

The Trinity Trumpet

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“The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.’” Numbers 6: 22 – 26

“so shall MY word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55: 11

Slow down, don’t leave to fast, you gotta make the moment last...

Okay, so it’s a little play on Simon and Garfunkel’s song, but it does make the point. Many times, I witness that people leave worship before the benediction. It’s not a new phenomenon. I have seen it even when I was a youth growing up in the church. I’m not chastising anyone but want to give us something to consider perhaps to keep us just about 2 minutes longer in God’s presence.

I’m not sure what makes people leave: “Beating the Methodists to lunch,” busy day, even cranky kids, but all of them or whatever else misses how important this part of worship is. Yes, it’s the end. Yes, it signals you can get into the rest of your day. But it also is God, Himself, speaking through a human mouthpiece (*the pastor or leader that day*) to “put God’s name on you.” *See above*. What makes this so important – God’s Word does what it says it does. Just as in the creation when God say, “Let there be light” and there was light, so when He blesses you, you are blessed. God isn’t waiting for you to do your part; He does it because He is the God who has brought you from slavery and death, and you are His. You are blessed.

Often, we think a blessing should avail us of some great thing in this world (*riches, fame or what-not*) but in fact it is because the God of all creation, who brings something from nothing, speaks a word to you and me that we desperately need to hear. We are about to walk out the door of the worship space, leaving God’s promised and evidenced presence, and step out into the world of spiritual heat, humidity, darkness and storms, challenges and tossing waves and God wants something different for you.

When God tells Moses, to tell Aaron to speak these words over His people it is because He is speaking words directly from heaven to your waiting and needing ear. He Himself is **blessing you**. He bestows good on you, to **keep** (guard or watch over you). It’s as if He’s putting up a wall of protection around you to hold back the waves of evil. Then becoming even more – **He makes His face shine** and be **gracious** – He is turning His gaze directly on YOU so that you know he will not glare at you with gloomy eyes, but like the Transfiguration, show you the brilliance of His presence, as Jesus did to the disciples; and His face shines the light of undeserved grace into your life – that you might hear His assurance of His promise in Christ, through baptism FOR YOU. And finally, **He lifts up His face**, which in the Hebrew states that His face erupts in a heavenly smile, a Father with an ear-to-ear look of delight over His children – so that you might know **His peace**, His shalom in the assurance of His desire and want of you, no matter how the waves, darkness, etc. try convince you otherwise. You are His. He again seals you in His desire for you.

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What makes this so important. In the current world of political upheaval and uncertainty, in an election year. When the economy seems to be crushing the old and leaving no hope for the young. When the world seems in an inevitable rush towards the end. As candidates vying for control try to convince you they are your source of salvation, and political parties seek to be your saviors... The one true God of salvation, who rules over it all and holds it all in His hands, *that* God, Your God, turns His face on you to hold you, seal you, guard

you and in all these ways bring you a peace that the world cannot give. Seems like that would be worth a few more minutes so that as you go out, you go with God leading the way.

Peace, ALWAYS! Pastor Matt

New worship schedule coming this fall!!



Traditional worship will be at 8:15 a.m., Sunday School will be at 9:30, and contemporary worship will be at 10:15 a.m. The council's goal for worship is for all of us to grow in faith and to then do our work reaching out to the community to lead people into a growing community. Please join us at one of the worship opportunities, answer God's call to be a Sunday School teacher, and stay connected with each other through fellowship in and outside of the church. The new schedule will begin the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8, 2024

-Kathy Soetmelk, Council President



Back To School Night

Trinity will once again be hosting a back to school night on August 14th, beginning at 5 p.m.. The ministry strives to help those families who are in need of school supplies for their children heading to school in the fall. This is offered to all children who reside in the AHSTW school district that register for the event. Donations for this ministry would be greatly appreciated! Any and all school supplies, including sturdy backpacks, are needed. Donations can be left in the narthex in the designated bins on or before August 8th. School supply lists are also in the Narthex for pick up, if needing some ideas of what to buy. Thank you in advance for continuing to support this important outreach ministry!

