



August 2 & 3, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, August 2:

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, August 3:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

Monday, August 4:

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, August 5:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Board Meetings

Wednesday, August 6:

Thursday, August 7:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, August 8:

Saturday, August 9:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, August 10: CHURCH PICNIC

9:00 AM Social Hour

10:00 AM Church Service

Lunch will follow church service.

SUMMER MID-WEEK SERVICES HAVE ENDED.

A memorial offering was given to Trinity for the Building Fund and the Stained Glass Restoration Project in loving memory of Barbara C. Vitek.

✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Dave Edwards, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Even- sen, Karon Flater, Sara Flater, Robert Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Mary Howden, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Phyllis Moran, Karen Perry, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steene- poorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimmerger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vi- tek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth, Martin Wiese, Dorothy Wirth, and Jim Zeinert.

Celebrating Birthdays: Daniel Bartelme, Jamie Hanson, Justine Hanson, Simon Kroes, Danielle Lindner, Kia Mies, Gabriella Motto, Aaron Schmidt, Barbara Sexmith, Merry Voigt, Bill Wat- son, and Samuel Wussow.

Celebrating Anniversaries: William & Cindy Diesch and Brian & Michelle Mahoney.

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



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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

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

This Weekend's Banners

"Serve the Lord With Gladness" &
"Proclaim the Lord"

✠ Stewardship ✠

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 12:15 – *"And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'" Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God's purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.*

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.

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>.

BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

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 "1st and 2nd Timothy"
Contact: Steve Reinke, Conference
Room

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

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

Prayer Chain

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

\$ 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.

Many Thanks—Brat Fry/Bake Sale

We had our first Drive Thru Brat Fry & Bake Sale
event. We couldn't have done it without your help
and donations of time, talents and treasures. God
has greatly blessed Trinity. The funds raised will
go to the Trinity Lutheran School Tuition Fund.

† Serving Our Lord This Weekend †

Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 2:

Elder on Duty: Robert Allen
Usher Team: Roger Voigt
Communion Assistant: Vance Pues
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: JoAnn Schultz
Acolyte: Payton Lenth

Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 3:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith
Communion Assistant: Ron Kraus
Altar Guild: Brad & Karen Perry
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry
Greeter: Jane Nielsen
Acolyte: Simon Kroes

Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in need of **Canned Fruit, Canned Ravioli, Salad Dressing, Cold Cereal, Jello/Pudding, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Hamburger Helper 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!

Help Trinity Food Pantry Pick the Peace Garden

This Summer, Trinity Food Pantry will once again have the opportunity to pick fresh vegetables from the Peace Lutheran Garden (1228 S Park Ave, Neenah). We are looking for volunteers to help with picking, Monday & Thursday evenings for no more than one hour on Food Pantry weeks. If you are able to help, please sign up ([on the spinner in the narthex](#)) for a date and we will contact you with details. Thank You!



† Serving Our Lord Next Weekend †

Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 9:

Elder on Duty: Robert Allen
Usher Team: Tom Harrmann
Communion Assistant: Vern Jahsman
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: Betty Allen
Acolyte: Sydney Gast

Church Picnic—Sunday, August 10!

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Lee Weinig
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry
Greeter: Liz Kamprath

The church picnic is at Smith Park on August 10th. Social hour begins at 9:00 AM with the church service at 10:00 AM. Lunch will follow the church service.

Suggestions on **what to bring:**

A-J: Main Dish **K-R:** Salad **S-Z:** Dessert
Or, you can bring your favorite dish.

Help is needed on Saturday at 10:00 AM to load and transport items to the park. Sunday we need help with set-up starting at 7:00 AM and clean up after the luncheon.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DRIVE

School Kits—still needed:

- 107 small hand held pencil sharpeners
- 97 blunt scissors
- 152 black or blue ballpoint pens
- 76 - rulers 30cm

Please place your donated items on the back counter in the Small Fellowship Hall.

Assembling kits will be August 19 @ 6:30 PM.
All are welcome!

“Our Full, Eternal Baptismal Inheritance” Luke 12:13-21

How much is enough?

If some is good, is more always better?

The answer is definitely NO. NO when money and possessions and the things of this world are such easy false gods to have - the things that we live for rather than live from. Like with the man in the parable Jesus told today. The parable He told in response to another man who was obsessed with money. Apparently, this man and his brother were fighting over the inheritance. That's always an ugly scene. And a sad one. When someone in your family dies and instead of remembering your loved one, you focus on the stuff he left behind. Instead of memories, there's coveting. Instead of mourning, there's fighting. Instead of love, there's greed.

Jesus wasn't too keen on that. Man, He says . . . and you can almost imagine Him shaking His head . . . don't get me involved in your fight! Who made me a judge or arbitrator over you? And your family. Fight if you want, but don't expect me to help with that. Don't you have anything better to do right now? Like mourn? There's so much more important than money and possessions. But that's a lesson many don't learn until it is too late. Which is what the parable Jesus told was about.

This man in the parable didn't learn until it was too late. He was so happy, got such a great harvest, built bigger and more barns, he had it all! And not just for this year, but for many, many years to come. He had to protect it, make sure it didn't slip away, make sure something didn't happen to it. And he was successful at that - nothing happened to his stuff. But something did happen to him. He died, and as Solomon lamented in Ecclesiastes, he had to leave it all to someone else. He spent too much time taking care of his stuff and not enough time taking care of his soul.

Now, it's not that physical blessings are bad. They're not. All that we have - however much or however little - is all a gift from God. So it is good. The danger is that these physical blessings not only capture our eyes but capture our hearts. That's what happened to Solomon.

And when they do, that's when they all become meaningless, vanity, for they have become false gods who take from you and, in the end, give you nothing.

If only this man who asked Jesus for help knew who he was talking to! He was right in addressing Jesus as teacher. He is certainly that. But so much more than that! For Jesus did not come to be a teacher, a judge, or an arbitrator of the things we have in this world and life - He came to give up everything for you. To give His life for you. To TEACH us about that. He came to TAKE your judgment and GIVE His full inheritance to each and everyone of us. So He came not to arbitrate between us, to decide that you are a better Christian than them and so give more to you and less to them, or to split His inheritance between us all and then have us fight over it - because you know we would! No, He came to give it all to you and you and you. For Jesus' inheritance is all or nothing. You never just get some. You get it all.

And to do that, to provide that for you, Jesus came to die for you. He would take your inheritance, what you have coming because of your sins, and give you His inheritance, what He has coming as the perfect and holy Son of God.

For the Father said to the Son: Go, give them Your inheritance. They have nothing. They gave it all up. They are poor miserable sinners. Give them yours. Save them. And the Son did not say: NO! It's mine! Mine, mine, mine! You gave it to ME! Like, honestly, the two-year old we so often act like. He said YES. And then He came and was born for you, lived for you, and died for you. And just before He died, He gave us His Last Will and Testament - signed, sealed, and delivered not in pen or with wax, but with His own blood. And that Testament, that gift, that inheritance, is here for you: His Body and Blood, that gives you all of Jesus and all His gifts - the forgiveness, life, and salvation you need.

All that Jesus is and has He gives to you, and He takes all that you are and have. And there was nothing He wanted to do more. And His love would allow Him to do no less.

In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.