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From the desk of Pastor Jacob Dandy

The Duty of Hearers: What Church Members Owe to the Ministry of the Word

When we think about what it means to be a member of the Church, we often focus on the blessings: the comfort of the Gospel, the joy of Christian fellowship, the nourishment of the Lord's Supper, and the faithful preaching of the Word. These are indeed gifts of God. Yet church membership is not merely about receiving; it is also about living faithfully within the vocation God has given us. According to Martin Luther's Table of Duties in the Small Catechism, one of the most important Christian callings is that of the hearer—the baptized member who receives the Word and supports the ministry.

Luther's Table of Duties gathers key passages of Scripture that apply to various Christian vocations. Among them is a section titled "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," which draws from passages such as

1 Corinthians 9:14, which states that the Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should receive their living from the Gospel. Galatians 6:6 reminds us to share all good things with the one who teaches. Hebrews 13:17 instructs us to obey our leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over our souls as those who will have to give an account. These verses teach that hearers are not passive spectators, but active participants in the life of the Church. The duty of the hearer is to attend the Divine Service regularly, to listen to the Word with humility and faith, and to support the ministry with prayer, encouragement, and material gifts. The Church thrives when her members receive God's gifts eagerly and uphold the ministry entrusted to them.

Faithful hearing involves a posture of humility. In Acts 17, the Bereans were

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Trinity Falcon News from Principal David Birnbaum

Happy New School Year with the start of our 157th year on Wednesday, August 13. Chapel will be at 9:00 on that day, but 8:30 the rest of the school year.

- Teachers begin meeting officially on Monday, August 4 at 9:30.
- New Parent Orientation is Tuesday, August 5 @ 5:30.
- Teachers have LCMS Teacher Training in Kansas City on Wednesday, August 6.

- Team Falcon meeting at the Wine Cellar on Thursday, August 7 @ 6:30.

We have two **Back-to-School options** for parents this year, Sunday – August 10 from 11:30-12:30 and Monday – August 11 from 5:00-7:00. We are encouraging parents to join us that Sunday for our 8:00 or 10:30 worship service to have their children bring their supplies and Pastor will pray a blessing over them.

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praised for receiving the Word with eagerness, examining the Scriptures to see if these things were so. Likewise, hearers today are called to approach the preached Word not as critics, but as those longing to hear the voice of Christ. St. Paul commends the Thessalonians because they received the Word not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13). When the Word is faithfully preached, it is Christ Himself who speaks. Our calling is to hear and believe.

In practical terms, this eagerness can be shown by making Sunday worship a priority and preparing our hearts beforehand through prayer and reflection. It may mean arriving early to church, bringing a Bible to follow along, and reviewing the readings ahead of time. During the sermon, it means actively listening, resisting the urge to critique or be distracted, and afterward, discussing the sermon with family or fellow believers to apply it to our lives. It also means engaging in Bible study throughout the week, trusting that the same Christ who speaks on Sunday continues to speak through His Word daily.

Support of the ministry also includes generosity and prayer. As Paul exhorts in Galatians 6:6, those who are taught the Word are to share all good things with the one who teaches. This means faithful and joyful giving to support the pastor's livelihood and the Church's ongoing work. It also includes praying for your pastor, that he may remain steadfast, faithful, and encouraged in his calling. St. Paul often asked the churches to pray that a door be opened for the Word and that he would preach boldly as he ought (Ephesians 6:18–20).

However, support for the ministry extends beyond finances or prayers; it also includes being gracious to the person who holds the office. Your pastor is a sinner. He will make mistakes. He is limited, flawed, and weak. If you are looking for reasons to be disappointed in your pastor, you will certainly find them. But this is no surprise to God. The Lord has still chosen to place this man in your congregation to serve you with His Word and Sacraments. So, do not look for faults, but for ways to encourage and bless him. Honor the office, forgive the

man, and pray for him daily.

And just as you are called to be gracious to your pastor, so also are you called to be gracious to your fellow members. The Church is a body of redeemed sinners. We will fail each other, misunderstand each other, and even sin against each other. Yet Christ commands us to bear with one another, forgive one another, and build one another up in love. St. Paul writes, "Bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive" (Colossians 3:13).

When hearers receive the Word with faith, honor the office of the ministry, and treat one another with grace and forgiveness, the Church is built up in love. The unity of the Spirit is preserved in the bond of peace. Christ is glorified, and His people grow together into maturity.

