



Trinity Trumpeter



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Q: Will God forgive me of my sins if I haven't forgiven others?

A: The question you have raised often arises in connection with the words spoken by Jesus in the context of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:14), "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

In view of Scripture's wider teaching concerning forgiveness, it seems proper to understand Jesus' point in Matthew 6:14 to be that the stubborn, persistent refusal to forgive others is evidence of a blinded and hardened heart which lacks a real understanding of and faith in God's forgiveness in Christ. What Jesus is doing here, therefore, is issuing a strong warning to us to "search our hearts" to see if we really understand and accept the Gospel and its practical implications for our lives. If we say, "I want God to forgive me, but I refuse to forgive those who sin against me," we really don't know what "forgiveness" and "faith in Jesus" are all about. We cannot expect God to "forgive" us if the attitude of our heart reveals that we have no real understanding of or faith in his undeserved grace in Christ Jesus. Anyone who truly understands the true nature God's grace and forgiveness in Christ and puts his or her trust in that forgiveness will desire and seek to extend that forgiveness to others. God's forgiveness is not a "reward" for our forgiving others, but once we receive it in true faith and gratitude it is impossible not to want to share it with others.

The question and answer come from Frequently asked Questions on the LCMS website. The topic has been on my mind since a recent conversation. The question I now ask you, "Can you forgive a person who has not asked you to forgive them?" To answer that question, I pose a few more. Do you know every sin you have committed to another person? Have you asked for forgiveness directly to the person for every sin you have committed against that person?

During corporate confession and absolution in the Divine Service do you confess the sins you know and the sins you do not know before your Father in Heaven? Do you receive forgiveness?

If you harbor in your heart unforgiveness toward another person because you are waiting for them to come to you and repent, who are you hurting, yourself or the other person?

I hope you will discuss these questions with one another and search your Bibles for the truth.

In Christ, Pastor Kohnke



Monday Night: A Study on the *Criminals of the Bible* - Monday Evenings @ 7:00 P.M. will be on hold through the Lenten season.

The *Criminals Bible* study resumed April 29th. There will be no Monday night bible study on May 27th as that is Memorial Day.

Sunday Morning Bible study continues with Old Testament stories with Pastor Holtzen. 9-9:45am!

Ladies Tuesday Bible study will be at the home of: Madeline Hiatt, 13781 Pine Lake Road.

Our Mission Dollars at Work

LCMS World Relief and Human Care – Christ’s mandate and example of love – the Gospel for the whole person – is the supreme example for our life in this world as we care for our neighbor in body and soul. In tangible ways, both home and abroad, the LCMS continues to bear Christ’s mercy in word and deed. It’s at the heart of every gift. These gifts now reach people close to home through the Office of National Mission and in faraway lands through thru Office of International Mission in ways that defy sin, death and the devil in this broken world. God’s unchanging love, through many works of mercy, continues to open hearts and minds to the Good News so that lives are changed and souls are brought into the body of Christ for eternity.



Ladies Aide Report: meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the church basement at 1:30 p.m. They would love to have some new members.

On April 14, we served Nibbles. There was a good crowd we look forward to serving again. Shirley Holtzen and Mary Jo attended the spring workshop for LWML on April 6 at Eagle Immanuel. Thanks to the congregation’s generosity, we collected \$140 for gift cards several weeks ago to be given to women’s shelters. Most \$10 cards were taken to the zone meeting to be distributed as decided by the state and national officers. several of the cards will be distributed locally. Mary Jo and one of the women from Calvary’s women’s group purchased washcloths towels and hygiene items to be donated to women’s shelters by the zone human care committee. We purchased items for 13 women.

Ladies Aid collected \$251.00 plus other items in the free will offering for Orphan Grain Train Flood Relief.

Don’t forget the third Sunday of the month is Mom’s food pantry Sunday!

We will be serving lunch at the voters meeting April 29, and serving confirmation breakfast on May 5th.

THANK YOU! To Becki Maahs for putting together the Easter Breakfast!
Free will donation of \$262 was given to the Youth Group.



Sunday Circle group: Meets the first Sunday of every month after church and are always looking for new members to join the group. They have been very busy this past month. They met on a Saturday and made a new “Hosanna” banner for Palm Sunday. They are working on the final touches of the pillow case dresses. At the last meeting they chose a second banner to make as well.

Dinner Out will be: Pizza Ranch! May 19th @ 11:30

Address: 8420 Lexington Ave, Lincoln, NE 68505

Website: <https://pizaranch.com/locations/ne/lincoln/8420-lexington-ave>

Please let Karen Luebke know if you can join the fun!



