

The Trinity Trumpet

September 2020

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THE HEALING OF HIS SEAMLESS DRESS

“If I may but touch his garment. I shall be healed.” These words in Matthew 9:21 invite us to study this case. When a young person engages in the study of medicine or law, one case after another helps the person learn what they need to know in years to come. In the study of the facts about Christ this method works equally well. In the gospels and elsewhere in the Bible the materials for case studies abound. Today they appeal to the eye of the soul. If only for the sake of simplicity, they bid us to look at one person in the presence of the beloved Physician.

Christ alone does the healing but only in response to the touch of faith. He wishes us to think of faith as human need laying hold of divine power. Today, as of old, he stands in the midst of life’s struggles. Among all of us he has a way of singling out the one who most desires the healing touch of his dear hand. In the case now before us he blesses without even touching the needy friend. So does he stand in our midst now, tender to sympathize and mighty to save.

In the house of God we can lay hold of Christ’s garment. In the music from the key board and in the songs by the people we can become aware of the presence that heals. In the reading from the scriptures and in the words of prayer we should behold the Healer of the broken hearted. In the preaching of the gospel and most of all the table of the Lord we can find peace for our souls. “Earth hath no sorrows that heaven cannot heal”, right here and right now.

We see the difference between the touch that heals and the many that presses. Which way do we come close to the Master’s seamless dress? “oh,” one answers, “often I join the many of those who jostle against the Lord Jesus.” All the while I long to be whole. I have tried and tried to touch the hem of his garment, but I do not know the way. Please you tell me how.

Quit trying to find a perfect way! Try trusting him to bless, however you come! Remember that the healing power rests with him and that he wishes you to reach out by faith, it matters not how. With the eyes of faith you can see some way in which he reveals his presence. With the hand of faith you can reach forth somehow to touch the hem of his garment. Then you will know the peace and joy that filled the heart of that timid woman who whispered to herself, “If I may but touch his garment, I shall be healed.”

Together in Christ!

Pr. Eric

An Invitation to Serious Faith

I will strive to...

PRAY daily
WORSHIP weekly
READ the Bible
SERVE at and beyond Trinity
Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage
spiritual growth in others
GIVE of my time, talents & resources

Trinity Lutheran Church



Focusing on the **CROSS**.
Following Christ's **LOVE**.

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Due to the current pandemic, our annual church rummage sale will be postponed this year and resume again in 2021.

Thank You!

Worship Service Times to Change on September 13th

- ◆ 1st & 3rd Saturday's at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- ◆ Holy Communion celebrated at each service

Mark Your Calendar!

Youth Class Dates

First Communion– The two make up classes will be held on Sept. 13th and 20th after the 10:15 Service. First Communion will take place on Sept. 27th during the 10:15 Worship Service.

Confirmation Completion– There will be two more classes. They will be on Wednesdays, Sept. 9th and Sept. 16th. Confirmation for those 2nd year confirmands will be held on October 25th, during the 10:15 Worship Service.

New Year of Confirmation– 7th and 8th grade confirmation classes will begin on September 30th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

More information about each class was emailed to parents, if you didn't receive an email, please contact Sue.



Plans for Sunday School to start are underway! Classes will begin on September 13th. We will be following the social distancing recommendations and be outside and/or in the Fellowship hall to avoid the classrooms. Masks will be highly encouraged, as we will follow with the school's guidance. *Please note there will be a designated pick up area for your children after class and will be announced in church as we work through the planning process.* We are looking forward to getting Sunday

School going and helping your child grow in their faith with the Lord.

Kristen Krohn & Stephanie Harder
Sunday School Superintendents

Doing Our Best to Help Ensure a Safe Worship Experience!

As with most gatherings, worship here at TLC will look differently than it has in the past. Please do your part to respect the guidelines and to be respectful of our neighbors and the diversity of opinions on the guidelines while in church.

- Please enter for worship thru the West doors. Please note that those doors will open only 10 minutes prior to service. You are encouraged to find your seat promptly upon entering.
- Also upon entering the sanctuary, you will see hand sanitizer and masks for your use. The council voted that it is highly recommended that attendee's wear masks while in attendance.
- Pews have been marked every other pew for use. Families are asked to sit together.
- After service concludes, please be patient upon exiting to give others space to exit and exit thru the North door. Please maintain 6 feet of distancing as each situation allows.

If you are sick or experiencing any symptoms of COVID– Please STAY HOME!

