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If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers some week to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you may sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office. Sponsors typically donate \$25 to the Altar Guild on their chosen week.



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 1/24:

8:00 a.m.—Worship Service w/Communion
(in-person and online)
9:10-9:30 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.—Adult and Child Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service w/Communion
12:00 p.m.—JCC
3:30 p.m.—Pickleball
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Steak Dinner

Monday 1/25:

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study
4:30 p.m.—Worship Service w/Communion
6:00 p.m.—Worship Service w/Communion

Wednesday 1/27:

8:45 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
5:00 p.m.—Pickleball

Thursday 1/28:

6:30 a.m.—Men's Bible Study
8:45 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
6:00 p.m.—Board of Elders

Sunday 1/31:

8:00 a.m.—Worship Service w/Communion
(in-person and online)
9:10-9:30 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary
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From Invisible to Indispensable!

“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ...”

(1 Corinthians 12:22)



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Abortion acts like some persons are invisible.
Assisted suicide treats some persons as invisible.

It says they don't have enough size to matter.
It says they don't have adequate skills to matter.
It says they don't have the right circumstances to matter.
It tempts us to use death as a solution.
It tells us we shouldn't have to look at them anymore.



If our unborn neighbor or the elderly one seems invisible,
if the persons with disabilities feel invisible,
doesn't anyone wonder why?
Their ages don't make them invisible.
Their appearances don't make their humanity invisible.
Their inabilities don't make their sanctity invisible.
Pretty and popular are just comparisons.
Productive and profitable are only perceptions.
None of these can impart humanity,
and none of them can deprive someone of it.

Humanity comes from what we are and not from what we do.
And just because it sometimes goes unnoticed doesn't mean it's absent.
No person's preciousness depends on us detecting it.
It isn't that the worth and purpose of the least of these are so little we cannot
calculate them.
It's that human worth and purpose are too great for us to comprehend.

It's not just her body, her choice.
It's not just his problem, his fault.
Your body belongs to the Almighty Father who made it.
Their body belongs also to the Incarnate Son who redeemed it.
Each body belongs also to the Holy Spirit who calls it His temple and treasure.
This is My body, says the Savior Jesus Christ.
This is My beloved son and My beloved daughter, says the Lord our God.
This life, embryo or aged, dying or disabled, is also your privilege and my
responsibility.

Humanity isn't made up of individuals but of indispensables.
We are connected. We are community. We are one body.
We need each other. We have each other.
None lives to himself alone, and none dies to himself alone.
If one member suffers, all suffer together.
We can do this, and we will rejoice!



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A LIFE QUOTE FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Today we don’t confess that we are against abortion. We are, of course. But that’s not quite it. Today we don’t confess that we are pro-life. We are, of course. But that’s not quite it, either. Today we confess that God gives life to all things. God makes, and we are made. He makes life, and we leave alive.”

Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia



LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Would you like to renew your subscription to the *Lutheran Witness* or start receiving the magazine? If so, please place your *Lutheran Witness* offering envelope in the plate by January 31 with a check for \$15.96. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup in the Narthex. If you would like to have your envelopes mailed to you this year or will not be able to pick them up before February 2, please contact the Church Office, and we will gladly send them to you.



SUPER BOWL SUBS

Enjoy a bit of normalcy with Youth Group Super Bowl Subs. Order forms are available on the bulletin board across from the Church Office and should be returned there as well. We contacted the local health department and got their advice and consent for this project. All their guidelines will be strictly adhered



to during preparation and distribution of the sandwiches. Please submit your orders no later than noon on Friday, February 5. Please pay by check when you pick up your subs after church services on Sunday, February 7.



\$4 each or 8 for \$25 The youth group appreciates your continued support!



BIBLE QUIZ QUESTION



Most people know that Methuselah, at 969 years, is the oldest person in the Bible, but other people in the early books of the Bible were also long-lived.

Which of these fathers of early Judeo-Christianity lived the longest?

- A) Abraham B) Isaac C) Jacob D) Moses E) Joshua

Browse the Trinity Weekly News to find the answer.



LIFE TEAM UPDATE

Today is Life Sunday, and the Life Team would like to invite everyone to attend Sunday School to hear Delores Desemone speak about her family's adoption stories. She and her husband Bob have adopted five children and see adoption as a ministry. Please come and hear this life-affirming story as we celebrate Life Sunday 2021. During the worship services, we will be telling you more about the Life Team, Lutherans for Life, our mission, and our ministries. For more information about Life Week 2021 activities, please visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2021/>. We hope that you will consider making a donation to our organization and our cause.

Blessings, the Life Team

RADIO RESOURCES

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be heard on www.lhm.org, on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM** 8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM**
9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM** 10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM**

KFUO Lutheran Radio

Listen to Worldwide KFUO.org, your station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUO.org for on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts!

Issues, Etc.: Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.



