydney Gast

Sunday, 9:00 AM, June 29:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Dave Collingwood
Communion Assistant: Paul Collingwood
Altar Guild: Howard & Jackie Kislewski
Flower Delivery: Howard & Jackie Kislewski
Greeter: Rosemary Collingwood
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 2:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Steve Reinke
Altar Guild: *Volunteer Needed*

June Expenses: Adopt-A-Bill

Thank you to those who have adopted bills over the past few weeks. This weekend you will find a new group of June bills that need adopting in the basket in the Narthex. If the Spirit moves you, please take and adopt one of these bills. Thanks!

Daily Devotions Direct Link!

There is a link on our website that will give you direct access to Pastor Billings' Daily Devotion videos: <https://www.trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions>.

\$ SCRIP News \$

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

“Authority to Mercy” Luke 7:1-10

Today, we still have a merciful God who mercifully hears and mercifully acts. For you. The “gospel of worthiness” is the “other gospel” of which Paul said: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. Because that’s not good news at all, if you have to make yourself worthy of God and worthy for Him to act for you. And it’s not who God is at all. It is a gross false witness about God. Yet one we often think. A trap that is easy to fall into. To think that if I just do this, then God will like me better. Or that if things are going bad for me in my life, then God is liking me less. You see how we make God and what He does and what He thinks dependent on what we do? No. We need to repent of that thinking.

For the reality is that you received the Gospel, as Paul said, and quite apart from anything you’ve done. In fact, for most of you, it was when you were so small that all you could do was cry, eat, and soil your diaper! And yet a merciful God baptized you and made you His child.

You received the Gospel, in fact, quite in spite of all that you’ve done. For if you indeed got what you deserved because of your sin, then not one of us could have stood here today and confessed that we are sinful and unclean. The consequences would be too much for us. But we can, and did, because a merciful God mercifully hears our prayers and mercifully acts with His absolution.

And you will receive the Gospel again as you come to the altar today to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, who by the authority He received from the Father laid down that Body and Blood into death, took it up again in His resurrection, and now lays it upon this altar, places it in your mouth, and pours it over your lips. Not because you’re worthy, because you love our church and helped build it - but exactly because you’re not. It is to make you worthy; to give you worthy; for Jesus to be your worthy.

In fact, the centurion’s prayer is one that pastors pray during the liturgy. Lord, we are not worthy to have you come under our roof. But say the word and your servants will be healed.

Say the Word. Your merciful Word. Your gracious Word. And He does, and we are.

That’s who God is. And the centurion got it. We talked about that last week, but get another story today to drive that point home. Which is good, and needed, because satan and his false gospel keeps trying to drive it out and make us believe what is not true - the gospel of worthiness; the gospel of what we do; the gospel which is really no gospel at all.

And so today we see authority as it was meant to be - at least in the kingdom of the right, in the church. In the kingdom of the left, in the world and government, authority is about law and order - as it needs to be, to keep sin in check. It is exercised by sinners and so often times used wrongly and in ways it was never meant to be. But in the kingdom of the right, in the church, authority is not about law and order, but all about mercy. It is the authority to lay down your life not for God - He doesn’t need it! - but for others. And not to make yourself worthy, but because Jesus has made you well.

And what does that look like? It looks like living under the authority placed over you for your good, and being respectful and obedient, even when that authority is misused by sinners. It looks like exercising the authority you have been given in mercy - not to get what you want, but to give what those under you need. It looks like husbands laying down their lives for their wives, and wives submitting to and loving their husbands. It looks like parents not exasperating their children, and children honoring their parents. It looks like helping those in need, forgiving those who hurt and wrong you, repenting to those you’ve hurt, receiving the good others have for you, and praying for all people, even your enemies. And that’s just a few examples. But if you did just those, would not people today marvel?

And marvel not just at you, but at the God you have, and who has you. Who shows and teaches us the wonderful truth that authority and mercy really do go together. And He uses that authority, that mercy, for you.