So let us not take our calling as hearers lightly. It is a holy vocation. Let us hear God's Word with joy, uphold the ministry with prayer and generosity, and walk together in the unity of faith, showing the same grace to one another that Christ has shown to us. In all of this, we are not left to our own strength. Christ Himself has borne our sins, carried our burdens, and given us His Spirit. He forgives our failures, strengthens our weaknesses, and daily clothes us in His righteousness. The duty of hearers, like all Christian vocation, flows from the Gospel, because Jesus has first served us, we now serve one another in His name.

In Christ,
Pastor Jacob Dandy

Looking Ahead:

- On August 9th, we will be hosting the Privilege of Parenting class. Pastor Woelmer will lead us as we talk about the importance of faithful living in the vocation of a Christian parent.
- On August 10, we will be offering a blessing for our school children in both morning worship services. Please bring these kids to church to start the school year off right.

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- The 2025-26 school year will begin on August 13. Our opening Chapel will be at 9 am. Please join us in worship with the children as we begin our new academic year.
- Adult Inquirers' Class starts up again on August 17th. Please sign up for this next class or offer to attend with a friend who would benefit from growing in the basics of the faith.
- Step-Up Day will be August 17th during the Sunday School hour. All Preschool-8th Grade classes will gather in the Fellowship Hall and meet their new teachers.
- Another exciting Bus Trip will take place on August 22nd. Attendees will take in some of Topeka's historical buildings, including the Capitol.
- Everyone is invited to attend our annual Church/School Picnic on August 24th, immediately following the 10:30 worship service.
- August 25th will be our next American Red Cross Blood Drive. Watch for sign-up information.
- Wednesday School will be starting back up on September 3rd, 6-7:30 pm. Children in 5th-8th grade who do not attend school at Trinity are invited to come and learn what the Bible says.

Other Noteworthy Events

Hans Bloedel and Abby Reed were united in Holy Matrimony on July 11th, at Our Savior Lutheran Church (LCMS), in Mankato, Minnesota. Abby is the daughter of Pastor and Laurie Reed, and the groom is the son of Peter and Sarah Bloedel. Family and friends celebrated afterwards at an enjoyable reception. Congratulations, to the happy couple! We pray that Christ will always be at the center of their marriage, and that they be blessed with many happy years together!



Above: The happy couple, Mr. & Mrs. Hans Bloedel.



Above: The beautiful bride, Abby Bloedel, with her parents, Pastor Marty Reed, and Mrs. Laurie Reed.



**This year we recognize those celebrating
birthdays of 80+ years.**

- Aug. 1 Happy 81st Birthday, Janice Handke!
- Aug. 8 Happy 84th Birthday, Richard Linden!
- Aug. 13 Happy 89th Birthday, Mary Earl!
- Aug. 15 Happy 90th Birthday, Don Kempin!
- Aug. 29 Happy 92nd Birthday, Darline Robinson!
- Aug. 29 Happy 85th Birthday, Robert Peterson!

Anniversaries

- July 15 Happy Belated to Pastor & Laurie Reed
- Aug. 1 Bart & Joy Lennington
- Aug. 1 Jeremy & Melissa Blanton
- Aug. 2 Merrell & Vonda Young
- Aug. 2 Lorin & Stephanie Affield
- Aug. 2 Eric & Brittany Johnson
- Aug. 4 Jeff & Julie Welch
- Aug. 6 James & Renee Hall
- Aug. 7 Tim & Lisa Brookover
- Aug. 8 Ron & Kathy Estes
- Aug. 8 Dennis & Susan Draper
- Aug. 9 Dan & Patty Woodruff
- Aug. 9 Mark & Lori Leonardi
- Aug. 10 Randy & Debbie Jewell
- Aug. 10 Mike & Jill Lowe
- Aug. 12 Richard & Jeanne Durkin
- Aug. 13 Mark & Amanda Crompton
- Aug. 15 Tim & Belinda Pool
- Aug. 15 Kyle & Blair Burton
- Aug. 16 Doug & Kathy Armstrong
- Aug. 16 Eric & Ledeen Berry
- Aug. 18 Matt & Kristin Robinson

Anniversaries (cont.)

