

# June 20 & 21, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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## † This Week at Trinity †

### Saturday, June 20:

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, June 21:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

### Monday, June 22:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

5:00 PM Adult Information Class

6:00 PM At Home Prayer

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Location: Menasha Pub. Lib.

### Tuesday, June 23:

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

### Wednesday, June 24:

6:30 PM Summer Mid-Week Divine Service

### Thursday, June 25:

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

### Friday, June 26:

### Saturday, June 27:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

11:00 AM Cherished Ones Divine Service with Luncheon & Activities to Follow

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, June 28:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

## SUMMER MID-WEEK DIVINE SERVICES

Our mid-week services begin at 6:30 PM each Wednesday.

There are changes to the service format. We do not have any music, and the liturgy is spoken. The service is approximately 30 minutes long.

## † We Pray For... †

**The Sick:** Dave & Eileen Acker, Kathy Baehman, Tom Baer, Steve Baldauf, Mark & Jean Becker, Lucy Brizzo, 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 Jahsmann, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Randy LaBelle, Fritz Larson, Josie Lenox, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy & Donald Mevarden, George Ohlrogge, Jerry & Diane Peotter, Joan Reinke, Randy Ross, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Marty Schramper, Irene Schwerbel, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

**Those with Birthdays:** Braelyn Boss, Cora Henson, Ezra Tuyls, Gary Bartelme, Kaleb Bartelme, Makenna Davis, Marie Diesch, Ronald Kraus and Timothy Friedeck.

**Those Celebrating Anniversaries:** Sheila & Tom Hanby, Kenneth & Elizabeth Kamprath, Ericka & Tyler Sickels, Craig & Jill Thomas and Tony & Shellie Van Ark.

### **Those Grieving:**

We pray for the family of Renay Carmichael, the mother of Lynne Schroeder and family.

We pray for the family of Duane Menzel, the father of Sue Anderson and family.

### **New Adult Informational Class**

Meeting on Monday Evenings from 5:00–6:00 pm, Pastor GeRue will lead an Adult Informational Class. Come and join us for this exciting and informative class. We will meet in the conference room off of the offices. At the completion of the class, you may become a communicant member of Trinity, if you desire.

**News, Events, Requests, Etc.**  
Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
"Like" Us on Facebook.

### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were donated by the  
Altar Guild to the glory of God.

### Weekly Attendance

Saturday, June 13:	51
Sunday, June 14:	61
Wednesday, June 17	12
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>124</b>

## ✝ Stewardship ✝

**Romans 6:13** – *“Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.”* Everything we have — even our own existence, our very selves — is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has to perform in home, in church and in society. How will you serve Him today?

## DIVINE SERVICE REMINDERS...

### GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

### 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 access to Pastor Billings' Daily Devotion videos:  
<https://trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions>.



## BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** NO Summer Sunday School  
**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  
**MONDAY:** Women's Bible Study  
**6:30 PM** "Leaning on Jesus" A Study of  
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** "Hebrews"  
Contact: Steve Reinke  
Conference Room



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

## "CHERISHED ONES" EVENT REMINDER

- Saturday, June 27, 2026 • 11:00 AM.
- 11:00 AM Divine Service  
With Communion
  - Luncheon & Activities to Follow

### Summer Hours

For the months of June and July, Pastor GeRue will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. You may call him at 920-886-1077 to make an appointment for any other time.

He will be out of the office:

June 22-28 for Vacation

July 11-21 for Vacation

## ✠ SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEKEND ✠

### SATURDAY, 5:00 PM, JUNE 20:

Elder on Duty: David Little  
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard  
Communion Asst: Vern Jahsman  
Altar Guild: Paula Reichert  
Greeter: Barbara Kester  
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

### SUNDAY, 9:00 AM, JUNE 21:

Elder on Duty: DuWayne Griepentrog  
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann  
Communion Asst: Scott Gutzmann  
Altar Guild: *Volunteers Needed*  
Flower Delivery: *Volunteers Needed*  
Greeter: Connie Henkel  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

### WEDNESDAY, 6:30 PM, JUNE 24:

Usher Team: TBD  
Altar Guild: J. Zeinert/C. Evensen

## CARING FOR OUR CHURCH ...

### **SATURDAY NIGHT USHERS NEEDED**

On-The-Job Training Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents by joining our Usher Team. Contact Elaine Weinig at (920) 470-9090 or usher captain on duty. God's blessings.

### **BOARD OF WORSHIP POSITIONS**

This board cares for the behind-the-scenes activity of worship: Altar guild, ushers, lectors, music, decorating and the care of worship items. Please contact the office or Elaine Weinig for more information. Or pick up a tri-fold folder on the Visitor Center that tell about all our boards.

