

Festival of Holy Trinity
June 18 & 19, 2011
5:00 p.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m.

*The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to be a loving
Christ-centered community actively reaching out to all people.*

As We Gather

Each time we are gathered to worship we recall the One who unites us---God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit---the Holy Trinity. With joy we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, our gracious God who claims us as His own in Holy Baptism, forms us into a community of faith, and sends us forth to give witness to the same. Our worship today begins with the same words that began our life in Baptism: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells



Welcome

We welcome you to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church, a historic parish serving today's people. We pray that your worship experience will bring you closer to God's love in Jesus Christ and equip you for living out your faith life in Him. Visitors and regular attendees are reminded that there is a nursery on Sunday from 10:00-11:30a.m. for children 3 months-4 years of age. The nursery is staffed by adults and located in the parish house. Ask an usher for directions to the nursery. Hearing assistance is also provided for those who need it. Please see an usher if you would like to use one of the hearing headsets. If you would like a prayer spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, fill out a yellow card and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

Invocation and Opening Versicles

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Opening Hymn

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession and Absolution

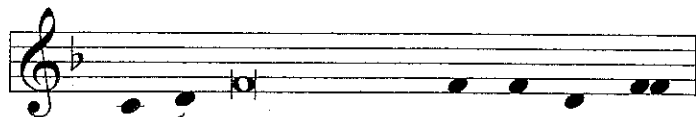
(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

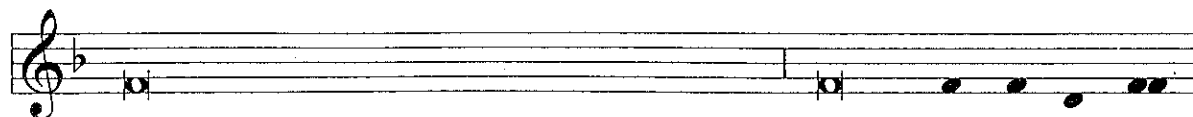
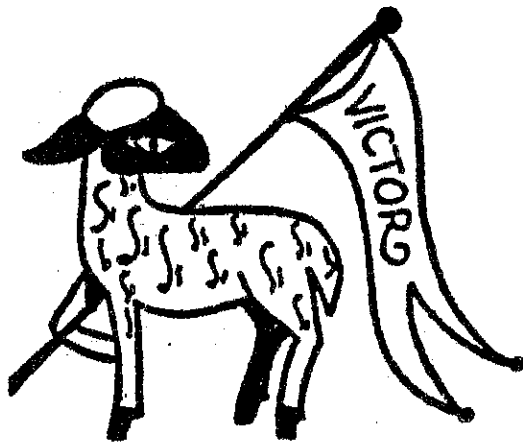
People: Amen.



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



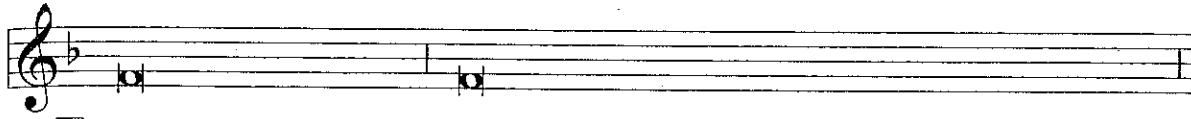
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



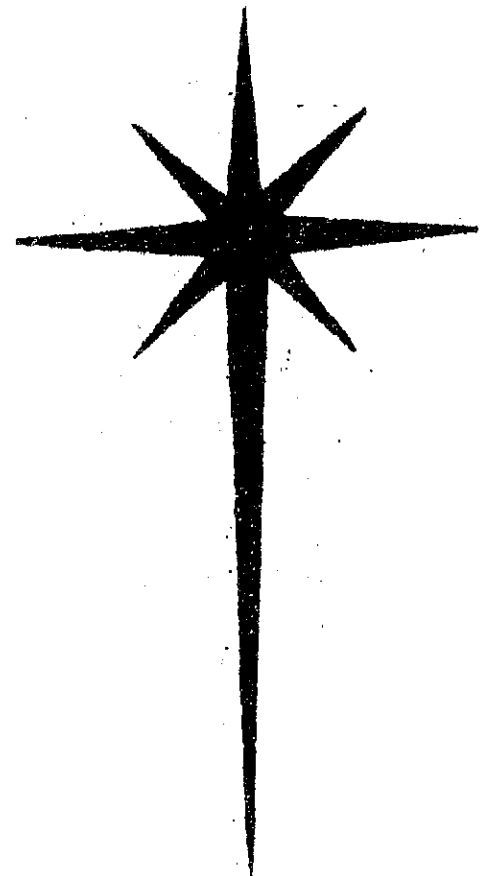
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.



