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Those Serving our Congregation in June 2020

Altar Guild

Joan Oliver
Teresa Rudasill

Ushers

Jason England
Chris Nelson
Tim Troup
Charles Politte

Elder on Duty

Dan Deer

Trustee on Duty

Norman Feltman

Communion Assistants

Gary Oliver

Sunday

Counting Team

6-7-2020 Terri Schmitt
Charlotte Dole & Jan Faskell
6-14-2020 Kathy Huchison
Donna Mullins
6-21-2020 Del Weinhold
Donita Tressner & Jan Schmidt
6-28-2020 Stan & Sue Cook
Kathy Wahlstrom

Liturgical Color

White

Green

Green

Green

Acolytes

Brandon Schauptert
Ethan Shauptert
Logan Schauptert
Gavin Ship
Ethan Ship
T.J. Jerrel
Cheyenne Primo
Victoria Shipp

Trinity Times

June, 2020

Mission Statement

To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the Sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers and unbelievers



From Genesis 7

¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹² And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³ On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, ¹⁴ they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. ¹⁵ They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶ And those that entered, male

and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

When we think of this flood, do we often think of the moment when they got on board? The moment when the Lord closed them up? They had more than enough time to see the rain coming. They saw the ark filling up with animals, they all get on board, and God closes the door. At the time, they couldn't wander far. It was a big boat... but still... there was no going outside... no getting away from what God was doing. Probably more than a little dark. More than a little smelly with all those animals. With nothing to do but wait... for a very long time. I wonder if... in all that time... it was easy to lose sight of the fact that God was doing all this to help them... to *save* them.

This one was bad... a judgement on an entire world that had gotten so bad that there was nothing for it. Still, might it have been easier for them... knowing that this was *planned*? Is it harder for us to see God's work... and be grateful for what He's doing... when we're not sure? Whether or not God *plans* everything bad that happens to *us*, we do have one promise. He walks with us... turning even the evil that men intend for His purposes.

There is another scene of rain and uncontrolled water in the Scriptures. This one is from Matthew chapter 8:

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

In other places and times, God asks us, "Where is your faith?" And regardless of the circumstances, that is what all of these "ye of little faith" moments are getting at? It is not necessarily that faith is not present. The question is, "Faith in *what*?"

Jesus was with them... right in the boat. God was with Noah and his family... the boat he had built was at God's instruction. And God is with *us*. Whatever events may happen in our lives... God is with us. Whether we feel alone... or, at another end, feel like we are surrounded by, constantly bombarded by, a life that seems out to get us. Bills or finances. People and relationships. Or all of the above.

If nothing else, when these storms come, they make us cling tighter to the wooden mast... the cross that promises *never* to break... but to break the very power of sin and death itself. When these moments come, they force us to cry out for help. We acknowledge our inability... until our eyes lift up to the One who *can* help. To the One who created the earth and the seas. The One who calms storms and walks waves. The One who leads us beside still the still waters of His Word... whatever storms may be raging outside. The One who gives us quiet moments with His Spirit.

The One who gives us the gift of each other... Who "shuts us in" to the ark of His Church, keeping us safe from the eternal death that threatens the rest, promising us safe arrival

on the shores of our home. We close with the quiet assurance of Psalm 1... the very first Psalm. It talks about the instruction of God. The Word of God. The promises of God. *That* gives us the strength to be His people to all those who don't yet know Him:

1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
3 He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

Whether it is a world of possibilities... or a temporary dark road. Whether bright, sun-filled days... or a raging tempest. The God of all creation goes with you every step of the way. Amen.

Rev. Jeremy May



Our Mighty Mites

May - \$100 Missouri District
June - Bonne Terre Food Bank

LWML met on May 13 to vote into office the following officers for 2020-2022:

President - Liz Faries
Vice President - Barb Weinhold
Secretary - Lois Poth
Treasurer - Charlotte Dole

The following message has been received from LCMS Mission Advancement as follows:

"On behalf of the LCMS thank you for the support you have given to Rev. Delwyn and Lanita Campbell, Carol Halter, and Rev. Gary Schulte. Please convey our thanks to all your members. I pray you are all staying safe and healthy. If you need anything or have questions, I can be reached at 800-248-1930, Ext. 1651, or Julie.Loehring@lcms.org.

Blessings!

Julie Loehring

Missionary Support Coordinator
LCMS Mission Advancement"

Since our May outing and lunch to Caledonia had to be postponed, we now plan on Wednesday, September 9. Mark your calendar. Ladies of Trinity are welcome!

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Ps. 100:2



VBS Update

Even with all that is going on with Covid-19, we are still planning to host a VBS this summer at Trinity from July 6-10. With that said, it might look a little different from previous years, depending on the regulations in place at that time. I have been planning for a traditional VBS, a virtual VBS, and a hybrid of the two. CPH is on top of this and they have been creating videos and digital content to help. We currently have access to digital site guidebooks and they are creating

storytelling, bible challenge and puppet show videos.

