



Trinity Trumpeter



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262 **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** *1579*

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Ein feste Burg Martin Luther 1529

1 A might-y For-ress is our God, A trust-y Shield and Wap-pet; - on;

2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss ef-fect - ed;

3 Tho' dev-il's All the world should fill, till ea-ger to de- your - us;

4 The Word they still shall let re-son, - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from know o'er-tak - en,

But for us fights the him-self e-lect - ed.

We trem-ble not, we fe - out o - ver - pow'r - us.

He's by our side up - God gifts and Spirt - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe:

Ask us Who is this? Je - sus Christ it is.

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

One Little Word

There is a little mystery that has puzzled Lutherans for a long time. It's found in the third stanza of the battle hymn of the Reformation, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Martin Luther, the author of the hymn, concluded that stanza with "One little word can fell him" (namely, the devil). What "little word" did Luther have in mind?

As far as I know, there is no definite answer. Apparently, Luther's contemporaries knew what he meant, and by the time anyone thought to ask, no one was left to answer the question. Lutherans from that time on have been left to speculate about the "little word."

Some have guessed that the "little word" is the Bible, the Word of God. And that would fit very well with Luther's Theology. For the Bible has all the truth we need to resist and overcome Satan's attacks. In the sixth chapter of Ephesians, Paul says that the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. And that sword can certainly fell the devil. But the Bible is not really a little word. If Luther had been thinking of the Bible here, it is hard to explain why he would call it a little word.

Another reasonable guess is that the "little word" is the name "Jesus." He is "the valiant One whom God Himself elected." In John's Gospel He is also called "the Word." When we say the word "Jesus" with the faith that He is our Savior, the One who conquered sin, death, and hell for us, that "little word" can send the devil into retreat. Still it seems strange that Luther would refer to Jesus as a "little word."

There are other words that Luther may have had in mind, the word "grace," for example. None of these possibilities can be ruled out without fear of contradiction.

But there is another word that Luther may have been referring to when he wrote this hymn. Revelation 21 may contain the words that Luther had in mind. Verse six reads as follows-And He said to me, "it is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."

"It is done!" What is done? The work of our salvation is done. And Jesus has done it all. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the "A" and the "Z," the beginning and the end. There are no details for others to complete, no missing letters in the alphabet of salvation. There is no place where Satan can squeeze in a little finger, because Jesus has done it all for us. This is the totally invincible answer to every doubt that the devil may plant in our minds. This is the little word that can fell him.

What's the word? The word is "done," *gegonan* in the Greek. All that is necessary for our salvation has been done. The devil has been judged the loser by that word and Christians can stand secure, because their Mighty Fortress has surrounded them with a wall of forgiveness that Satan can never penetrate. Perhaps, that this is exactly the thought Luther wanted to convey in the third stanza of this powerful hymn.

And the same thought fits stanza four, because the devil must let the Word remain. He cannot undo what Jesus has done. Luther comments that the devil is not going to give thanks for that Word. He hates it but can't do anything about it. It's done! Our salvation is so sure and complete that God could even choose us before creation and Satan has no weapon against such confidence.

Perhaps someday someone will find a letter that Luther wrote in answer to an inquiry about the "little word." Until then, we will sing those words thinking about the complete salvation that Jesus has won for us, a complete salvation that keeps us safe from all the devil's power.

Pastor Kehnke

Fund raising for Evangelism & future PARADES

Garage Sale: October 13, 2018 Please check around your home for items to donate to the first annual garage sale of Trinity Lutheran. Everyone is invited to donate items to the sale. Proceeds to support evangelism efforts in future parades. (**Football: NE VS Northwestern- away game**). Feel free to share it with your friends and neighbors.

HONEY: The passionate parade participants will be selling Honey provided by the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Minot, ND. This will provide funding so that we would not have to rely so much on the Thrivent Action Team gift cards to support the expenses incurred for the parades.