Here are a few of the changes that have been implemented during worship:

- There will continue to be no greeters, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, support, or Altar Guild.
- Choir will not gather, but rather, will have one to two worship leaders during services.
- There will be no sharing of the peace.
- Communion will be given in individual communion packets and taken in unison in our pews, when supplies are made available.
- There will be no passing of the plate, but offerings may be left in the plates in the back of the sanctuary upon entering or leaving. Text to give at 712-248-4488 is still also a great option.
- There will be no coffee cart.
- There will be no bulletins for services.

As we move forward, we can expect that more changes might occur. As those occur, we will do our best to keep you updated via facebook, text, and/or our website at www.tlcavoca.com.

September Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday Sept 5, 5:00 p.m.		Sunday Sept 6, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Dick Holtz		Greg Petersen
		Sunday Sept 13, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept 13, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Ronda Holst	Gayle Stuart
	Saturday Sept 19, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Sept 20, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept 20, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Roger Nelson	Greg Petersen	Deb Meissner
		Sunday Sept 27, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept 27, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Peggy Osbahr	Sue Blakestad
	Saturday, October 3,	Sunday October 4, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday October 4, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Kathy Soetmelk	Alice Botcher	Robb Jacobsen

Please note: If you are down to read and do not wish to do so at this time-please do not hesitate to let Sue know.

Church Council

President: Kathy Soetmelk
(712) 249-9027

Property Management: Dale Krohn
(402) 880-5072

Secretary: LeAnne McCarthy
(712) 307-0117

Christian Education: Josh Guyer
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Stewardship: Larry Chapman
(712) 307-2832

Treasurer: Shela Jacobsen
(402) 490-2423



**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
07/26/2020	30	7160.00
08/02/2020	26	2840.00
08/09/2020	34	3157.00
08/16 & 08/23	32 & 36	5602.00



Clarence Harder— Dolores Harder

Carrie Rees— Terry Knapp

Hazel Miller— Normalee Krohn, David & Carol Sampson, Leslie Gleaves, Samuel & Mary Bernabe, Gregory & Melinda Wilede

Shirley Krummel— Jane & Denny Turner

LaVonne Bargaquast— Janiece Schroder

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

September 01	Larry	Chapman
September 01	Lu Ann	Jensen
September 01	Donald	Pattee
September 03	Lane	Thornton
September 04	Benjamin	Kramer
September 04	Jaycie	Schueman
September 04	Dean	Willett
September 05	Kristyn	Nielsen
September 05	Robert	Scott
September 07	Marvin	Piittmann
September 10	Sage	Brockhoff
September 10	Janet	Holtz
September 10	Kyle	Sternberg
September 10	Kami	Willett
September 11	Mary Jean	Krummel
September 11	Shelby	McCreedy
September 11	Karen	Pope
September 11	Gayle	Stuart
September 12	Kerry	Danker
September 14	Katherine	Collins
September 14	Norma	Glissmann

September 14	Margaret	Johannsen
September 14	Katie	Johnson
September 14	Robert Jr.	Jorgensen
September 15	Deanna	Whyte
September 16	Stephanie	Harder
September 17	Joy	Best
September 17	Evelyn	Soetmelk
September 20	Marilyn	Chapman
September 21	Debra	Paulsen
September 22	Corbin	Pieken
September 23	Karen	Rodriguez
September 24	Bobbi	Lund
September 25	Blake	Holst
September 25	Victorine	Jensen
September 25	Joy	Krohn
September 25	Trevor	Madden
September 26	Krislyn	McCarthy
September 26	Jason	Rold
September 28	Darren	Krohn
September 29	James	Best
September 29	Gladys	Petersen



The family of Mary Jean Krummel is hosting a card shower for Mary Jean to help her celebrate her 93rd birthday! Please be invited to send birthday cards to: 710 Hopley Street, Walnut, IA 51577.

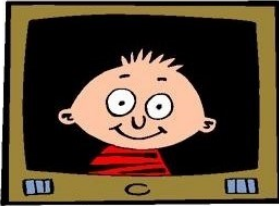


How can we pray for you today? There are several ways to connect with each other and ask for prayer. One example is to visit our prayer wall at <https://www.tlcavoca.com/prayer-wall/> to post your prayer request. Please also be encouraged to visit this site to pray for those who have submitted requests. Another way, is through our TLC prayer chain. Please call Sue at 402-639-6054 if you'd like to add a prayer for the prayer chain. God hears our prayers!



Please **PRAY** for those affected by COVID-19

1.



See us on Walnut TV Digital Channel 14 or Fiber Channel 91

- ♦ 1:00 p.m. on Sunday
- ♦ 1:00 p.m. on Monday
- ♦ 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday

2.



Find us on Facebook at Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca! Sundays service will now post at approximately 5 p.m. on Sunday.

4 Options for You to Join Us for Worship!

3.



At
Trinity Lutheran
Church

4.