Refrain

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided |Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer|cy to us.

Ascribe to the Lord, O |mighty ones,

ascribe to the Lord glo|ry and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory |due his name;

worship the Lord in the splendor of his |holiness.

Epistle Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

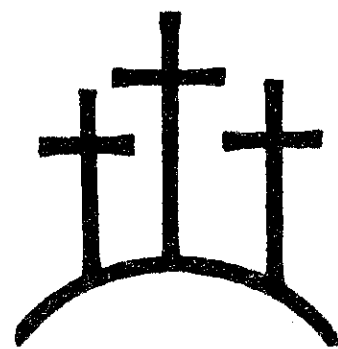
People: Thanks be to God.

Great is the Lord and most wor|thy of praise;
his greatness no one can |fathom.

I will meditate on your won|derful works,
and I will proclaim your |great deeds .

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided |Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer|cy to us.



Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Choral Anthem (10:15)

Praise God With Cymbals

Children's Message (10:15)

Creedal Hymn (5:00 & 8:45)

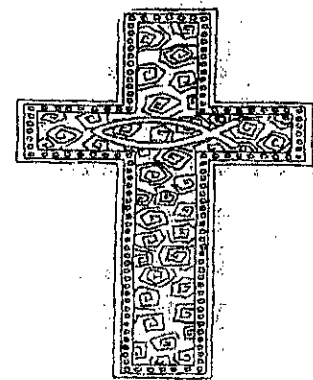
God, Creator, whose vast power
spun the swirling stars through space,
guided life from its beginning
till it formed our human race:
For the wonders of the cosmos,
for the gifts that crowd our days,
for Your love that crowns creation,
we, Your people, sing Your praise,



Pastor: Because of the death and life of Jesus Christ, both your work and your rest are now in God. In Holy Baptism, you died with Christ Jesus to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of His body. In Baptism you received God's promised presence along with His forgiveness of your sin. In Baptism you also renounced the devil, his works and his ways. Will you continue to live in this faith in God's promises given in Baptism, struggle to renounce the devil, and strive to live in the fellowship of this community and the rest of the Church?

People: I will, and I ask God to help me.

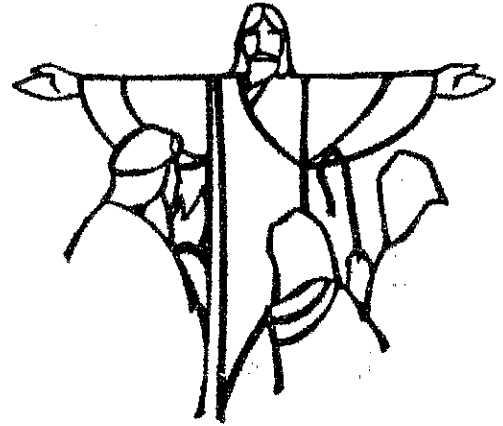
God, Redeemer, whose compassion
for our wandering, wayward race
led You on a road of sorrow
where You shouldered our disgrace.
Yours the might that molded planets,
Yours the will that set their course,
yet Your back was bent and breaking
as for us You bore the cross.



Pastor: Because of the faith given you in Baptism, God's love in Christ Jesus reaches through you to minister to the poor, the outcast, and the powerless. Will you continue such a life of service?

People: I will, and I ask God to help me.

**God, the Spirit, still creating,
flaming through the universe,
light, all suns and stars transcending,
come, the clouds of sin disperse!
Come to us who bow in wonder;
waken faith that will not die
till the hymn, "To God be glory!"
is the whole creation's cry!**



Pastor: Let us pray...