My First Bible



As we get ready to welcome in a new year of Sunday School and learning in the faith, we will offer an opportunity for youth who are going into 3rd grade and above to come and prepare to receive their first bible, the Adventure Bible, by learning how its put together, learning how to navigate it, and learning about all the extra teaching tools and things that a study bible offer for daily reflection

and for devotion, service, and activity ideas to spark faith and put our walk with Christ into practice. The class is a 3½ hour class with a break and pizza following to help celebrate our learning together. It will be held on Saturday August 17th beginning at 8:30 am. Please register through Pastor Matt or Sue so we can make sure we have all the needed supply.

Confirmation Start-up & Information Meeting



Monday August 26, beginning at 6:30 pm there is an information meeting for confirmation class to discuss the upcoming year, needs, and direction for the class. Schedules will be provided for the year as well as general sense of purposes and goals for the year. At least one parent is expected to be present to receive information as we get ready to start up again with this stage of Christian learning for our youth. Confirmation classes will begin September 11.

August/September Volunteer Schedule

Worship Committee Update

Volunteer lists are complete yet still seeking members to head up each committee position. Please reach out to me if you have any interest in helping (My phone # is 402-650-3065). Starting in August, we will be bringing back the greeters.

Looking ahead to September, as we transition to having two services, if you have a preference as to which service you wish to volunteer, please let Sue know.

-Eric Sieh



We will continue offering some refreshment of body and conversation after worship each week as the summer winds down. We invite you to come down, share snack, your self and your time to meet and grow with the family of God and to welcome visitors and guest in our midst.

| Sunday, August 4th, 9:30 a.m. | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Communion Bread | Joy Krohn & Kristen Krohn |
| Communion Support | Sue Paulsen & Ava Paulsen |
| Communion Servers | Jerry Conroy, Jim & Karen Hansen |
| Scriptures & Prayers | Janiece Schroder |
| Greeters | Jerod & Amber Johnson Family |
| Acolytes | Ethan Hansen |
| Support | Greg Petersen |
| Sunday, August 11th, 9:30 a.m. | |
| Communion Bread | Joy Krohn & Kristen Krohn |
| Communion Support | Sue Paulsen & Ava Paulsen |
| Communion Servers | Wendy Dierking, Evan Harder, Stephanie Harder |
| Scriptures & Prayers | Linda Andersen |
| Greeters | Darren & Nicole Krohn Family |
| Acolytes | Jacob Collins |
| Support | Gary Soetmelk |
| Sunday, August 18th, 9:30 a.m. | |
| Communion Bread | Joy Krohn & Kristen Krohn |
| Communion Support | Sue Paulsen & Ava Paulsen |
| Communion Servers | Jeff Harder, Ronda Holst, Katie Johnson |
| Scriptures & Prayers | Becky Bahnfleth |
| Greeters | Dale & Kim Krohn |
| Acolytes | Kiptyn Lamp |
| Support | Dale Krohn |
| Sunday, August 25th, 9:30 a.m. | |
| Communion Bread | Joy Krohn & Kristen Krohn |
| Communion Support | Sue Paulsen & Ava Paulsen |
| Communion Servers | Amy & Robb Jacobsen, Dale Krohn |
| Scriptures & Prayers | Suzette Blakestad |
| Greeters | Sue Paulsen Family |
| Acolytes | Katie Scheffler |
| Support | Ron Winter |
| Sunday, Sept. 1st, 9:30 a.m. | |
| Communion Bread | Neil Paulsen & Kavin Rold |
| Communion Support | Greg & Marge Petersen |
| Communion Servers | Dean & Joy Krohn, Kiptyn Lamp |
| Scriptures & Prayers | Gerald Conroy |
| Greeters | Greg & Marge Petersen |
| Acolytes | Lane Thornton |
| Worship Steward | Jim Hansen |

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|  BAPTISTS Weekend of | Total Attendance | Total Gifts Received |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| 06/30 | 109 | 10,070.00 |
| 07/07 | 100 | 3644.00 |
| 07/14 | 125 | 3057.00 |



Don Hansen—Dorothy Nelsen, Virginia Nelsen, Janiece Schroder

Everette Carroll— Gerald & Donna Rold

Marian Plautz— Janiece Schroder

Save Your Items for Our Rummage Sale



Being Held in September!