- Aug. 20 Ryan & Laura Portenier
- Aug. 27 Dick & Linda Orton
- Aug. 28 Mark & Diana Servaes
- Aug. 28 Andrew & Ashley Myers
- Aug. 31 Rick & Rhonda Cairo
- Aug. 31 Shane & Rhonda Gierstorf
- Aug. 31 Jason & Rusty Burgess

PLEASE let us know if we missed yours or have the wrong information in our system.



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BAND is being offered this school year for the 5th-8th grade. If you have instruments that you could donate, we would GREATLY appreciate it.

MATCH DAY is coming where your gifts for our school can be doubled through the Atchison Community Foundation with a maximum of \$5000. Gifts can be made online by visiting AllAboardAtchison.com ON **Friday, August 22**, or mailed in with checks payable to AACF (PO Box 387, Atchison, KS 66002) but **they must be received by August 27. Please specify your gift is for our school.**

PLEASE pray for our educational ministry to all the families that God provides us.

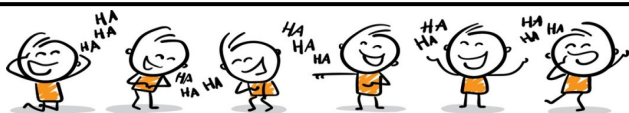
TLS Principal David Birnbaum



Joke of the month:

Joke of the month: Why **don't** fish go on vacation?

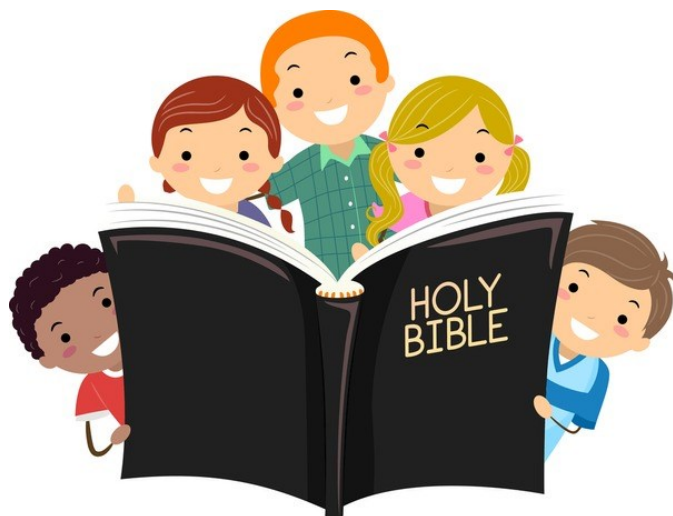
Answer: *Because they are always in school!*



Sunday School News with Cathy Higley

As the summer winds down, we are looking forward to the start of school and promotions for our Sunday School students to some different classes. Sunday, August 17th, will be Step-Up Day for Sunday School. All children's classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs for special promotion activities and treats on this day. The theme will be focused on "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." All children going into Kindergarten, Second Grade, Fourth Grade, Sixth Grade and High School will move to a new classroom beginning August 24th.

Looking ahead to September, we will celebrate Rally Day on September 21st. This is a day when we encourage everyone to invite someone to join a Sunday School/Bible Study class and deepen your knowledge of God's word. We will also honor our new Third Grade Sunday School class members with a Bible during the worship services that day.



Health Note - Perfectionism and Forgiveness with Parish Nurse, Marcene Selberg, R.N.