Almighty God, You led the children of Israel through a mighty sea to freedom and to the Promised Land. So lead us on our journey this week, blessing all we seek to do in Your name. Grant us continued faith in You and in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, into whose death and resurrection we were baptized.

People: Amen.

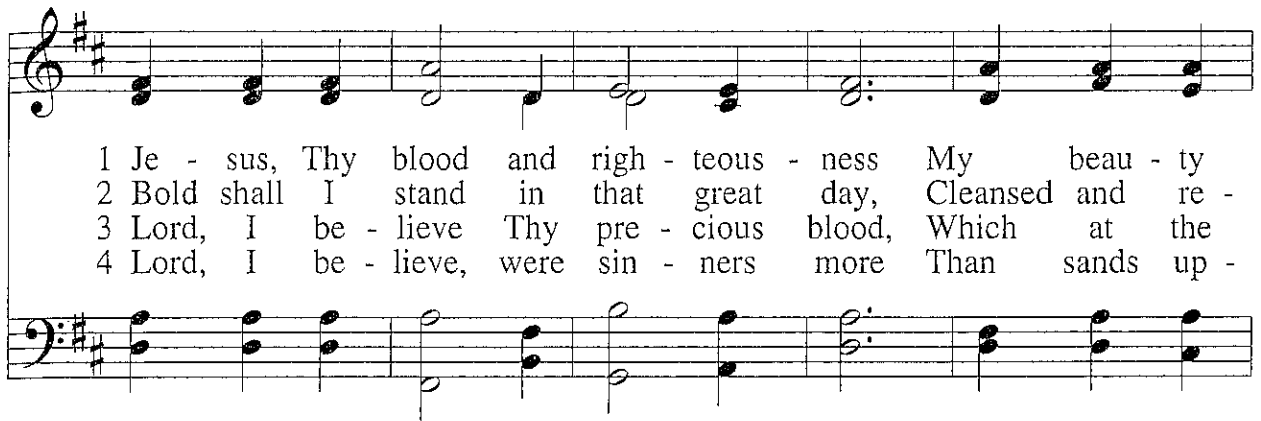
Apostles' Creed (10:15)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

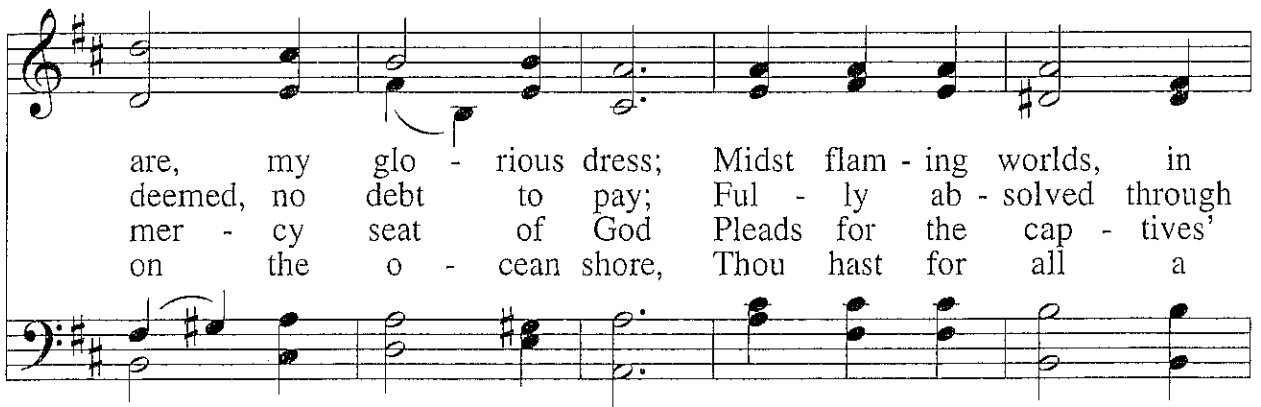
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**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.**

Sermon



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



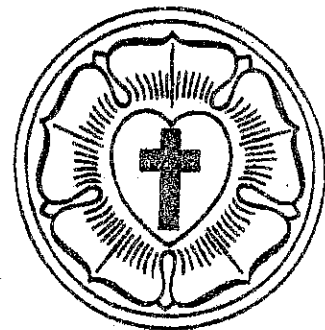
are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives,
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.



Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offering Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Triune God who gives all that is good and a love that endures forever, You bring forth from the earth bread for our table and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with Your gracious gifts, that we might be sent to be representatives of Your love and Your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

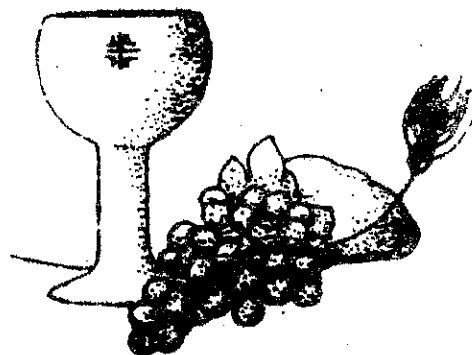
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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.



Distribution

Choral Anthem (10:15)

Go Now in Peace

1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

Musical notation for the Choral Anthem, showing a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
 And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

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5 Frail children of dust
 and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust,
 nor find Thee to fail.
 Thy mercies, how tender,
 how firm to the end,
 Our maker, defender,
 redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,
 ineffable Love,
 While angels delight
 to hymn Thee above,
 Thy humbler creation,
 though feeble their lays,
 With true adoration
 shall sing to Thy praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Merciful God, we give thanks for the strength of Your grace received here at Your table. By Your Holy Spirit transform and renew our lives, that we may do Your good, acceptable, and perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



Benediction

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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Postlude

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Worship Leaders

Ministers: The People of Trinity Lutheran Church
Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. David B. Marth, Pastor
Lectors: Norbert Krausz (5:00)
Neal A. Orabka (8:45)
Bob Kurtz, Jeff Lea (10:15)
Organists: Jim Munden (5:00)
Wes Kassulke, Director of Music (10:15)
Pianist: Jeaninne Meyer (8:45)
Choir: Trinity Adult Choir
Crucifer: Megan Manhart
Acolyte: Nicole Manhart
Greeter: Karin Schubert
Ushers: Phil Koehr, Al Becker, Christine Moss, Tom Cooney
Nursery: Kristi Wilson, Abby Wheeler

This Week at Trinity
June 19-25, 2011

Sunday	Morning Eucharist	8:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
	VintageTen Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Morning Eucharist	10:15 a.m.
Monday	Organ Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Circuit Pastors Conference at Messiah	9:30 a.m.
	King of Glory Board Meeting at St. John's	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Adult Bible Class (Parables)	10:00 a.m.
	Board of Evangelism Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Adult Bible Class (Ecclesiastes)	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Wedding Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	Youth Group Car Wash	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
	Davies – Lilienthal Wedding	2:30 p.m.
	Evening Eucharist	5:00 p.m.

PRAYERS – Please remember the following in prayer this week:

those celebrating their birthdays – Mike Vassonei (6/19), Dorothea Dehne (6/20), Jennifer Drescher (6/20), Shana Leitner (6/20), Luke Schroeder (6/21), Walt Ramsey (6/23), Mary Lee Trendle (6/23) and Ray Franklin (6/25);

those in the Trinity family for whom we give thanks – Tom Kellermann;

Pat and Jack Kohl; Jim, Jimmy and Victoria Kohl; Jake and Emily Korn;

Brett and Caitlin Kothe; Bob and Jan Kraemer; Norbert Krausz;

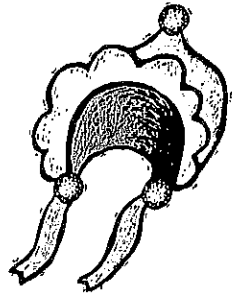
all fathers;

those who are ill, shut-in, hospitalized or recovering from surgery;

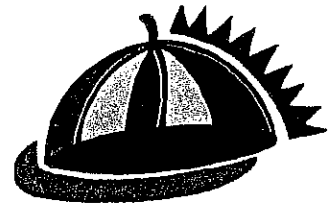
Lutheran Bible Translators;

our global link to the “Hands of Mercy” relief project which cares for people with disabilities in Southern Sudan.

