



Joyful Noise

NOVEMBER 2020

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Near the end of October, the Old Testament reading during church was Isaiah 45:1-7. Verse one reads, *"Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed."* In this verse, and for the next six verses, God is speaking directly to Cyrus on how he will be used as God's chosen instrument. But here's something I invite you to think about. When God said these words, Cyrus was not yet a king, in fact, Cyrus was not even born.

It is estimated that the book of Isaiah was written between 701-681 BC. King Cyrus II (the one called by name in Isaiah 45) conquered Babylon in 539 BC. That's at least 142 years after Isaiah died. Here's something more to think about. Cyrus was king over Persia. He was not an Israelite. He was a foreigner. In fact, Isaiah 45:4 says that Cyrus did not know the God of Israel! And yet God is promising in this text – almost/at least 150 years before it happened – that He is going to use a faithless, foreign king, for His purpose! And indeed He did! Cyrus issued a decree that allowed the Israelites to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. This all happened according to God's plan and purpose.

What does all of this teach us? ***God is in complete control. Of everything. Even before it happens.***

Looking at our country and world right now, there are many things that could cause us to be concerned. The COVID-19 pandemic. Riots. The election. Economic uncertainty. Threats from various countries and terrorists. Yet one thing remains the same – God is in complete control. God our Father continues to be at work according to His plan and purpose. God already knows the outcome of the election, as our next leaders will be His servants for His purpose. (Notice it's an election, which requires a vote, please cast yours.) God has more than a vaccine for the coronavirus, He is our healer. God brings peace to violence, injustice, and uncertainty, through His Son Jesus. God provides eternal protection from those who would threaten and do us harm. Yes, our God is in complete control.

Just look at Isaiah 45 and Revelation 7. Isaiah teaches us that God is in complete control of the events of this world, as He directs everything according to His plan and purpose. It is a plan and purpose ultimately summarized in Revelation 7, where God gives us a heavenly picture of His people gathered around His throne for eternity! (I encourage you to read the chapter, only 17 verses!)

Yes indeed, God is in complete control. Knowing this, and trusting in Him, this Thanksgiving we can, – in the midst of so much going on in the world – say with St. Paul in Philippians 4:4, ***"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."*** Rejoice, because God is in control.

In Christ,
Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



HIS OPPORTUNITIES

Greetings from your main mission, Trinity Lutheran School. We are close to the end of the first quarter. His children here are in the Word every day. New students are being touched daily by the love of Christ. Covid has given us the opportunity to share His love with many new people. The world continues to change daily. Praise God that His Word never changes. His love is constant and endless. We are sharing that comfort with all of the children and their families. During these hard times, we rely on His blessings to guide our way. May He continue to bless and strengthen us in our walk.

– Richard Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School



YOUTH NEWS

We're (almost) officially a quarter of the way through this school year. We've had our first big snow storm. And maybe by the time you read this, we've watched it melt away as the temperatures reach back into the 60s. We've endured and are (finally) nearing the end of this election cycle. Through it all – the passage of time, the changing of seasons, the shift in political powers – we are reminded that one truth will always remain – we have a Savior who lived, died, and rose again

for us. It's that truth that we cling to as we share our congregational mission of "Knowing Christ, and making Him known." In the coming weeks, we have opportunities to take an active role in that mission in multiple ways!



First, from November 3-8, we will be hosting a special guest – Greg Holz, Missionary to Cambodia and founder of Crossing Cambodia. Greg has visited our congregation multiple times to share about their work with street children and

will be providing an update and meeting with people during his visit. Be on the lookout for more detailed and specific information about his visit.

Then, throughout the month of November, we have the privilege to share the love of Jesus with our community through Thanksgiving baskets! This year more than ever, it's our joy to be able to spread the hope that we have by caring for those in our community who are in need. As usual, we will be collecting pantry items through November 20, and the youth will be assembling baskets that night. We also need your help with monetary donations to purchase turkeys and other perishables. And, finally, we are in need of names for families who would benefit from receiving one of these baskets.