Honey Sunday will be **Sunday, November 4th**. The honey comes from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Bottles of delicious honey will be for sale for only \$8.00 each and be delivered directly to you! Thank you for your support in advance.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is a Christian residential treatment and educational center for children and their families. Learn more: <https://www.dakotaranch.org/> Denise Moerer is in charge of this fundraising event!

Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:



Next meeting: October, 10 @ 10:30

Future Activities planned:

Nibbles Plus October 14th: Using a few (safely saved) leftovers from the picnic, we will be serving Chili and cinnamon rolls after church. Please join us.

The fellowship hall got a new look this past month. The walls have been repainted by A&R Painting. The orange divider curtains were removed and replaced with new divider curtains. And some new items on the walls.... check out the hallway to the restrooms!

Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands will host the "Celebrating with Friends" dinner on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

October Dinner out Our next dinner out will be October 21ST. Place: Dino's, located 2901 S. 845h St. Please let Karen Luebke know if you are going to join the group! Visit Dino's website @ dinoslincoln.com to view the menu! They also have a Sunday buffet for \$14.95.

Adult Bible Study: Monday & Sunday

Monday Night: Every One His Witness @ 7 p.m. with Pastor Kohnke.

Sunday morning: Bible class with Pastor Holtzen will began Sunday, September 2nd. The title of the study is, "The Unity of the Testaments Through Types and Anti Types, Prophecy and Fulfillment." Join us in the basement from 9:00 to 9:45.

Adult Instruction class is currently being offered on Sunday Mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 9:40 a.m. in the Pastor's office.

October Voters' Meeting is the 28th

~ **All members of the church are invited to join the meeting. You must be a confirmed member of the church. Lunch will be served by the Ladies Aide group before the meeting!**



If you are on a committee that reports at the Voters meeting, please have a report, or who will be presenting to the secretary by October 21st. Daycare, Playground, Master Plan/church expansion.....

Items that will be discussed at the meeting are: Church sign in the parking lot, Wedding Guidelines, Progress of church window restoration project. Review of the church's electrical systems.

Our Mission dollars at Work

Lutheran Bible Translators' mission is "about making sure that literate or not, educated or not, everyone can engage with God's word and have it readily available to them in a form they can easily understand."

This month we celebrate the work of Elliot and Serena Derricks with our \$500 contribution. Derrick is from Denmark, Wisconsin and Serena is from Buckley, Washington. They and their two young daughters, Lydia and Josephine, are just beginning their ministry in Cameroon.

Please include them in your prayers.



Trinity will celebrate Reformation on Sunday October 28th. The altar paraments are Red on this day, which represents the fire of the Holy Spirit. Join us in wearing RED this day, in celebration of the Holy Gospel being spread by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ladies Aide Report: meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the church basement.

With thanks to the congregation, we collected \$193 which was used to purchase 129 bottles of shampoo and conditioner. We also received a donation of 8 bottles of shampoo and conditioner for a total of 137 bottles.

Best Choice labels are still needed for our annual fundraiser. 400 labels are still needed. We receive \$60 for collecting the labels and, then donate that to Lutheran Family Services.



Sunday Circle group: Meets the first Sunday of every month after church and is always looking for new members to join the group.

Nebraska District Middle School Gathering: Youth in grades 6-8 and their chaperones will be attending the Nebraska District Middle School Gathering on **November 17-18** at the Embassy Suites in LaVista. Based on 2 Corinthians 3:3-6, youth will spend the weekend learning that we show that we are ‘a letter from Christ’ in what we sow, how we **Show** love, and so we are ‘prepared to give a response’ in our daily lives. The cost is \$90 per student. Students are asked to pay \$25 of that fee. If you would like to sponsor a student please speak with Karla Snoozy.