UNDIES SUNDAYS – Almost 1000 articles of clothing (underwear, socks and t-shirts) have been collected for the homeless since Mothers Day. Thanks to everyone who has also joined in the fun of seeing which side of the sanctuary will win the giving race by June 26th. At this point the lectern side leads with 527 pieces to the pulpit side's 412.



Hat Day and Name Tag Sunday



June 26
at the 10:15 service

WEAR A HAT AND you may just win a prize ...

- MOST CRAZIEST
- MOST FASHIONABLE
- FUNNIEST KIDS HAT
- MOST CREATIVE

Wear your name tag and receive a special surprise



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Date: July 1, 2011

Time: 7pm –9pm



Celebrate
The Blessing of the Steeple
Lighting
July 1, 2011



7pm Ice Cream Social

with games and activities for all ages

8:30 pm Blessing of the Steeple Lights

CONGRATULATIONS to those elected to the Church Council by the voters:

Josh Anderson, President

Terri Mize, Secretary

Patrick Hendershot, Ministry Director

Jan Kraemer, Ministry Director

Karen Revere, Ministry Director.

FLOWERS – The flowers adorning the chancel this weekend are gifts to the glory of God from Bryan Belcher in thanksgiving for many blessings received and his birthday.

So what's new with the Organ Committee?

Update No. 4

On June 6th the organ committee met with two representatives of the Schantz Organ Company. Numerous questions concerning their proposal were addressed and answered by the representatives.

Mr. Jim Wilson (representing the property committee) was present at the meeting and reported that the structural engineer has begun his work. So far the rear balcony appears able to hold the load of a new console in addition to a gallery organ. However, the engineer was not able to get a comprehensive view of the supporting structures and will conduct further inspection.

Mr. John Schoedel is working with the committee as a funding consultant. He discussed with the Schantz representatives various aspects of the project relative to the funding of the organ project.

Why is the committee going to all this trouble when we could buy an electronic organ, saving some time, trouble, and expense?

One could point out how a pipe organ typically has a lifespan four times that of an electronic organ. Many other arguments could be made. But putting these arguments aside, one could simply ask, *“Would you rather listen to a recording of a symphonic orchestra or experience that same symphonic orchestra live?”*

Trinity has long loved the pipe organ as an instrument of choice to accompany its worship. Two organs were shipped with the Saxons aboard the boats headed for the new world in 1838. The organ committee is working hard to renovate our present organ and make it an instrument worthy of accompanying the songs of praise lifted to our God for many years to come.

Donations to Trinity’s Organ Fund can be made by writing “Organ Fund” and the amount on the “Other” line of your church envelope or by writing “Organ Fund” on the “memo” line of your check made out to *Trinity Lutheran Church*.

ENJOY TWO GREAT ST. LOUIS SUMMER TRADITIONS



Join us for one or both events this summer

Sunday, July 10, 2011 1:15 pm Cardinals vs. Arizona

Thursday, August 11, 2011 Bye, Bye, Birdie 8pm

Tickets are \$25 each or both for \$40.

Seating is limited, so sign up today.

For more information please contact Terri at 314-540-7888.

NEW BIBLE – Teach children about the Bible in a way like never before. Concordia Publishing House’s new release THE STORY BIBLE delivers beautiful art work combined with features not normally found in children’s Bibles such as discussion questions, learning activities and prayers. For ages 3-8. To see samples visit cph.org/storybible. If you are interested in ordering one, sign up at the back table for a group discount of \$19.99 per Bible.

DISCUSSION GROUP – Dorothy Lesch invites everyone to her home in South City on Saturday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m. to visit with her Muslim neighbors about their faith walk. If you would like to join the discussion, call Dorothy at 664-6534 to let her know you’re coming to her Arsenal Street home.

