

News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church – Columbia, MO



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*From the
Pastor*



A POTPOURRI: THE SERMON AND LUTHERAN MUSIC

At last, we've reached the half-way point of the worship service and the culmination of the Service of the Word: the sermon. Time to settle in to the comfy pews, or at least take a little break from the up and down.

Before the sermon we usually sing a hymn. This hymn, called the hymn of the day, the sermon hymn, or *Hauplied* (chief song in German) emphasizes themes in the gospel reading or the text the pastor has studied in preparation for the sermon. Like other hymns it is a song of praise, but is chiefly praise for the Word just heard in the readings. It is fitting for this hymn, and the sermon that follows, to be especially based on the readings and the themes of the liturgical date. Historically speaking, Luther desired to have the congregation sing its faith so individual Christians learn to speak the doctrines. So important is music as a vehicle for learning the Christian faith that Luther said, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music." Through the centuries, Lutheran musicians have sought to make congregational singing and music both instructive and beautiful. For example, the Lutheran chorale, singing a hymn in four parts, has been adopted in many different Christian traditions. Church musicians desired this arrangement to be beautiful and a rich teaching of God's truth.

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to teach everything he commanded (Matthew 28:20). To accomplish this command, the Lord gives to his church the apostles, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers for the purpose of teaching Scripture—the written record everything he commanded (Ephesians 3:11). St. Paul instructs the Colossians to let the word of Christ dwell in them in richness and abundance. This is granted by teaching and admonishing one another along with singing psalms and hymns (Colossians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:26-31). Scripture itself even contains sermons. The Book of Acts has 19 separate sermons by some counts! Some reasonably suggest that the books of Hebrews and 1 Peter are actually sermons. Christians desire not only to hear the word of God, but for it to be faithfully interpreted and taught for the building up those who are gathered to hear that word. This comes through the Holy Ministry, usually the pastor, who is trained for this very purpose. The form of the sermon has changed through the centuries, but the purpose remains the same: for people to grow in the grace and knowledge of God's saving work in Christ Jesus as given in the Scripture.

Martin Luther strongly pushed for the return of faithful, solid preaching in worship. A large problem leading up to the Reformation was a neglect of God's word in church services. In 1523, Luther complains loudly (as he does with most things) that people were hearing all sorts of fables, lies, myths, and legends in church. He said the word of God had been silenced. If the medieval church (or any preacher today) was not teaching in agreement with God's word, we see the possibility for unbiblical ceremonies, customs like indulgences, and even storytelling(!) to become the requirement for salvation. True preaching is teaching about the living God and the forgiveness offered in Christ to those who hear and listen. Without Christ-centered preaching, how would people rightly understand their salvation and the Christian life? When Luther visited some of the churches in Saxony in 1526-1528 to do

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**Knowing Christ's Love
Seeking His Will
Spreading His Word**

“check-ups” on the pastors, he was deeply shocked and disturbed about how little Scripture and doctrine they knew. These visitations spurred him to write the *Small* and *Large Catechisms* so pastors would have a very basic, yet truthful way to instruct their people. Above all, Luther desired the pastors to be faithful to Christ’s command: to feed his sheep so they would be preserved in the Christian life and made ready to inherit everlasting life when death came. The return of the sermon to the Sunday service is a major accomplishment of the Reformation.

Taken together, Lutheran preaching and hymns really are something to boast about. We have been incredibly blessed by God in our church to teach and sing the wonderful works of God as revealed in his Word. Lutheran preaching proclaims Christ-crucified, and our hymns spur our throats to shout the hope that fills us. The great Rev. Billy Graham called the first Lutheran Hour preacher Dr. Walter A Maier (serving 1930-1950), “the greatest combination of preacher and scholar that America has produced in this century.” If our rigorous doctrine can be poetic, Lutheran hymns fit the bill. We are reminded of Johann Sebastian Bach, too. Not only was he one of the greatest composers of all time, but he was a staunchly-devoted Lutheran. His music consistently proclaims Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and he nearly always dedicated his work “*Soli Deo Gloria*,” to the glory of God! This can easily be seen from his personal Bible—which is held at our seminary’s library in Saint Louis.

By faithfully teaching God’s Word in the sermon and singing hymns of praise, the Holy Spirit is at work through the hearing of the word. He prepares the hearers, his own dear children—you, to faithfully receive what comes next in the service: Christ’s body and blood in the Lord’s Supper. But before that, we’ll try again next month to cover the Creeds, the prayers, and the offering.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Joseph M. McCalley

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU



Stephen Ministry is YOUR ministry. It is an important way we at Trinity care for one another. God wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us or if we just need someone to talk to. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are committed to serve one another, and we also allow others to serve us when the need arises. If you are going through a difficult time or are feeling down or all alone, consider having a Stephen Caregiver. Your trained caregivers are committed to letting Christ’s unconditional love flow through them and into the life of their care receiver. They will listen and care in a nonjudgmental way, and everything is completely confidential.