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| August 02 | Delaney | Carroll |
| August 02 | Michelle | Freeman |
| August 02 | Sheryl | Harder |
| August 02 | Peggy | Jacobsen |
| August 02 | Exton | Hansen |
| August 03 | Courtney | Hensley |
| August 03 | Jennifer | Partlow |
| August 05 | Jayna | Engle |
| August 05 | Kieghan | Johnson |
| August 05 | JoAnn | Moore |
| August 06 | Becky | Woltmann |
| August 06 | Marie | Madden |
| August 08 | Breanna | Pauley |
| August 10 | Ava | Paulsen |
| August 10 | Makenna | Paulsen |
| August 10 | Samantha | Scheffler |
| August 11 | Gary | Collins |
| August 11 | Cara Beth | Buboltz |
| August 11 | Janae | Sternberg |
| August 12 | Larry | Lippold |
| August 12 | Andrea | Emmanuel |

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| August 14 | Jackson | Hensley |
| August 15 | Michael | Scheffler |
| August 15 | Karen | Hansen |
| August 17 | Courtney | Harder |
| August 17 | Gary | Soetmelk |
| August 17 | Matthew | Sternberg |
| August 17 | Alice | Botcher |
| August 17 | Julaine | Carley |
| August 18 | Alisha | Allen |
| August 18 | Alexander | Hansen |
| August 18 | Ethan | Hoepner |
| August 18 | Brittany | Kelly |
| August 19 | Eli | Collins |
| August 19 | Wilma | Klindt |
| August 21 | Preston | Krohn |
| August 21 | Kristen | Krohn |
| August 23 | Roger | Nelson |
| August 23 | Jordan | Blotzer |
| August 24 | Betty | Kubik |
| August 25 | Connie | VonEschen |
| August 25 | Brody | Hensley |
| August 26 | Sienna | Christian |
| August 26 | Courtney | Freeman |
| August 27 | Jim | Hansen |
| August 28 | Robin | Andersen |
| August 31 | Jason | Holst |



Baptism

Trinity welcomed Trace William Phippen into the family of God thru baptism on July 14th. Trace is the son of Haley and Jared Phippen. His baptismal sponsors are Hannah and Brion Barrett.

Congratulations Phippen Family!

August 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | <p>1 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6:15 p.m. Peace Haven Worship</p> | <p>2 Pastors Day Off</p> | 3 |
| <p>4 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship/ Fellowship following service 5:30-7 p.m.- Bible Study</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6 4-5:30 p.m.- Seedlings</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 7 p.m. Council Meeting</p> | <p>9 Pastors Day Off</p> | 10 |
| <p>11 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship/ Fellowship following service 5:30-7 p.m.- Bible Study</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service</p> | <p>14 5 p.m. Back to School Night 6 p.m. Never Alone! Dinner-RSVP</p> | <p>15 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 4-5:30 p.m.-Sprouts</p> | <p>16 Pastors Day Off</p> | 17 |
| <p>18 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship/ Fellowship following service 5:30-7 p.m.- Bible Study</p> | <p>19 9:30 a.m. Salem Lutheran Nursing Home Worship</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry</p> | <p>23 Pastors Day Off</p> | <p>24 Jorgensen Wedding</p> |
| <p>25 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship/ Fellowship following service 5:30-7 p.m.- Bible Study</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service 10 a.m. Allen Place Worship</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry</p> | <p>30 Pastors Day Off</p> | 31 |

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**Worship Service
Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School will resume after Labor Day.
Holy Communion celebrated during worship.**