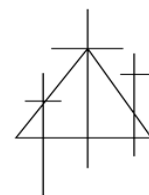
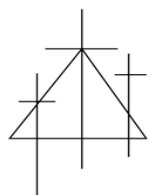


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Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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Divine Services:
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Monday at 6:30 pm
Family Education Hour
9:30 am

Bible Classes
(throughout the week)

Trinity Lutheran School
3-K thru 8th grade
2 Year Old Childcare

From the Pastors



Holy God, Holy People, Holy Giving

"[God] disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness" (Hebrews 12:10b).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The liturgy for Ash Wednesday in the Agenda of Lutheran Service Book reminded us that, "Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope." The disciplines of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – are all about the holy life of faith, that is, a life that taps into the grace and mercy of God not just for ourselves, but in love for others.

God alone is holy. God has manifested His holiness among human beings in Jesus Christ, His only Son, made man. As the Rev. John Kleinig writes, "God Himself is the source of holiness but he does not keep Himself and His holiness to Himself; He calls His people to share in His holiness." We learn from the apostles throughout the New Testament that we are to be holy as God is holy, and that He has chosen us to be holy in Christ. Andrew Murray in his book, *Holy in Christ*, puts it this way,

Holiness is not something we do or attain; it is the communication of Divine Life, the inbreathing of the Divine Nature, the power of the Divine Presence resting upon us. And our power to become holy is found in the call of God: the Holy One calls us to Himself that He may make us holy in possessing Himself.

The apostle Peter says that in Christ, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). In other words, God makes us His holy people.

God, who is holy, makes us a holy people through the holy One, Jesus Christ, and as His word has its way in our lives, we participate with Him in holy giving. What is holy giving? It is giving not to benefit ourselves, we already have it all in Christ, but to benefit others. It's to give everything we are and have to others knowing that in Christ, there is always more. Holy giving, that is, giving in Christ, is not done reluctantly or unhappily. As Rev. Dr. Normal Nagel put it,

If we work hard, strive to increase our wages or business to get for ourselves, then we are only breeding further restless wanting and getting and wanting. If we work and earn so we may have more to give for God, for friends, family, and others, then happy is our work...The increase of happiness' treasures is by giving, not by getting. As the loaves and fishes were multiplied by being given away, so all the gifts of God are multiplied by being given away. It is far happier to give than to receive. God knows that, and He wants us happily to know it too.

Sometime before Holy Week you will receive a letter from Jeff Kelm, Trinity's Stewardship Coordinator, with an opportunity to pledge your commitment to the holy giving of your time, talent and treasure for the work of our Lord at Trinity in the coming fiscal year. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to participate in making known the love of Christ.

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg
Associate Pastor



March Calendar

Sundays: Weekly

- * Divine Services 8, 9:30 & 10:45 am

Mondays: Weekly

- * Divine Service 6:30 pm

Wednesdays: Weekly

- * Adult Bible Study 8:30 am (FH)
- * **Lenten Services 10 am & 6:30 pm**
- * **Trinity Student Lenten Service 2:40 pm**
- * Midweek Confirmation Class 3:30 pm

Thursdays: Weekly

- * Women's Bible Study 9:00 am (FH)

Fridays: Weekly

- * Men's Bible Study 7:00 am (FH)

Monday, March 1

- * Stephen Ministry 5:00 pm (MC)
- * Board of Christian Day School Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 3

- * Board Elders Meeting 7:30 pm (FH)

Monday, March 8

- * LWML Fellowship 1:00 pm (FH)

Wednesday, March 10

- * Council Meeting 7:30 pm (FH)

Saturday, March 13

- * LWML Prayer Service 9:00 am (Luther Memorial)

Monday, March 15

- * Stephen Ministry 5:00 pm (MC)

Friday, March 26

- * No Trinity School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, March 29

- * Stephen Ministry 5:00 pm (MC)

Monday, March 29 - April 5

- * Trinity Spring Break

Thursday, April 1

- * **Maundy Thursday Services 10:00 am & 6:30 pm**

Friday, April 2

- * **Good Friday Service 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm**

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

- * **Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am**
- * **Easter Festival Services 8:30 am & 10:30 am**



**Trinity Spring Break
March 29 - April 5**

Trinity Child Care
is closed.

School office is closed.

LWML News

TRINITY LWML FELLOWSHIP is on Monday, March 8th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be Bible study led by Alice Buck. We will make eyeglass cases and Witness bracelets for MOST Ministries to use at their Eyeglass Clinics. Our LWML is also collecting gently used eyeglasses and sun glasses. There are collection boxes in the back of church and in the Lounge. We invite you to come join us for our fellowship.

Prayer Service for LWML Zone 8 & 9 is Saturday, March 13, 2021, 9:00 am at Luther Memorial. Come join us in a time of worship and prayer.

From Coast to Coast - Praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

March 12, 7:30 pm (CST)

Concordia University Chicago's Wind Symphony has partnered with the Symphonic Band of Sheboygan Lutheran High School to present "From Coast to Coast: Praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The concert will be live streamed to congregations throughout the United States, and Trinity Lutheran is invited to attend this virtual event. The concert will take place March 12 at 7:30 p.m. Central. Visit www.lutheranhigh.com/coast-to-coast-concert to access the live stream.