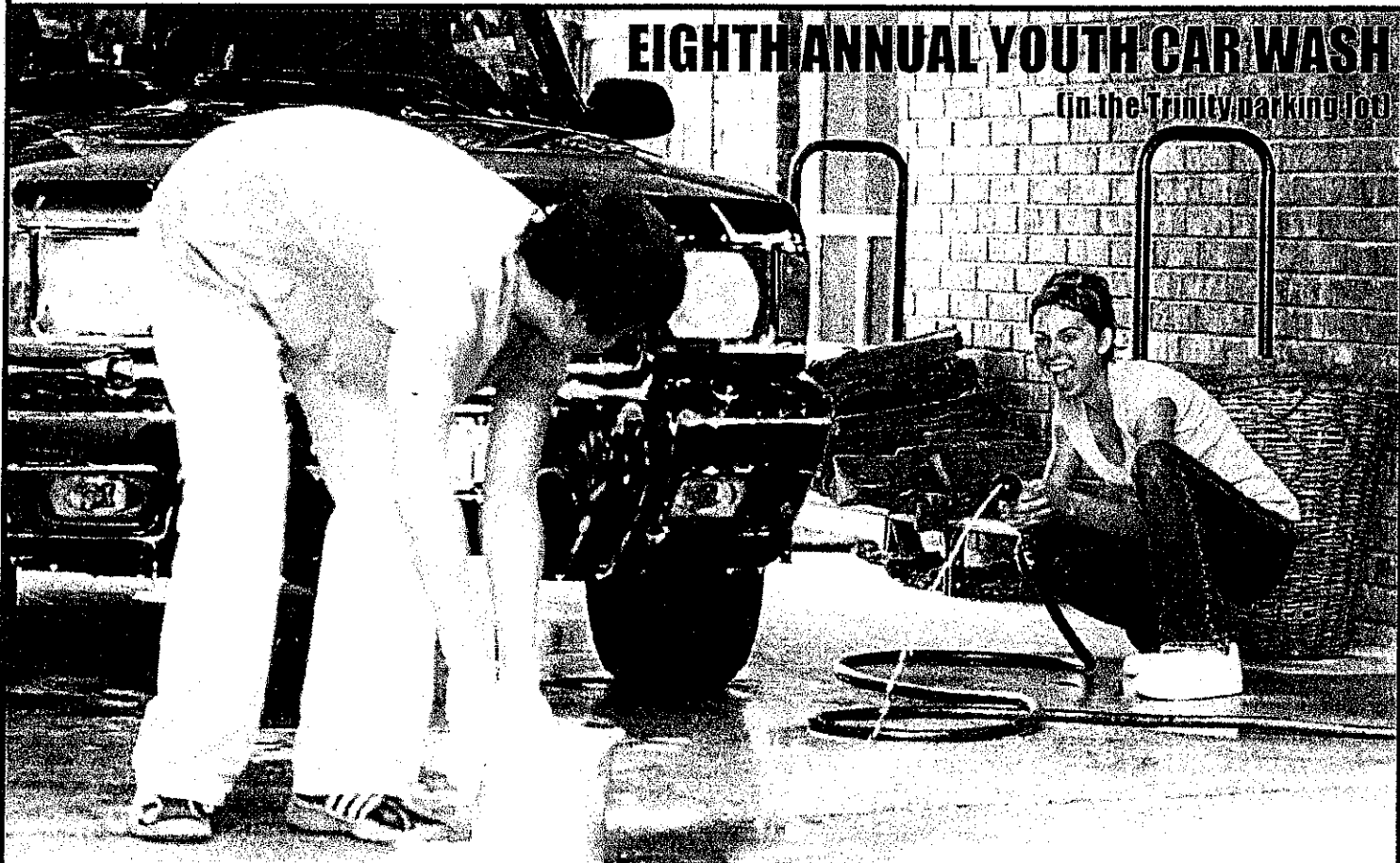
MAY STEWARDSHIP REPORT – Treasurer Clay Degenhardt offers the five-month report on income and expenses:

	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2010 Actual
General Contributions	\$ 190,992	\$ 200,000	\$ 175,977
Income from Other Sources	\$ 57,503	\$ 65,000	\$ 60,102
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$ 248,495	\$ 265,000	\$ 236,079
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 280,538	\$ 265,000	\$ 273,633
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BAPTISMS – Last weekend we welcomed two babies into the Kingdom of God through Holy Baptism. Emersyn Mae Witheft, infant daughter of Cameron and Danielle (Lescallett) Witheft, was baptized on Saturday evening. Her sponsors are Tim and Lauren Giljem, Rachelle Lescallett and Lisa Wolfe. Austin James Riebold, infant son of Aaron Miller and Lauryn Riebold (and great-grandson of Audrey Miller) was baptized on Sunday afternoon. His sponsors are Ian Kopp and Leigh Ann and Lindsay Riebold. May the Holy Spirit bless these children as they begin their faith journey with us.