Help the church enter the digital age. If you want to save the church some paper, you can join the email list for next newsletter. Just send a message to the church secretary and let her know you want to join the “Newsletter Email list” please include your first and last name in the email. Send emails to: trinitywaltonsecretary@gmail.com

October Birthdays

- 10/2 Chrstine Gierke
- 10/4 Candy Kohnke
- 10/9 Jacob Bemer, Roland Meyer
- 10/11 Becky Nisley
- 10/12 Sue Bruss
- 10/14 Roger Pearson
- 10/18 Colin Gierke
- 10/20 Maryah Harding, Lisa Kemper
- 10/21 Hallie Rink
- 10/22 Erik Luebke, Cora Rocker
- 10/23 Randy Schroeder
- 10/26 Adam DeNino
- 10/27 Margene Meyer
- 10/30 Jeff Plager



Anniversaries

- 10/7/1995 Greg & Debbie Pavey
- 10/10/1997 Leonard & Sherry Harper
- 10/29/2011 Tracy & Kristi Refior

Miscellaneous News

Choir Sign up!

Would you like to sing a joyful nose to the Lord? Sign up for the Choir in the Narthex! Please indicate what night of the week you would like to practice!

Circuit Forum will meet Saturday morning October 6th at 9am at Christ Lutheran in Lincoln.

The Circuit Forum is held to elect delegates to the 2019 Synodical Convention, July 20-25th in Tampa, Florida. Nathaniel Kemper is the lay delegate for Trinity.

Church Mail Box updates:

Please note: If your mailbox has your name mis-spelled or needs updating... or if your box is missing? Please let the church secretary know right away. There are now mailboxes for the following groups: Ladies Aide, Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands, Sunday Circle. Mail box for Best Choice labels, old Portals of Prayer books, and hymnals to be repaired.

Future (Holiday) Planning:

November: December's Newsletter deadline will be November 14th.

Thanksgiving Service: Wednesday November 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



What Child Is This? The angel answers the question this way in the presence of the shepherds: “a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). The hymnwriter answers it this way: “This, this is Christ the king” (LSB 370:1). They both want to leave us with no doubt regarding the identity of this Child. This is the theme for our Advent and Children's Christmas Service.... fast approaching! Erin Singh will begin practice of the songs very soon during Sunday School music time.

Advent Services: Wednesday, December 5, 12, 19.

Children's Christmas Service 6:30 p.m.

Advent Meals: Dec. 5, 12, 19 will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Advent Bible Study

Midweek of Advent 1 –	Wednesday Dec. 5, 2018
The Child Who Is Zechariah's Hope	Texts: Isaiah 40:1–5; Luke 1:5–25
Midweek of Advent 2-	Wednesday Dec. 12, 2018
The Child Who Is A Virgin's Great Son	Texts: Judges 13:2–7; Luke 1:26–38
Midweek of Advent 3 –	Wednesday Dec 19, 2018
The Child Who Is John's Joy	Texts: 2 Samuel 6:12–23; Luke 1:39–45

Please let us know what time works best for you to attend these three Bible studies.

- a) Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. b) 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. during the meal. c) 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
d) other: _____

Send your response via email to TrinityWaltonPastor@gmail.com



WHEN: Saturday October 13, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Trinity Lutheran Church 5315 S. 162nd St Walton, NE 68461
WHY: To raise money for evangelism projects and 2019 parades

Items to be sold may be delivered to the church on Thursday Oct. 11 and Friday Oct. 12th from 4 to 7 p.m.

Items not sold and not picked up will be donated to Community Memorial Thrift Store in Syracuse, NE

Contact: Denise Moerer with questions or to offer help. 402-219-1010 See also Schedule on the calendar & in the Narthex

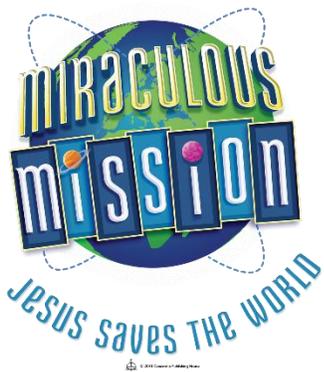


Confirmation: You may recall the confirmation students attended camp this summer and were introduced to the 6 chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism. During the school year the parents of the students are using a variety of resources to review the 6 chief parts. Once a month the parents and students meet with pastor to take a quiz on the topic that was studied that month. If you would like to study along with the students here is their schedule: October - Lord's Prayer, November - Baptism, December/January - Apostles Creed, February - Lord's Supper. They will have their next meeting on Sunday, October 21 -with a quiz on **the Lord's Prayer**.