May Birthdays

- 5/1 Rosemarry Luebke
- 5/5 Amanda Bremer
- 5/10 Bobby Lemke
- 5/15 Ruby Oetjen
- 5/16 Albert Francke

May Anniversaries

- 5/9 John & Lori Bruss 1981
- 5/9 Zach & Shelby Brennan 2015
- 5/12 Mark & Lisa Kemper 1990
- 6/16 Ivan & Sue Bruss 1986
- 5/24 Kirk & Becky Nisley 1974

- 5/18 Jeff Bruss, Mary Jo Colbert
- 5/19 Deb Pavey
- 5/23 Tanner Maahs
- 5/25 Chase Peterson
- 5/26 Gilbert Luebke
- 5/27 Jeremy Bruss, Mervin Meyer, Dennis McClarnon
- 5/28 Curtis Peterson
- 5/31 Megan Rosecrans

New Arrival in April!

Caelan James Page was born April 23rd at 4:55am to John and Kristin Page.



June Events!

- June 2nd is the Bridal Fashion Show!
- June 9th Nibbles Hosted by Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands
- NO Dinner out in June, that is Father’s Day

Newsletter deadline is Friday 17th.

VBS is June 17-21 5:30-8pm Registration is now open on the church web site.

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Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:

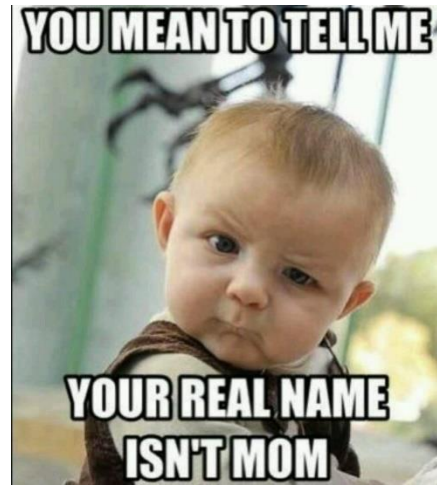
Meetings held the second Wednesday of the month @ 10:30

There will be no Nibbles Plus in May as we will be celebrating Mother's Day.

Trinity Lutheran Walton Church 2nd Annual Picnic in the planning stages, details coming soon.

A Mother's Day Poem

You are the best,
You're amazing, it's true,
Thank you for everything,
Happy Mother's Day to you.
Have a Blessed Day in the Lord.



Confirmation class of 2019: Sophia Helena May, Grayson Boyne May, Matthew Nathan Rink, and Maddison Lee Rink. Confirmation is Sunday, May 5th.

2019 Vacation Bible School June 17-21 5:30pm-8pm



VBS Round up day will be May 19th. Cards will be handed out the first Sunday in May to everyone. Please give these to, neighbors, co-workers, friends with kids, or other family that doesn't come to our church. It will tell them about the May event and how to sign up for VBS in June!

VBS Easter Fund Raiser

Thank you to everyone who bought flowers for our VBS fund raiser! A total of \$309 was raised to help pad the budge for VBS! 8 lilies were sold and 11 tulips. An additional donation was given as well!

Reverend Merlin Holtzen celebrates 25 years in the Holy Ministry in 2019. To help him celebrate this milestone Trinity will host a lunch on Sunday, June 9th. Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands will prepare and serve the meal. They will serve lunch at 11:15 a.m. A card shower will be held in his honor.

Youth Group will have a Game Event at pastor's house on Saturday in May 18th, 3-5pm

History of Best Loved Hymns "Onward Christian Soldiers" LSB 662



Sabine Baring-Gould never thought much of his marching hymn and was quite unprepared for its subsequent popularity. In fact, there is a stanza never found in our hymn- books. John Julian, in his monumental work Dictionary of Hymnology, states, "Usually stanza 4 is omitted, and certainly to the advantage of the hymn!" Baring-Gould confessed that the song was written in a hurry, and that some of the rhyme and meter was incorrect. But it is still one of our most popular hymns, especially with children.

It was written for a special occasion, Whitmonday, in 1895 in Yorkshire, England. Whitmonday was a great day for school festivals and children often marched from one village to another, carrying banners and crosses. Sabine Baring-Gould was pastor of the Episcopal church in Horbury, Yorkshire, England. He said he wanted the children to sing as they marched to a neighboring village; and since he couldn't think of anything quite suitable, he wrote something himself. Sitting up quite late the night before the march, he penned the words of this song.

Baring-Gould wrote books on mythology, biography, travel, folklore and theology, and wrote a novel every year for fifty-two years. The British Museum lists more titles by him than by any other writer of his era. But he is chiefly remembered as the author of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

The music was written by Sir Arthur S. Sullivan. He was a musical genius, who wrote operettas (for which he is chiefly known today), symphonies, overtures, anthems, hymn tunes, oratorios-in fact, almost any kind of music, vocal and instrumental. The grand rhythm in this hymn is absolutely irresistible when sung by a large congregation, accompanied by brass instruments and organ.

It is interesting to note, however, that the famous evangelist D. L. Moody refused to allow the singing of this hymn in his meetings. He often said, "We are a nice lot of soldiers!" Maybe he was right.

Garage Sale ~~ June 22, 2019 ~~ Unadilla Days ~~ 8am-5pm

The garage sale will be held the same day as the Eagle Parade. If you are not in the parade and willing to help with the Garage sale (marking items or manning the sale) please contact Denise Moerer 402-219-1010. Unadilla Days draws a huge crowd of people and advertising will be done by the village clerk. Following the sale, we can attend the BBQ with a fee will donation.