Bible Studies at Trinity

Prayer: We Speak to God - This is a new Bible study set to begin **Wednesday, March 3rd at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall**. In His three years with them, Jesus taught His disciples, and us, about the close connection between faith in Him and prayer. In this study, you will learn that faith is something like the empty hands of a beggar who has nothing to give, but everything to receive from Jesus. Faith in Him leads to prayer that receives what He promises to give. We hope you will join us every Wednesday. All are welcome!

God's Gift of Certainty in a World of Uncertainties - This Bible study takes place every **Friday at 7am in the Fellowship Hall**. It focuses on how the certainty of our salvation comes not from us but from Jesus Christ. Spiritual certainty comes from our dependance on Jesus and His Word.

On-line Lectionary Bible Study - This brief weekly study can be found on-line at trinitysheboygan.org by clicking "Recorded Services." In this Bible study, Pastor Mech, Pastor Berg, and Dr. Eatherton discuss the readings for the weekly Divine Service.

EASTER LILIES ORDERS

Easter Lilies are \$10.00. Forms are available in the bulletin. You may mail, call (458-8246) or email (melcher@trinitysheboygan.org) with your order. Deadline is Monday, March 22. Please print legibly on the forms. Please make checks payable to "Trinity".



From the Principal

“March”ing forward with Servant Feet...Even in the midst of the Doldrums!

If you live or work in the world of education, you know that this time of the school year is often referred to as the “doldrums.” Christmas break is in the rearview mirror, and spring break is still weeks away. It is easy to grow weary this time of year as the day-to-day routine grows mundane, and students who have grown a bit *too* comfortable in the classroom start to push behavioral boundaries. Outside of the school setting, perhaps some of you are feeling stuck in your own doldrums. The cold weather is keeping you inside, COVID is keeping you away from loved ones and fun events, and the monotony of daily routines is driving you slightly crazy (or maybe that’s just me!).

While these doldrums are certainly no fun, they are not nearly as serious as the doldrums that can happen in our faith walk. These doldrums—the result of our sinful nature—occur when we step outside of the Word, become less faithful about worship and receiving the Sacraments, and allow other priorities in our life to come before our walk with Jesus. These doldrums should not be ignored; they have eternal consequences! At Trinity Lutheran School, we focus on actively avoiding faith walk doldrums by engaging students in practicing their faith. Our students receive God’s Word daily through the faithful teaching of pastors and teachers, and are then challenged to put their faith into practice. This year, our theme of “Sent to Serve” gives us ample opportunities to practice our faith. Most recently, during NLSW, our students created classroom posters about how they can serve God in their various vocations. These posters are displayed in the school to remind students that they are God’s hands and feet, and their calling on earth is to serve Him by loving and serving their neighbors. These posters encourage students to actively practice their faith, even when they are feeling tired or burned out at school.

Of course, our students are sinful as well, and they do not perfectly serve their neighbors every day at school; however, parents do not send their children to Trinity to make them perfect. This is impossible! **Rather, parents send their children to Trinity so that they are confronted with God’s Law (they are sinful!) and then encouraged by God’s Gospel message: they are redeemed through Jesus’ blood on the cross. They have been washed clean, and their response ought to be to serve God across their vocations.** This message *never* grows old, nor does the joy that accompanies it! We are JOYFULLY Lutheran because of God’s gift of salvation through Jesus. That message is what helps us keep the doldrums at bay, and we pray it does for you as well.

If you have someone in your life who would benefit from a faith-filled education at Trinity, please direct him/her to our website (<https://www.trinitysheboygan.org/school>) to learn all about the school and to set up a tour with me. Additionally, as a reminder, **open enrollment for the Wisconsin Private School Choice Program runs from February 1st-April 15th. For more information, or to apply, parents can visit dpi.wi.gov/choice.** The choice program provides tuition vouchers for many families, providing the opportunity of a Christ-centered education to families of all socioeconomic statuses.

Jenna Roeske
Principal



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Lent and Easter Services at Trinity

Wed. March 3rd 10am/6:30pm
"A God Beaten" - John 18:19-24

Sun. March 7th 8/9:30/10:45am/
6:30pm Mon.
"Overturned Hearts" - John 2:13-22

Wed. March 10th 10am/6:30pm
"A God Exposed"
John 19:1-5, 23-24



Sun. March 14th 8/9:30/10:45am/
6:30pm Mon.
"Anti-Venom for the Snake Bitten" -
Numbers 21:4-9

Wed. March 17th 10am/6:30pm
"A God with a Mother"
John 19:26-27

Sun. March 21st 8/9:30/10:45am
6:30 pm Mon.
"Greatness & Glory" - Mark 10:35-45

Wed. March 24th 10am/6:30pm
"A God Who Thirsts" - John 19:28-30

Sun. March 28th 8/9:30/10:45am
6:30pm Mon.
"Jesus Passion Procession"

Maundy Thursday April 1st
10am/6:30pm
"A God Who Loves"
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday April 2nd 1pm/7pm -
Tenebrae
"A God Who Bleeds,
A God Who Dies"
John 19:17-30

Easter Sunrise Service April 4th
6:30am
"A God Who Rises" - John 20:1-18

Easter Festival Services April 4th
8:30am/10:30am
"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"
Mark 16:1-8

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