

TrinityLutheranChurch
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Those Serving our Congregation in July 2020

Altar Guild

Walter/Lisa Major
Candy Mannisi

Ushers

Stan Cook
Walter Major
Steve Rion
David Behrens

Elder on Duty

Steve Francis

Trustee on Duty

Scott Hedgorth

Communion Assistants

Tom Pepper

Sunday Counting Team

7-5-2020 Terri Schmitt
Charlotte Dole & Jan Faskell
7-12-2020 Kathy Huchison
Donna Mullins
7-19-2020 Del Weinhold
Donita Tressner & Jan Schmidt
7-26-2020 Stan & Sue Cook
Kathy Wahlstrom

Liturgical Color

Green
Green
Green
Green

Acolytes

Logan Schaupt
Gavin Shipp
Ethan Ship
T.J. Jerrel
Cheyenne Primo
Victoria Shipp
Emalee Best
Jesse Best

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July, 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**



Matthew 6

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of

these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you

A congregation member handed me this story on the way out of a church service one time:

One day, a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live. (And as I'm reading, I figure, the guy wants his son to be grateful for all the incredible, awesome stuff his dad's wealth can give them.) They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "What do you think?" "It was great, Dad." "Did you see how poor

people live?" the father asked. "Oh yeah," said the son. "So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden, and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard, and they have the whole horizon. The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

After I read it, I tucked it into my pocket. I was grateful for the gift. I liked the part of the story where the apparently very wealthy dad had his expectations turned on their head. Serves the guy right. But I didn't have occasion to think much about it, I set it down by my keys when I got home.

And then, I went into the kitchen, and the microwave temporarily cut out partway through heating up lunch. Later that week, I went to cut the grass and found that the little red gas tank I used for refills was empty. Then our dryer went out. So all week, our little place was been covered with hangers with drying socks, shirts, and pants. Blankets and towels had been drying over the backs of dining room chairs, while the grass kept growing. I was sitting there thinking, *what's going on?* And then I came across the little folded sheet of paper, sitting right where I usually laid my stuff.

And I realized, I missed it. *I'm* the rich person. Because the dryer broke, I remember I *have* a dryer... and I looked around the house at all the clothes and blankets I *have*. There's so much food around, of some kind or another. And my

dog was outside sniffing wildflowers he didn't always get to sniff. And all the stuff growing in the yard was just incredible. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

I realize this passage is mostly about not being anxious, but I think there's even more to it than that. While delivering his command not to be anxious, Jesus tells his listeners to consider the lilies of the field. Stop and look. Appreciate the beauty around you. Check the attitude of ingratitude at the door. Anxiety certainly indicates a lack of trust. But ingratitude fails even to recognize gifts we've already been *given*.

Pause and take a breath.

And even though we couldn't remember all our gifts, even when we're just sinful people being sinful... God just keeps giving. Food and clothing, all of the blessings we just listed and more. Every breath. Every relationship with every person that God has given to lift us up. Every night's sleep. Every morning light. Every bright, sun-shiny day. Every rain upon the earth. And even when we are at our very worst... He sends us His best... He sent us His Son. Jesus left behind beauty *unimagined*, to redeem the world we see around us. He left *company* unimagined... the Father's side... the heavenly host... to be born here among us. To give his life on a cross for us. God is a God who *gives*. And His gifts have no end.

Rev. Jeremy May





Our Mighty Mites

**June - \$90.52 Bonne Terre Food Bank
July – Missouri District**

**“Serve the Lord with Gladness”
Ps. 100:2**



A great big thank you to everyone for the prayers, phone calls, and cards as Jim has been fighting cancer.

~Sue Martin



!!VBS Update!!

We have made the decision to cancel our full week VBS (July 6-10). We will be offering a single day VBS on Saturday, August 22nd from 8:30 am - 6:00 pm.

The kiddos will learn all 5 lessons, make a craft, play a game, and sing fun songs

throughout the day. We will provide a breakfast snack and lunch. To close our VBS day, we will invite the parents and the congregation for a closing service and potluck dinner. More information to come.

Pre-registration is still required:

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

If you already registered yourself or your child(ren), you do not have to register again.

Please contact Rachel Bierly if you have any questions:

773-443-2916 or rachel.bierly@gmail.com



It is time to show our support for the St. Paul Lutheran Highschool Association. We will be collecting during the summer so the money is given in time for the new school year to begin.

In the past, donations of \$10.00 per communicant member high school age and above were given.

Envelopes will be placed in your church mailbox for your convenience or you may use your own. Please put your Offering Envelope # and name on the envelope containing your contribution. If using a check, please make your check out to **Trinity Lutheran Church.**

Place your contribution in the offering plate or you may mail your contribution to **Trinity Lutheran Church
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Lawrence Duffield	7-1
Stewart Shipman	7-4
Silas Fancis	7-4
Nancy Wells	7-4
Jared Hays	7-9
Janie Simpson	7-10
Victoria Best	7-12
Kendra Skaggs	7-13
Joan Oliver	7-14
Jesse Hillis	7-21
Kenni Bay	7-22
Lena Lee	7-22
Tessa Oliver	7-24
Rachel Jones	7-24
Kayla Curdt	7-24
Joyce Davis	7-25
Jan Schmidt	7-25
Charlene Egan	7-25
Roxanne Pierce	7-26
Clayton Faskell	7-28
Connor Welch	7-28
Jim Welch	7-28
Jake Yates	7-30
Michael Eaton	7-31
Sarah Curdt	7-31

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Jason and Lori England
7-13

Gary and Joan Oliver
7-24

Michael and Crystil Skaggs
7-25

Paul and Marlene Hedgcorth
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STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And the ruler replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” (Luke 18:18–22)

As we listen to this, one question is raised in our minds: Is Jesus speaking to us also or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor? As good Lutherans, we answer: No! But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor?

The simplest explanation is this: If we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t mean it isn’t to be used for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family, and society. We are members of all three of these by birth.

- We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from either our birth into the church or the birth of others by Baptism into it.
- We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from either our birth into that family or the birth of others into our family.
- Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are is to be pressed into service for the church, the family, and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and our duties toward them would falter.

So consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You provide food, clothing, and shelter for the members of your family. You save for college for your children.

But the one station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits – the best from off the top – even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought and intent. It means that you sit down and make a plan for what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking

to it even when it seems there are other more immediate and pressing things.

This is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time while giving is low due to high unemployment or restrictions on meeting in church to give. If we love God, his gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace we receive at church and only at church, then we will support the church just as we love our country and our family.

For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious and giving God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son into death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What is more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of the church, the family, and society, are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three by birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be ignored or even an afterthought. The church is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation by Word and Sacrament for eternal life.

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June Church Statistics

Date	Worship	Inside	/In Cars	Bible Study
6-2		10	0	-
6-7	9am	20	0	-
6-7	10:30am	35	2	-
6-14	9am	13	0	-
6-14	10:30am	50	0	-
6-21		49	-	26
6-28		60	-	21

June 1-28 Offerings Overview

Envelope & EGiving Offerings:	\$9,212.00
Loose Plate Offerings:	\$ 231.00
Helping Hands Special Offerings:	\$ 45.00
S.S. & Bible Study Special Offerings:	\$ 140.00
Anonymous Group Offerings	\$ 9.00
Total Offerings:	\$9,637.00
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$11,413.00
Budget needs not met:	(\$ 1,776.00)

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Fun Times

Recently we subscribed to ChurchArt Online for the graphics we use in bulletins, newsletters, and other needs. I found a wonderful collection of comics and had to share a few. If you like them, let me know and I will continue to include them in the Trinity Times.

~Melissa