## VOTER'S MEETING!

### **JUNE VOTER'S MEETING**

Please join us on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary for our Voter's Meeting. Copies of the agenda are in the Narthex. Also, check your email inbox and/or spam folder for the agenda.

Topics to be discussed:

- Boiler and Budget Needs
- Kneelers Project

## ✠ SERVING THE LORD NEXT WEEKEND ✠

### SATURDAY, 5:00 PM, JUNE 27:

Elder on Duty: David Little  
Usher Team: Gast/Corrente Teams  
Communion Asst: Steve Reinke  
Altar Guild: Paula Reichert  
Greeter: Dan & Peggy Dahms  
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

### SUNDAY, 9:00 AM, JUNE 28:

Elder on Duty: DuWayne Griepentrog  
Usher Team: Dave Collingwood  
Communion Asst: Lee Weinig  
Altar Guild: *Volunteers Needed*  
Flower Delivery: *Volunteers Needed*  
Greeter: Rose Collingwood  
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

### WEDNESDAY, 6:30 PM, JULY 1:

Usher Team: TBD  
Altar Guild: J. Zeinert/C. Evensen

## PURCHASING SCRIP...

### **\$ SCRIP News \$**

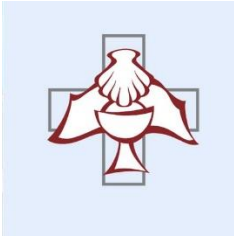
SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, and in the narthex before and after Divine Worship Services.

## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY...

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH**

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Ravioli, 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!

**NATE DAHMS, SCHOOL  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S  
SUMMER HOURS WILL BE BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY.**



## Liturgy

### Invocation

“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” How many times have we heard those words? And yet, they testify with renewed freshness to our identity as children of God who’ve been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Wouldn’t it be something if God’s faithful would remember that every time they heard the words of the Invocation, perhaps tracing the sign of the cross as a visible reminder?

St. Paul beautifully captures the eternal significance of our baptism into Christ when he writes to the Galatians that “as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27).

We are clothed with his righteousness. Unlike the man in the parable of the wedding feast who had no wedding garment, when we stand before our Judge on the Last Day, we will be clothed and covered, robed in the purity of Christ.

“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Already now, in this heaven on earth we call worship, we stand with boldness before the Triune God who has claimed us and named us.

### Confession and Absolution

We can indeed approach God with confidence. And yet, because we stand on this side of our Lord’s final return, we still have with us the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. We have not yet faced the final judgment.

And so, with sin still working in us, the condemnation of God’s Law must still confront us, lest we have any delusions that we might have something to boast of before our mighty Judge.

Above all else, Confession and Absolution keep us honest — honest with ourselves and honest before God. The act of confession is not some work that we lay before the Father’s throne; rather, it is the simple acknowledgment that God’s Word is true and right

and that when we measure ourselves against its demands, we come up short.

God’s Word says “you shall not give false testimony,” but in truth we have lied and gossiped and slandered. And so, the Christian confesses: “Lord, Your Word is true; I have sinned.”

There are three basic ways to handle sin and guilt. One is to ignore or minimize them. We’ve all been tempted in that direction more than a few times. Isn’t that, after all, what our sinful human nature is all about?

Another way is to institutionalize them, especially the guilt part. After all, if you can keep people feeling just guilty enough, you will keep them coming back for more.

The third way is to give sin and guilt their proper due, and then to silence them. That is the way of God’s absolution. With his forgiveness, our sin is removed from us as far as the east is from the west.

Christians know that, but they also need to hear it often. We need to be reminded that those familiar words, “I forgive you all your sins,” are not just some impersonal announcement. They say what they mean and accomplish what they promise. Jesus himself said to his disciples that the sins they forgive are forgiven (John 20:23).

The last and greatest absolution that will ever be spoken to us will be at the last judgment. In the final pages of the *Chronicles of Narnia*, C.S. Lewis provides a marvelous description of this event.

As each individual comes before Aslan — the lion who is Lewis’ figure for Christ — one of two things happens: either the person gazes directly into Aslan’s face and recognizes his forgiving countenance, or, upon seeing the lion’s stern demeanor, passes into his long shadow, forever to be separated from Christ.

In the Confession and Absolution we are being readied for our appearance before Christ on the Last Day. And hidden behind those comforting words that our sins are forgiven is the invitation, “Come, you who are blessed by my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matt. 25:34).

When our Lord speaks those words to us at the Last Day, Confession and Absolution as we know it will cease, for we will then bask in the eternal absolution of the Lamb.