

May 23 & 24, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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† This Week at Trinity †

Saturday, May 23: PENTECOST

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, May 24: PENTECOST & RITE OF CONFIRMATION

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

Monday, May 25: MEMORIAL DAY **CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED**

Tuesday, May 26:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
(see location p. 2)

Wednesday, May 27:

Thursday, May 28:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, May 29:

Saturday, May 30:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, May 31:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

DAILY DEVOTIONS DIRECT LINK!

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

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

† We Pray For... †

The Sick: Dave & Eileen Acker, Kathy Baehman, Tom Baer, Steve Baldauf, Mark & Jean Becker, Elisabeth Billings, Lucy Bricco, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Joshua Collins and Family, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Sara Flater, Robert & Karon Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lana Gast, Bev GeRue, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Randy LaBelle, Fritz Larson, Josie Lenox, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy & Donald Meverden, George Ohlrogge, Jerry & Diane Peotter, Joan Reinke, Randy Ross, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Roger Voigt, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

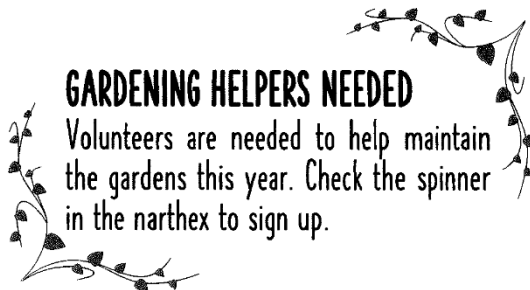
Those with Birthdays: Claire Bellman, Debra Bursack, Edward Gehrt, Colyn Hopfensperger, Sandra Kollman and Joan Reinke.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Paper towels for the church & school.
- 8.5" X 14" Copy paper for the church service printed materials.

GARDENING HELPERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the gardens this year. Check the spinner in the narthex to sign up.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.
Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or "Like"
Us on Facebook.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were donated by members
of the congregation.

This Weekend's Banners

"I Do So Intend... By the Grace of God"
"Lord's Supper"

Musical Offering:

Sunday – Handbell Choir

Weekly Attendance:

Saturday, May 16:	31
Sunday, May 17:	68
TOTAL:	99

✠ Stewardship ✠

Acts 2:1 – *"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place."* Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

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.

USHERS DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR SATURDAY NIGHTS.

On-The-Job Training Contact Elaine Weinig
at (920) 470-9090 or usher captain on duty.

BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** **Sunday School K4—4th Grade**
10:30 AM with Elizabeth GeRue—3rd -4th
Grade Classroom
- SUNDAY:** **"Ezra" and "Nehemiah"**
10:30 AM with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY:** **"What They Didn't Teach You in
10:30 AM Sunday School"** with
Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
Women's Bible Study
- MONDAY:** **"Leaning on Jesus" A Study of
6:30 PM God's Strength** by Deb Burma,
Contact: Connie Henkel,
Menasha Public Library
- TUESDAY:** **Ladies Bible Study**
6:30 AM 3485 Thornberry Dr., Appleton
Contact: Dottie Kraus
All are welcome!
- THURSDAY:** **Men's Bible Study**
6:00 AM **"Philemon"**
Contact: Steve Reinke
Conference Room

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

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY...

Food Pantry Needs This Month

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit,
Canned Vegetables, 64 oz. Bottled Juice,
Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Toilet
Paper, Paper Towels, Large Soups 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!

PURCHASING SCRIP...

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office,
Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM,
and in the narthex before and after worship
Services. Kwik Trip and Fleet Farm have
increased their rebate. **This is for a limited time
only!**

Thank You!



Many thanks to those who donated geraniums to adorn God's house today as we celebrate our Confirmands and the Day of Pentecost.

DONATED BY:

DONATED IN MEMORY/IN HONOR OF...