When someone is referred to the Stephen Ministry or requests a caregiver, the person is contacted by a leader and the program is explained and it is determined whether Stephen Ministry can be of help. A referrals coordinator then matches that person with one of the available caregivers. The caregiver will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for about an hour each week for as long as their support is needed. The caregiver will have the support of qualified leaders and the pastors but will maintain total confidentiality regarding any information shared.

Having a Stephen Caregiver is free, completely confidential, and offers real care, comfort, and hope. If you think a Stephen Caregiver might be helpful to you or another church member, please contact:

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*Bear one another's
burdens, and in this way you
will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2*

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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.



✝ A special worship service will be held at 4:30 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Mondays with extra safety measures. At these services, there will be 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 privately 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.

TLCLC REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the Summer 2021 and the School-Year 2021-2022 Sessions has begun for all current TLCLC children, their siblings, and church members. **If you plan to send your child to the Learning Center in the summer and/or fall, you must register now!**

The following forms are on the small bulletin board in the church hallway outside Room 241:

- + **Summer 2021 Toddler**
- + **Summer 2021 Preschool-PreK**
- + **Summer 2021 Pre-K Partial**
If your child plans to go to CPS summer school in June, we offer a partial-summer option that runs June 7-11 and July 12-August 18.
- + **Summer 2021 School-Age Summer Camps**
For children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. If you know what dates you need, you can sign up now. Camp topics will be published this spring.
- + **Fall 2021 Toddler**
- + **Fall 2021 Preschool-PreK**

Please refer to the birthdates at the top of each form to determine which one you will need based on your child's age.

We will begin open enrollment to families on the waiting list the week of February 15, so it's important that you **return your registration forms by February 8!**

If you have any questions, please call (573) 445-1014 or email us at TLCLCkids@gmail.com.

Thank you!



2021 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members

<p>President Gary Kespohl</p> <p>Secretary Warren Harms</p> <p>Treasurer Jim Harms</p> <p>Financial Secretary JoAnn Schoenike</p> <p>Board of Christian Ed. Daniel Hakes Kylie Sterling Sarah Thieme</p> <p>Board of Early Childhood Ed. Carole Eilers Cynthia Green Christina Hartman Karen Niederjohn Joni Schaumburg</p> <p>Board of Elders Benjamin Asbeck David Attebery Ron Barrett Jim Cherrington John Frerking Daniel Hartman Larry McCoig</p>	<p>Board of Evangelism Robert Hall Dianne Mirtz Chuck Murphy</p> <p>Board of Social Ministry Angel Arnall Emily Derendinger Kathy Ferguson</p> <p>Board of Stewardship and Finance Lori Bresnahan-Burns Rob & Kim Crouch Ken Greer Sean Huggans Richard Mangold vacancy</p> <p>Board of TLC Endowment Fund Nick Couper Gary Frisch Carey Smith</p> <p>Board of Trustees Charlie Cott Doug McDowell Eddie Sterling</p> <p>Board of Youth Chris Bailey Lisa Mefrakis Michelle Wren</p>
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Board of Directors reports and agenda items are due to Secretary Warren Harms by noon on Thursday, February 4.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly of Voters will meet Sunday, February 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Greetings in the Name of Jesus, our Creator and Redeemer who makes every person visible and valuable!



Invisibility comes in many forms: the unborn child, the disabled, the sick, the elderly. Another aspect of invisibility which is easily overlooked is loneliness. The following article by Mona Fuerstenau speaks about loneliness, how it makes us feel invisible, and what can be done about it:

The Invisibility of Loneliness

Senator Ben Sasse, at the 2019 Q Ideas conference in Nashville, talked about what he calls a national epidemic of loneliness due to a disconnect from community of place, from community of work place, from friendship.

He describes a connection disconnect, if you will, because of the transient nature of life in America and the digital world, now exacerbated by COVID-19. In a digital world, we don't have to be where we are. We can skim the surface. We can be free from people and things, we can move on, we have permission to disengage.

The epidemic of loneliness and isolation is resulting in increased mental health issues, suicide, feelings of desperation, lack of control or choice, and feeling invisible in our loneliness.

The Church can become a place of belonging for everyone. As much as a person feels invisible in their loneliness, the church has a place for them. Your Church can be a place where each person finds they are indispensable to the body of Christ.

It's all about belonging. Dr. Erik Carter of Vanderbilt University researched this idea of belonging, and he found ten dimensions that people described: Present. Invited. Welcomed. Known,. Accepted. Supported. Cared for. Befriended. Needed. Loved.

May I suggest ways that three of these dimensions can communicate belonging to those who are lonely.