CHURCH WORKER STUDY GRANTS

If you are a student enrolled full-time at a university or seminary of the LCMS and are planning to become a professional church worker, you are eligible to apply for a Church Worker Study Grant through the LWML Missouri District. Applications are available at www.missourilwml.org/church-worker-grants.html and on the LWML bulletin board near the Church Office. Please note that applications **MUST** be postmarked by April 15, 2021 in order to be considered. If you have any questions, contact Joanna McDowell at (573) 881-4138 or mcdowellfamily@centurytel.net.



LECTIONARY LESSON

with Pastor McCalley

For January 31, 2021 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

This week, we focus on the power of God's word and who speaks it.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1. In verse 15 Moses says, "the Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers." The Lord confirms he will fulfill these words in verse 18, but how will it be accomplished, and how will we know?
2. First, what is the appointed work of a prophet? Read verse 18, the second sentence. Can you identify people in the Old Testament appointed for this work?
3. Second, what is unique about Moses' interaction with God compared to others? Read Numbers 12:6-8. (For context read Exodus 33:11, 18-23 and Deuteronomy 34:10).
4. Third, read Acts 3:17-26. (St. Peter's entire sermon from Acts 3:1 to 4:4 summarizes the entirety of God's plan of salvation.) Who is the final prophet raised up from among the people? How do we know? Read John 1:14, John 5:39, 1 Timothy 2:5-6.
5. Should we expect more prophets? Read Hebrews 1:1-2. How is a false prophet to be recognized, according to Deuteronomy 18:20-22, Jeremiah 14:14, and Revelation 22:18-19? How does this help us engage Latter-Day Saints/Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Muslims, and others?

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

6. In verses 22 and 27, how do people describe Jesus' teaching compared to the scribes'?
7. Jesus teaches but also gives signs, such as healing the demoniac. Together these help show people see he is the true Messiah. Assuming that the demon-possessed man had already sought healing, how does Jesus' word differ from the scribes' in vv.25-26? We might say that because Jesus is God, when He speaks, God speaks. What is the greatest miracle of healing? Read John 19:30.
8. In verse 24, what does the demon say? Are you surprised these words come from the demon? Why? How might the people in the synagogue have responded?
9. Can you recall other examples in the Bible where demons or the devil opposed God, but are shown to be "God's devils"? How is this a comfort to us?
10. Putting it all together: What threat is in Deuteronomy 18:19? If we look at a verse like Isaiah 55:11, God's Word goes out into the world and is spoken and heard by many people. What promise is contained there? How is this shown in Luke 16:1-31?

Correction: Thank you to Phil and Sylvia Glenn and JoAnn Schoenike who spotted an error in the study for Peter's Confession. In question 2, the correct reference is Luke 12:12-19, not Luke 21.

STEWARDSHIP & SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-15 - "... Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

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BIBLE QUIZ ANSWER

B) Isaac. Abraham was 175 (Genesis 25:7), Isaac was 180 (Genesis 35:28), Jacob was 147 (Genesis 47:28), Moses was 120 (Deuteronomy 34:7), and Joshua was 110 (Joshua 24:29).



IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS

Trinity is holding in-person worship services and on-site events. However, the COVID-19 pandemic requires several modifications to the way we meet for worship. Based on the most recent orders from the City of Columbia, we are observing the following practices:

- ✝ If you are in the high-risk group as defined by the City of Columbia (65 or older or have an underlying medical condition), you are encouraged not to attend services or events.
- ✝ If you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, or other COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend.
- ✝ The most recent guidelines limit our occupancy to 100 people.
- ✝ We are following strict social distancing guidelines. Households are encouraged to sit together, but groups must sit at least six feet from the nearest group, with vacant pews both in front of and behind each occupied pew. Please follow all written and verbal instructions given at the service.



✝ Worshipers must wear face masks when attending worship services. Worshipers may, at their discretion, remove their face mask once in their seats and at least six feet from the nearest group. Face masks must be worn when arriving, leaving, or otherwise moving about the church. If you do not own a face mask or forget to bring one, we will provide a mask for you.

✝ If you need to visit one of the pastors or the Church Office, you must wear a face mask. If you have a meeting or other business at the church, the only time you may remove your mask is if you are alone in a room. Masks should be removed if you are playing a sport or other athletic activity.

✝ Worship services are held at regular times: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and 6:00 p.m. on Monday.

✝ The 8:00 a.m. worship service will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo.



✝ Special worship services will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Communion Mondays with extra safety measures. At these services, there is no singing and masks must be worn at all times.

✝ Communion will be offered at worship services as scheduled. Communion will also be available at other advertised times and by appointment.

✝ Children's Sunday School and Adult Sunday Bible Class meet in-person at 9:30 a.m. An adult Bible study is also available online at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo. Fellowship Hour has been canceled until further notice.



✝ Meetings and events may be held on site. Social distancing guidelines and all City of Columbia orders must be followed including rules for wearing face masks and for food preparation and service. As with worship services, high-risk and symptomatic persons are encouraged not to attend events and meetings.