Charlotte Elliott

In memory of her husband and parents

Carol Evensen

In memory of Lloyd & Lorraine Hagen and Richard Evensen

Todd & Dawn Henrickson

In memory of Laurel Wirth & Mary Howden. In honor of grandson, Luke Henrickson, and in celebration of friend Don's kidney transplant

Tim & Janine Jandrey

In honor of Sally Mueller. In memory of Lawrence & Audrey Jandrey, Lucy Jandrey, Larry Jandrey and Ivan Mueller

Ken & Liz Kamprath

In memory of parents: Violet & Clarence Nolte and Vic & Esther Kamprath

Ron & Dottie Kraus

In memory of our sister in Christ, Mary Howden

Dan & JoAnn Schultz

In memory of parents & grandparents

LaVerne Werth

In honor of great granddaughter's first birthday

Tim Wirth

In memory of family and friends who have gone to Heaven

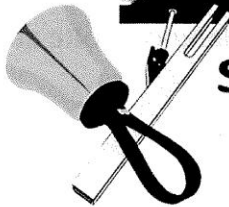
Handbell Concert

Handbell Workshop

Ringling Badgers Handbell Ensemble

(Madison, Wisconsin)

Dr. Mark Bloedow, Artistic Director



Saturday, June 6, 2026

2:00pm Concert

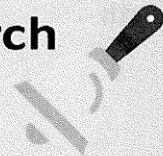
(freewill donation appreciated)

(Workshop at 9:00am, see website below)

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✠ **SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEKEND** ✠

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SATURDAY, 5:00 PM, MAY 23:

Elder on Duty: Robert Allen
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard
Communion Asst: Vern Jahsman
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer
Greeter: Barbara Kester
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM, MAY 24:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann
Communion Asst: Paul Collingwood
Altar Guild: Brad & Karen Perry
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry
Greeter: Connie Henkel
Acolyte: Usher/Elder

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM, MAY 30:

Elder on Duty: Robert Allen
Usher Team: Gast/Corrente Teams
Communion Asst: Steve Reinke
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer
Greeter: Dan & Peggy Dahms
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM, MAY 31:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Dave Collingwood
Communion Asst: Josiah Nielsen
Altar Guild: Gail Burrows
Flower Delivery: Gail Burrows
Greeter: Rose Collingwood
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Celebrating Our Confirmands

May 24, 2026

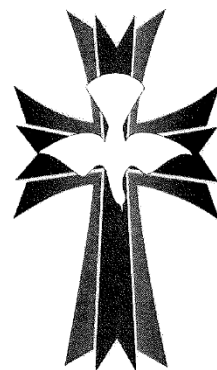
Robbie Kohler

Scripture Verse: Matthew 6:33 - Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Richie Sprouse

Scripture Verse: John 10:27-28 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

"Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen" is Martin Luther's declaration which symbolizes his commitment to his beliefs.



Pentecost Psalm 25

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. ¹²Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. ¹³His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. ¹⁴The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Have you ever traveled somewhere where you didn't understand anyone? Or maybe you've read a book that doesn't make sense to you. When things like this occur, you need someone to help you understand.

The festival of Pentecost is a day when the church celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit. But what does the Holy Spirit do? This might be a good opportunity for us to review the Small Catechism. What is the Third Article of the Creed? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is entrusted with helping you hear the Gospel and God's Word and live according to it. This is why God sent the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost and continues to send Him today.

Our psalm today also speaks to the work of the Holy Spirit as it says, "Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long" (**Psalm 25:4-5**).

And this should bring you comfort, that the Holy Spirit is always with you, teaching you and leading you to your Savior Jesus, whose death on the cross won for you the forgiveness of sin!

When you struggle to understand the Scriptures or have doubts, call out and pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort and lead you.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to create and sustain faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our minds to understand God's Word and give us Your joy to share that Good News with others, just as the disciples did on Pentecost. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates 8th Grade

Kira McLean
Gino Rotter
Kaylee Soppa

Mia McLean
Aeron Schmidt
Richard Sprouse

High School

Braelyn Boss
Madelyn Graper

Calvin Ciske
Ladarius Lunde