Thank You!



The church building/grounds, parsonage and Divine Services requires many unnoticed workers to keep them useful to God's People. *Some of the workers are noticed, many are not, but God knows your NAME and your labor is not in vain.* The ones we know who have recently aided Trinity, to you we say thank you, for giving to the Lord!!!! Dick Heinke, Shirley Holtzen, Deb Rocker, Roger Pearson, Roger Krahmer, Delbert Eichoff, Marie Lanz, Joyce Oetjen, Kirk Nisley, Laura Hematis, Tim Malone, Karla Snoozy, John Snoozy, Nathaniel Kemper, Rosanne McClarnon, Alan Retzlaff, Ethan Kemper, Hank Oetjen, Merv Meyer, Denise Moerer, and YOU who took the time to read this. Thank you!



This is the 2019 VBS theme! To help us make this an Out of This World Experience would you please begin saving any cylinder/tube you come across? Ideas - wrapping paper tubes, toilet /paper towel tubes, large or small we will accept them all. Save them at your home and we will let you know when we are ready to receive them at Church (our storage space is limited) thanks for your assistance and understanding. Check out videos and music:
<https://miraculousmission.cph.org>

October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Every One His Witness 7 p.m.	2 Ladies Bible study at the home of Karen Luebke 12:45 p.m	3	4	6	6 Circuit Forum 9:00 a.m. Christ Lutheran
7 Adult Instruction: 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday Circle: 11:15 a.m.	8 Circuit Pastor's Meeting Every One His Witness 7 p.m. Garage Sale Drop off 3-6	9 Garage Sale drop off 3-6	10 Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands 10:30 a.m. Pot Luck Noon Garage Sale Organize and Price items: 1-5	11	12 Garage Sale Drop off & Set up 4-? p.m.	13 Elder's Meeting at HyVee 7:30 a.m. Garage Sale: 8-5
14 Adult Instruction: 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Nibbles: 11:15 a.m.	15 Every One His Witness 7 p.m.	16	17 Deadline November Trumpeter Newsletter	18 Ladies Aid 1:30 p.m.	19	20
21 Adult Instruction: 9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Dinner Out 11:30 a.m.	22 Fall Pastors' Conference Every One His Witness 7 p.m. Voter's Meeting Reports Due today!!	23 Columbus, NE	24	25	26	27
28 Adult Instruction: 9:00 a.m Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Voters' Meeting & Lunch 11:15 a.m.	29 Every One His Witness 7 p.m.	30	31 Reformation			

Acolytes, Ushers, and Altar Guild servers please send an email to Tim Holtzen as he is setting up an email reminder for those who serve. Thank you! tah@nebrwesleyan.edu

Those serving in October, 2018
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

7th Tracy Refior, Nathaniel Kemper
14th Hank Oetjen, Roger Pearson
21th Tracy Refior, Alan Retzlaff
28th Nathaniel Kemper, Roger Pearson

Ushers

7th Jakob Kemper, Josh May
14th Ryan Plager, Kirk Nisley
21th Carl Seifert, Jeff Plager
28th Matt Broening, Ryan Plager

Acolytes

7th Brooke McPherrin, Katheryn Stewart
14th Shannon Moerer, Whitney Bruce
21st Grayson & Sophia May
28th Nolan & Marin Maahs

Altar Guild

7th Kristi Refior, Allison Kemper
14th Doris Heineke, Madeline Hiatt
21st Shirley Retzlaff, Mary Jo Colbert
28th Margene Meyer, Rosanne McClarnon

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