We have often heard the phrase, “Good is the enemy of Great.” In the right context it can serve as a motivation to inspire people to higher achievement. However, when striving for excellence becomes confused with unrealistic expectations, fault finding in others, or a fear of failure, then life becomes an endless report card and well-worn path of unhappiness. These characteristics are the hallmarks of perfectionism. Perfectionism can affect young people as well as adults, making one feel unhappy with one’s life. It can lead to depression and anxiety, eating disorders, and self-harm. Even mild cases can interfere with the quality of life, affecting personal relationships, education and work. Perfectionism can occur in a range and may impact one or more areas of one’s life. Signs of perfectionism include the following: Feeling pressure to meet increasingly high expectations, Difficulty overlooking small mistakes, Needing exact rules, expectations and negative feedback, Hypersensitivity to criticism and negative feedback, Self-worth or self-esteem that is contingent upon success. When left unchecked, these unrelenting requirements can lead to a need for professional counseling to deal with the damaging effects that perfectionism has for so many people. In the United States, the universal hotline for mental health services is 988 and operates 24 hours-a-day. Counseling is a wonderful tool for many people and should be encouraged. Services are available such as Lutheran Social Services. Christian counselors work in many agencies including online. Counseling often involves learning how to forgive. For many, forgiving others, as well as one’s self, is not easy. The Greek word in the Bible translated for “forgiveness” literally means “to let go”, as when a person does not demand payment for a debt. Jesus used the comparison in his parable of the unmerciful servant (Matt. 18:23-35). Forgiving means letting go of resentments and unrealistic expectation for others and self. It keeps no record of wrongs (1 Cor. 13:5). Forgiveness involves confession. Confession is an acknowledgement, ultimately, of our sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9, 10) Forgiveness involves remembering God’s forgiveness. Recounting the great debt paid by Jesus dying on the cross for our sins is the power to forgive ourselves and others. Jesus stressed the importance of forgiveness in the Lord’s Prayer “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,” and that includes ourselves. Forgiveness also involves persistence and prayer. Behavior and thought patterns do not change overnight. Often we need to work overtime at forgiveness, and be persistent in prayer for real change. As we tackle the issues, we do with the confidence that, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Phil 4:13).

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I found this article interesting. I do not see myself as a perfectionist, nor do I think it is wrong to always try to do our best at whatever issues we face in life. I do think that it is important to always remember we will not be perfect (not even close!) and to seek God's forgiveness and help whenever we know we messed up. I also think it is important to remember everyone around us is also imperfect!

Blessings,
Marcene Selberg RN, Parish Nurse

Other Noteworthy News (cont.)

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Two sons of Trinity are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of their ordination into Holy Ministry this summer. Pastor Lee Seetin's anniversary was June 22nd. He is currently serving as Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Gresham, Nebraska. He was honored with a fine reception. If you would like to send a card of congratulations, the mailing address is:

Rev. Lee Seetin
c/o Saint Peter Lutheran Church
2320 Hwy 69
Gresham, NE 68367-7517



Pastor Lee Seetin of Gresham, Nebraska.

Pastor Timothy Sowers will celebrate his anniversary on August 11th. He is currently serving and helping rebuild Eternal Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton, Florida. Pastor Sowers was commissioned as a Chaplain First Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1991. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2013 after 22 years of active-duty service. Since his retirement, he has served Lutheran congregations as a vacancy pastor at Panama City Beach, Pensacola, FL, & Lillian, AL. His mailing address is:

Rev. Dr. Timothy Sowers
4200 Griffis Rd.
Milton, FL 32583



Pastor Timothy Sowers of Milton, Florida.

Pastor Tyler Arends, grandson of Pastor Ziegler, will celebrate his 5-year anniversary on August 9th. He is currently serving as Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Guymon, Oklahoma. His mailing address is:

Rev. Tyler Arends
1209 N. Ellison
Guymon, OK 73942



Pastor Tyler Arends of Guymon, Oklahoma.

We give all glory and thanks to God for calling and sustaining these wonderful Pastors. May God continue to bless them in their ministries as they shepherd God's people with grace, wisdom, and unwavering devotion.

*How beautiful are the feet of those
who bring good news!*

-Romans 10:15

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Worship 8:00a, 10:30a, 6:30p 9:15a Family Bible Hour 9:30a KAIR Broadcast 6:30p H.S. Bible Study	4 6:00p Evangelism Calling 6:00p Theodora Circle 7:00p NA	5 1:00p Quilting 5:30p TLS New Family Orientation 7:00p Fellowship	6 12:00p Subscription Deadline for Lutheran Witness 7:00p Finance 7:00p NA	7 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:15p Adult Choir 8:15p Chamber Choir	1 6:30p 55+ Potluck 7:00p NA	2
10 Worship w/Communion 8:00a, 10:30a, 6:30p 9:15a Family Bible Hour 9:30a KAIR Broadcast 11:30a-12:30p TLS Back-to-School Event	11 5-7:00p TLS Back to School Night 6:00p Evangelism Calling 7:00p NA	12 1:00p Quilting 6:25p Elder Calling	13 8:00a 1st Day of School 9:00a Opening Chapel 4:00p LWML 7:00p Social Ministries 7:35p Board of Directors 7:00p NA	14 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:15p Adult Choir 8:15p Chamber Choir	15 7:00p NA	16
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