Visit our website at www.tlcavoca.com



If you feel in your heart to give during this difficult time, we have several ways for you to do so:

1) Click on the link below or visit us **Online** at: <https://tlcavoca.breezechms.com/give/online>

2) **Text-to-give** by typing any dollar amount in a text message to phone #: (712) 248-4488. This will guide you through your giving.

3) **Mail** your giving envelope to: Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 456, Avoca, IA 51521

TRINITY'S FIVE & DIME



Welcome to "Trinity's Five & Dime". This section is dedicated to stories, experiences, and devotionals where together we can share God's spiritual candy. Glory be to God for the opportunity to share with you some thoughts, experiences, and scripture regarding our everyday lives. Praise and glory to God for his never changing word, faithful love, and countless blessings. May his life-giving word nourish us and strengthen us as we strive to fulfill the purposes, He has for us. Amen.

Neil Paulsen

...Will the sheer force of the waterfall, push them under the water's surface, and make it difficult to come back up for air? What's on the other side of the waterfall?



Can't See The Forest For The Trees

And just like that, they have found themselves on the back side of the waterfall, standing at the entrance to the most beautiful cave imaginable. A hole high up on the waterfall cliff allows plenty of sunshine to illuminate a pool of the crystal blue water calmly collected on the cave floor, causing random bright white sparkles on the cave walls, and on the stalagmites and stalactites. A quick turn to look behind for any of the others in the group, only to find that they have already left the lagoon and waterfall. There's a feeling of sadness for them, knowing what they are not there and able to take in this incredible sight. As they slowly turn their gaze back in to the cave, they discover that laced, and embedded in the walls are hundreds and hundreds of precious gems of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Ruby, aquamarine, jade, opal, topaz, diamonds, and some that their eyes have never seen before. They make their way to the wall of the cave to feel them and make sure that they are real, and to great pleasure they are indeed real. Slowly they make their way deeper into the cave, becoming more awestruck with every step. And every step deeper into the cave, the sound of the waterfall becomes less of a distraction, and a deep sense of peace begins to settle in, so that more attention can be given to what lies ahead of them. Stepping farther into the cave, the light from behind begins to dim, and the water no longer has its brilliant blue shimmer. But up ahead there is a single beam of light shining towards them. A little hesitant at first of what it could be, but something inside draws them to it, and their pace is picked up until they reach a massive thick, solid rock wall that has a hole large enough to reach through, but too thick that their arms will not come out the other side. As they peer through the hole in the wall, they quickly discover a much more brilliant light, and that there are thousands more of the same precious gems that are lining the walls of the cave that they are presently in. They feel their way around the huge wall to see if there is a hidden way in, but find that there is no way around the wall that now stands in their way. With the sunlight starting to get dimmer at the opening of their cave, and realizing that they still have a good jaunt ahead of them to catch up with their group, they decide that it is best to head back. But even though they couldn't take anything from the cave back with them physically, they feel that they have received something very precious. A feeling that makes them want to get back to that place again, just to take in that feeling of discovery and of being awestruck once again. It's a feeling that fills them to completion. And when they finally get caught back up with the group, they do their best to explain what they have seen and the feeling they are now carrying. But it somewhat loses its luster in all their excitement and explanation. If only, the others had been there too.....



Our first youth group gathering of the year will be Sunday, August 30th, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will gather in the parking lot, so please bring a camping chair and a drink along. We will do our best to follow social distancing guidance! Looking forward to seeing everyone together again!

Volunteers: We Need You!

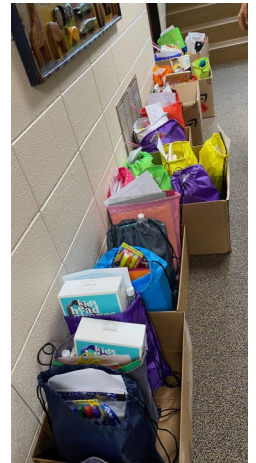
We are in search of approximately 4 people on Sunday's who would be willing to help sanitize the pews between the 9 a.m. service and the 10:15 a.m. service. Also, if you are willing to read prayers and scriptures during any of our services, your help is greatly appreciated. Please let Sue know if you are willing and available to help out!



Our back to school night...aka...return to learn night, was a success! We helped fill the needs of 40 students. If you haven't been school shopping in awhile, just know that is

A LOT of supplies!

Thank you so much to all of our generous donors and volunteers who made this night possible.