MOTHERS DAY OUT – Our friends at Timothy Lutheran Church, 6704 Fyler (near I-44 and Jamieson) offer a Mothers Day Out ministry for children ages 2-5 in which youngsters work on fine and gross motor skills. Summer hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Call Kathy Carr at 314-832-7253 or email kathymdo@sbcglobal.net.

— Saturday, June 25 from 8 AM to NOON —



EIGHTH ANNUAL YOUTH CAR WASH

(In the Trinity parking lot)

HELP US REACH OUR GOALS OF \$5000 RAISED and 100 CARS WASHED!

You can support our youth in their final fundraiser before their summer mission trip from July 9—16 to East Moline, Illinois in one or more ways:

ONE

Pray for the group as they continue to prepare for this faith-growing event. And pray for better weather on our rescheduled weekend!

TWO

Pledge "x" amount/car washed to help reach their goal.
A pledge of \$.25/car will most likely be a gift of \$25 (if they wash 100 cars).

THREE

Bring your car—and tell everyone you know to bring their cars to this FREE wash day!

Pledge cards may be picked up on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

*You may also phone in or email your pledge to
Rebecca Rust at (314) 420-9423 or trinitydce@sbcglobal.net.*



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Chris was born and raised in southern Illinois in the St. Louis, Missouri metro area. Throughout high school, Chris developed a love for foreign languages. During his senior year, he participated in an exchange program to Germany.

When he returned to the United States, he attended Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville (SIUE), where he received a degree in Mass Communications—TV and Radio. Chris worked for five years at radio stations and at newspapers in central Illinois and eastern Missouri.

In 2000, Chris began service with the LCMS World Mission program “Volunteer Youth Ministry.” The VYM program was a two-and-a-half year program working with Japanese Lutherans teaching English.

The time in Japan caused Chris to seriously consider full-time church work. After much prayer, Chris began study at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

During his third year at seminary, Chris had the opportunity to spend three months alongside an LBT missionary -in Botswana, southern African. Chris learned and saw first-hand the importance of having at least a portion of the Bible translated in mother-tongue languages. The exposure to Bible translation made a deep and lasting impression on him.

In July 2007, Chris fulfilled his vicarage internship in Windsor, Ontario, Canada and was assigned to serve Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenleaf, Kansas.

In January 2010 Chris was called to serve with LBT in Ghana, West Africa. 23

Lutheran Bible Translators

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) helps bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts.

LBT is committed to the Scriptures as God's primary means for bringing about life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ. To be effective, the Word of God must be accessible in a language and media that people most readily comprehend.

There are more than 6900 languages in the world. More than 350 million people who speak 4500 of these languages cannot read Scripture in the language of their hearts. Most cannot read at all. Ongoing literacy programs play a large part in our ministry.

To accomplish our goal, LBT partners with individual Lutherans, a wide range of Lutheran church bodies, Bible translation organizations in North America and around the world, many other Christians, and service and educational organization and ministries.

LBT recruits missionaries and then trains, equips and helps support them. Thousands of individuals and hundreds of volunteers provide support to individual missionaries and to LBT through prayer and through their generous, ongoing financial donations.

Since our founding in 1964, through the grace of God, LBT missionaries have helped complete over 30 New Testament translations. Two more translations are expected to be completed by 2011.

These translations bring Christ's Good News of Salvation, and literacy, to more than 7 million people. Nationals and local churches in host countries play a vital, ongoing role in this work.

At present, LBT missionaries are serving in 15 countries on 5 continents working on 31 Bible translation and 54 Scripture Use or linguistic programs.

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