For health and safety reasons we are **REQUIRING PRE-REGISTRATION** for children who are wanting to attend **AND** all volunteers.

To pre-register, head to

<https://vbsmate.com/events/TrinityLutheranParkHills/18952>.

Click on the blue button for "register your child" or "become a volunteer" to get on the correct list. If you have spoken to me about volunteering, you will still need to register on the website. We will be using the lists from the site to be sure we are following the state guidelines for gatherings.

Information will be available on the church website as updates become available.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Rachel Bierly



Doug Beck	6-2
Matthew Tressner	6-4
Bailey England	6-5
Corey Naeger	6-5
Tim Shauptert	6-5
Lisa Welch	6-5
Liz Wadlow	6-7
Sarah Politte	6-8

Shawn Lee	6-9
Todd Whitehead	6-11
Brianna Jones	6-12
Ethan Schauptert	6-12
Hannah Politte	6-14
David Miller	6-13
Paul Hedgcorth	6-16
Wayne Miller	6-16
Allyson Welch	6-24
Charles Politte	6-24
Ruth Reetz	6-25
Mary Jane Pruitt	6-25
Cheyenne Primo	6-27
Nancy Sullivan	

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Don and Deborah Haefner
6-1

David and Terri Schmitt
6-3

Wayne and Marilyn Miller
6-8

Alan and Dawn Miller
6-15

Tony and Michelle LaPlant
6-18

Dennis and Dawn Spell
6-23

Daniel and Lesli Eaton
6-26

Darvin and Angela Aurich
6-29

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STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The sin of the world is paid for. God’s Law has been kept perfectly on our behalf. The prophecies have all been fulfilled. Jesus Christ has finished it all! And that, dear Christians, should fill us with complete confidence in our salvation. Since Jesus has finished all these things in His self-sacrifice, we can be fully certain our sins are forgiven, and we have everlasting life!

St. Paul wrote: “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” (Rom. 12:1)

We hear the same teaching in 1 Peter. “As you come to him, a living stone, rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:4-5)

It’s the very thing Malachi foretold of the Lord, that He would come and purify His priestly people, that they may offer to Him an offering in righteousness. (Mal. 3:3)

So, what does this mean? In view of God’s mercies – that is, because Jesus sacrificed Himself to make us pure, giving His entire self into death – Paul said that we are to sacrifice ourselves entirely to God, offering Him our whole lives. For our Savior did not give Himself for us in part. So, we do not give back to Him in part.

We don’t offer ourselves to God just on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, for example. Rather, we give Him our whole selves, all the time.

We understand that offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices involves the giving of our time. It requires us to be faithful stewards of the time He has given us. Yes, it means we devote to our Savior all our time. Otherwise we are not sacrificing our whole lives.

You see, God both teaches us, and has graciously qualified us, to present ourselves to Him as living sacrifices – to live as His holy priests, who offer Him acceptable sacrifices through Jesus Christ, all day, every day, in our various callings.

In the passages from Romans and 1 Peter, we hear several examples of Christian self-sacrifice: serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy, living peaceably with others, submitting to governing authorities and those over us in the workplace, wives submitting to husbands, husbands honoring wives, showing compassion, and suffering patiently in doing good.

In all these things, and in all our other everyday activities, we sacrifice ourselves by using our time, not just for our own benefit, but also and especially for the well-being of others. Work time, school time, exercise time, study time, mealtime, chore time, recreation and relaxation time, even sleep time – it’s all God’s gift to us to use for purposes that please and honor Him.

This challenges us to think about the way we spend our time, how we utilize our talents, and the way we spend our treasures. Whatever it is I’m doing, am I doing it “for the Lord”? (Col. 3:23) Am I presenting God a living sacrifice? Am I conducting myself as a holy priest, whose sacrifice is acceptable to God?

Because our Lord sacrificed Himself wholly for us, we offer ourselves wholly to Him as living sacrifices. This is following Jesus in self-sacrifice. By His saving mercy, yes, our sacrifice is acceptable to God. For the sake of Jesus’ finished work, God is pleased with us.

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May Church Statistics

Date	Inside	In Cars
5-3	6	40
5-5	10	2
5-10	16	31
5-17	16	28
5-24	16	29
5-31 9am	9	1
5-31 10:30am	24	20

May 1-29 Offerings Overview

Envelope & EGiving Offerings:	\$104.00
Loose Plate Offerings:	\$6,414.00
Helping Hands Special Offerings:	\$20.00
Radio Ministry Special Offerings:	\$300.00
Total Offerings:	\$6,838.00
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$11,413.00
Budget needs not met:	(\$4,575.00)

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