Warrior Walk for ALS

Please be encouraged to join the families of Lesley Krummel, the late Deb Petersen and the late Janice Tooley for a morning of exciting events to raise awareness and funds for an ALS cure!! The events will be begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Walnut Community Center Cardinal Gym. A schedule of events include 10 a.m. Opening & Music, 10:30 a.m. 2 Mile Walk Outside, 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Free Will Donation Pork Loin Meal and between 11:30 and 12:30 a.m. Lesley Krummel will be launching her book and signing! Hope everyone can make it out!



The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world and has instilled fear in many—including children. Now more than ever boys and girls need great joy. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year we hope to deliver more shoeboxes than ever and are trusting God as we make plans to collect Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes during Natinal Collection Week (November 16-23). As we look forward to the coming season, we are monitoring local, state, and national guidelines and making adjustments to help protect the health of those involved in collecting and processing shoebox gifts.



The food pantry has continued to operate using a drive up system at the Walnut Community Center. All food donations continue to be needed and greatly appreciated! The next scheduled date is August 3rd. Also, "weather permitting" the clothing pantry will be open outside by the south entrance. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Joy Krohn at 712-

307-0496 if you are able to help!

Please also note at this time, we will not be accepting any clothing donations. We will keep you posted when this changes! Thank You!

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2020

In Attendance: Pastor Eric, Kathy Soetmelk, Dale Krohn, Alan Blakestad, Mike Jorgensen, Sue Paulsen and Shela Jacobsen. Absent: Ron Winters, Josh Guyer, Leanne McCarthy and Larry Chapman

A call to order was made by Kathy. She opened the meeting with a prayer and silent centering

No guests were present at the meeting.

Thank You cards were written to show our appreciation for good deeds to: Jackie Hersey for 100 masks she made and donated, and Trace and Claudia Frahm for their food donations to the Food Pantry.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Jorgensen and seconded by Dale Krohn. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Alan Blakestad and seconded by Mike Jorgensen. Motion carried.

Shela gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to approve the report by Mike Jorgensen and seconded by Dale Krohn. Motion carried.

Kathy Soetmelk gave the President's Report that the Bell Choir has begun practicing again in the Fellowship Hall. They will be taping and recording their practices so we show it during worship service.

Pastor gave his monthly report. He asked if we were aware of anyone sick or in the hospital. He mentioned that Leo Barganquast just returned home from the hospital recovering from pneumonia and Lavonne Barganquast was also there after suffering a severe stroke. Also, Juliann Thompson is having hip replacement and Bobbi Paulsen in at the nursing home due to a broken hip. On Sep 13, we will once again be going back to 2 services at 9am & 10:15am and Sunday Scholl and Adult Bible Study will also be starting. We discussed how to keep everyone safe and healthy during this return. The pews will be sanitized before, between and after each service. We will also leave the pews as they are now with every other row set to be used. The doors will also stay locked until 10 minutes before the service is to start. And the kids will also come to worship first with their parents, take communion and then go downstairs after the children's message. The message may be a little different but that is to be decided yet.

Pastor will also be on vacation from Aug 17th thru Aug 25th.

Sue provided the group with the Director of Ministry in Daily Life report. LYO will have their first tentative meeting on Sunday Aug 30th. The Return to Learn Drive Thru event will be Wed Aug 12th from 4-7. Volunteers will pack the backpacks from 4-6 and parents can drive thru to pick up the bags from 6-7. We've had very generous donors that will help with supplies for 40 students!! The newsletter deadline is Aug 25th and Sue will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, Aug 24th & Aug 25th.

Church Council Reports: no reports were given at this time.

Old Business discussed: None

New Business discussed: Many have been inquiring about whether or not we'll be having a rummage sale this year. Shirley Pattee will see if she has enough people willing to help with it and report back on the status.

Gary Soetmelk said Operation Christmas Child is still going on this year so we'll once again try our hardest to collect as many shoeboxes as we can for the children. A motion was made by Mike Jorgensen for the council to once again provide funding for the purchase of boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Dale Krohn seconded. Motion carried.

Membership changes: None.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alan Blakestad and seconded by Mike Jorgensen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Shela Jacobsen – Treasurer

(for LeAnne McCarthy – Secretary)

Next Meeting will September 8, 2020

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 5 p.m.– Worship
6 9:30 a.m. Worship	7 Labor Day– Office Closed	8 8 p.m. Council Meeting	9 Make-up Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30p.m.	10	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
13 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Make-up First Communion Class	14 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	15	16 Make-up Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30p.m.	17 Peace Haven Worship 6:15 p.m.	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 5 p.m.– Worship
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27 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/First Communion/Sunday School	28 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	29	30 New Year of Confirmation Class Starts 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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contact the church office at the number shown above.
In an emergency, contact Pastor Eric Meissner at (402) 660-1121.

Worship Services

1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m & 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service.

Sunday School during the 10:15 a.m. worship service.