Welcomed: It's not enough that the signs or the mugs or the bulletins say "All are welcome." Each person is approached with an "we are so glad you are here" attitude. Introduce them to others. Invite them to share about themselves. Connect them to someone.

Accepted: We are all God's children. Each is a part of the Body of Christ. Our differences are created by the Creator. We have unconditional positive regard for each person. We've been waiting for **YOU**. You are just what we need!

Needed: Recognize each person's worth. Identify their gifts early on. Ask them to take on a role. Let them know they are missed when absent. Authentically communicate that we are incomplete without you. We have gaps and holes in our community that only you can fill.

Belonging: No special programs are needed, you already know how to do these things. No training required. Maybe some guidance on intentionality. These are universal needs. It's about genuine, authentic relationships.

So, what stops us? To be authentic is to be vulnerable with others—and that may make us fearful. It might be messy, and that makes us uncomfortable. It takes time. Our reminder as we seek to become a place of belonging is 1 Corinthians 12:18: **"But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose."** (Mona Fuerstenau, *LifeDate*, Winter 2020.)

Are you lonely or do you know someone who is? Won't you reach out to them with the love of Jesus? He gives value to every human life, making them *indispensable* in His sight!

Sylvia Glenn,

Life Ministry Coordinator for Lutherans For Life

Feel free to call me (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who have had an abortion, there is a **word of hope!** "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). For *confidential post-abortion referral, counsel, and reconciliation* call WORD of HOPE, toll-free 888-217-8679, or visit www.word-of-hope.org.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY

1
Elaine Samuel
Donna Watts

3
Sean Huggans
Drew Jones
Janice Kuehner
Lacie Starbuck

4
John Baynes
Stephen Tackitt
Emma Thompson

5
Dave Hart
Ron Eilers

6
Jack Kespohl
Luke Thoroughman
Don Varvil

7
Carolyn Trigg
Mackenzie Watts

8
Nadia Laediss

9
Norah Stone

10
Dick Klingbeil

12
Les Harms

13
Susan Dyer
Cohen Steinkoetter

14
Wanda Calfee
Mark Schaumburg

15
Mindy Cherrington
Nanette Schneider

17
Judy Lammers
Andrew Schuster
Shirley Smith

18
Nancy Gerhart
Maisie Thompson

19
Louis Mwamgiga
Vanette Noll

20
Bill Raines
Kate Berendzen
Nicholas Fei

21
Nick Kespohl
Coy Stockhorst

25
Willis Linneman
Hudson Parker

26
Jessica Kespohl
Stephanie Sprock

27
Jon Antel
James Lawler

28
Samuel Crisman
Jacob Huggans

29
Joyce Palmer

Jim & Carol Squires
February 2, 1965
Joseph & Sarah Buchheit
February 18, 2019



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) Sunday on February 7, 2021 is an opportunity to celebrate the difference the Lord is making in lives around the world.

On October 2, 1930, the course of Christian broadcast history was changed when Dr. Walter A. Maier stepped behind the microphone to launch The Lutheran Hour. Over the last 90 years, Lutheran Hour Ministries' impact has grown beyond the radio signal reach. This year, we will focus on the spiritual vibrancy of our own households since people are spending more time at home than they have before. LHM offers a wide variety of digital resources for you and your congregation members to build vibrant households while worshiping at home.

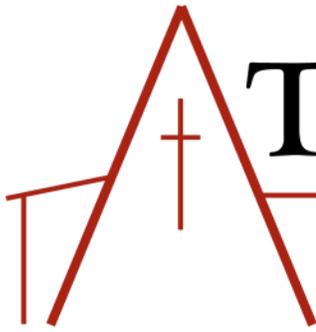
The International Lutheran Laymen's League (Int'l LLL) is a dedicated group of supporters and volunteers who are active in ministry domestically and around the world. These are people of all ages and walks of life. The ministry of the organization is currently expressed through a wide range of Christ-centered outreach efforts under the name of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

If you would like additional information about LHM, please visit lhm.org

If you wish to make a donation, please designate "Lutheran Hour Ministries" on an envelope and drop it along with your Trinity donation.

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MONDAY 6:00 P.M.

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ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Items for the monthly *News of the Son* are due to the church office by noon on the 25th of the month (or the previous Friday if the 25th falls on a weekend).

Announcements for the *Trinity Weekly News* are due to the church office by noon each Thursday. Announcements of 75-100 words are preferred.

Dear Church Family,

Please contact the Church Office when:

- a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so visits can be made
- someone you know is very ill or has passed away
- your class, board, or group would like to use the church for a meeting or event so it can be scheduled on the church calendar
- your contact information or address changes
- a new baby arrives in your family
- a member of your family leaves home for college, joins the military, or is getting married
- you would like to have a member call you to visit or assist you in some way
- you have a prayer request
- you would like to share your time and talents
- you feel the church can assist you in any way