We DO NOT need any more items. We have a storage unit full of items. Part of the items will be moved from the storage unit to Delbert's house, the rest will stay at the unit, and we will sell in two places. 100% of what is made goes to the church for future parade funding. 100% of what is made goes to the church for future parade funding.

Trinity Lutheran Church 2019 Parades

Sing up sheets will be in the narthex prior to each parade. **If you need a Blue Trinity T-shirt please include the size you need when you sign up.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Line up time</u>	<u>Parade time</u>
June 8	Palmyra	Old Settlers	3:30-4:30 p.m. High School	5:00 p.m.
June 22	Eagle	Eagle Days	1:00 p.m. North - Eagle Park.	2:00 p.m.
July 4	Bennett	4 th of July	9:00 a.m. Elementary School	10:00 a.m.
July 4	Waverly	4 th of July	10:00 a.m. TBD	11:00 a.m.

Palmyra Old Settlers June 8 – Palmyra Nebraska

Staging and line up at High School 3:30 p.m. Parade at 5:00 p.m.

If you are willing to participate please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, June 2, 2019

Eagle Days June 22, 2019 - Eagle Nebraska – Parade at 2:00 p.m.

This year's theme will be "Day at the Beach"

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Date of Parade -- June 22, 2019.

2. Parade Line up Time -- 12:30 p.m. Line-up will be in the lot North of the Eagle City Park. (1 block north of the intersection of 5th and D streets)

3. Parade Start Time -- 2:00 p.m. You must be in position and ready to move out by 1:40 p.m.

If you are willing to participate please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, June 16, 2019

Bridal Fashion show:

It's not too late to join the fun! Pull all those beautiful dresses out of the closet! If you have a dress that you or someone else has probably only worn once, get ready to wear it again! Come model your bridal gown, bridesmaid, mother's, flower girl, prom or other special occasion dress. You can also choose to have someone else model your gown or just bring it to show everyone.

We want to hear all about your special day and raise funds for our Vacation Bible School! Trinity Lutheran Church ~~ Sunday, June 2nd ~~ Seven O'clock In The Evening ~~ Cake and Punch Reception to Follow ~~ Adult Tickets \$8.00 ~~ Student Tickets (5-18 years) \$5.00 (4 and under free) See Kilee Oetjen or Erin Singh (402)560-7845 to enter your gown, the entry fee is the same as a ticket price for the event. Models will not need an additional ticket for event/reception. Gown entries available now. Ticket sales will begin May 5th.

Bible Trivia: Military Men ~ Answers will be in June's Newsletter.

1. Who was sleeping between two soldiers when he was miraculously delivered?
2. What captain of the place guard did Joseph serve under?
3. What loyal Israelite soldier gave Joshua a positive report about the land of Canaan?
4. What Hittite soldier was put on the front lines of battle so David could take his wife?
5. Which Gospel is the only one to mention the Roman soldiers piercing Jesus' body with a spear?
6. What Gittite soldier supported David during the rebellion of Absalom?
7. What leper was commander of the Syrian troops?
8. What soldier led a revolt against King Elah, made himself king, then committed suicide after a 7 day reign?
9. What Roman soldier treated Paul kindly on his voyage to Rome?
10. What Roman soldier was led to Christ by Peter?

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 8:45 Confirmation Breakfast. 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service Confirmation Day 11:15 am Sunday Circle	6 7 pm Bible Study	7 12:45 pm Ladies' Bible Study	8 10:30 am Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands 12 pm Pot Luck	9	10	11 7:30 am Elder's Meeting 8 am Cemetery Clean-up Day
12 Mother's Day 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service	13 7 pm Bible Study	14	15	16 1:30 pm Ladies Aide	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 Cemetery Clean-up Day if it rains on the 11th
19 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service 11:30 am Dinner Out Mom's Food Pantry Sunday	20 7 pm Bible Study	21	22	23	24	25
26 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service	27 Memorial Day 9 a.m. Program at Trinity Cemetery	28	29	30	31	

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 May 2019
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

5th _TBD, Tim Holtzen
12th Alan Retzlaff, Roger Pearson
19th TBD, Tracy Refior
26th Hank Oetjen, Roger Pearson

Ushers

5th Jeff Plager, Delbert Eickhoff
12th Ryan Plager, Roland Meyer
19th Kirk Nisley, Deb Pfeifer
26th Matt Broening, Joyce Oetjen

Altar Guild

5th Lori Cartagena, Betty Hodtwalker
12th Margene Meyer, Rosanne McClarnon
19th Madeline Hiatt, Deb Pavay
26th Erin Singh, Megan Rexroth

Acolytes

5th Shannon Moerer, Whitney Bruce
12th Brooke McPherrin, Kathern Stewart
19th Sophia & Grayson May
26th Marin & Nolan Maahs

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