Thanksgiving Baskets



As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for all YOU do as we work together with the Holy Spirit to fulfill our mission.

– Cameron Heiliger,
Director of Youth & Parish Education



Thanksgiving Baskets

GIVE THANKS!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

PSALM 107:1

Help the Youth provide Thanksgiving blessings! Trinity's Youth Groups will be assembling and distributing Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need this Thanksgiving holiday.

Please consider partnering with us in three ways:

- 1. Donate staple items for baskets and the church food pantry *now through November 20* – please bring in any of the following items.**
 - Boxed Stuffing, Boxed Dinners
 - Canned Gravy, Gravy Packets, Soup Packets
 - Juice
 - Canned Cranberries, Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, Pumpkin Pie Filling
 - Soup, Broth, Sweetened Condensed Milk, Dry Milk
 - Flour, Sugar, Baking Soda, Baking Powder
 - Cooking Oil/Spray, Rice, Pasta, Potatoes
- 2. Provide monetary donations for the purchase of perishable items (turkeys, Cool Whip, pie crusts, etc.), or commit to bringing a turkey.** Please place monetary donations in a marked envelope and drop them in the offering basket at the back of the sanctuary, or in Cameron Heiliger's mailbox near the church office. If you are interested in helping provide a turkey, please contact Mr. Heiliger to coordinate drop off at church!
- 3. Provide names, addresses and phone numbers of families in need in our congregation, school, and community.**
If you know of an individual or family who would benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving Basket this year, or if you have any other questions, please contact Cameron Heiliger or the church office.

Thank you for being a blessing. We are thankful for you!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Psalm 79</i> <i>ALL SAINTS' DAY</i> <i>MITE BOX SUNDAY</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	2 <i>John 11</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class	3 <i>Revelation 7:2-17</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg 6:30pm Youth Board Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	4 <i>1 John 3:1-3</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm Fire Youth Group 6:30pm 2nd-Year Conf.	5 <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Noon Dismissal at TLS - Conferences</i>	6 <i>John 12</i> <i>No School at TLS - Conferences</i>	7 <i>Psalm 80</i> 8am Church Work Day 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship w/Communion
8 <i>Psalm 81</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9 <i>John 13</i> <i>Pastors' Circuit Meeting</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	10 <i>Amos 5:18-24</i> 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Bd. of Ed. Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	11 <i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 2pm <i>Veterans' Day Assembly at TLS</i> 6:30pm Fire Youth Group 6:30pm 2nd-Year Conf.	12 <i>Matthew 25:1-13</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Parish Planning Council Mtg. 7pm Choir Rehearsal	13 <i>John 14</i>	14 <i>Psalm 82</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
15 <i>Psalm 83</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Class	16 <i>John 15</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm LWML Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	17 <i>Zephaniah 1:7-16</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	18 <i>1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm Fire Youth Group 6:30pm 2nd-Year Conf.	19 <i>Matthew 25:14-30</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	20 <i>John 16</i>	21 <i>Psalm 84</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship w/Communion
22 <i>Psalm 85</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	23 <i>John 17</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class	24 <i>Deuteronomy 8:1-10</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 9am Quilting 9:30-11am Rock of Ages at Home at Tecca's 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	25 <i>1 Timothy 2:1-4</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM <i>7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship</i> <div>No School at TLS - Thanksgiving Break</div>	26 <i>Luke 17:11-19</i> <i>10am Thanksgiving Day Worship</i>	27 <i>John 18</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	28 <i>Psalm 86</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
29 <i>Psalm 87</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	30 <i>John 19</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class	<u>ACOLYTES:</u> Saturday: Sun., 8 am: Sun., 10:30 am: Samuel Reinker Natalie St. John	<u>LAY MINISTERS:</u> Saturday: Sun. 8 am: Sun. 10:30 am: Roger Kesler Mark Wollenburg Ray Smith			CHURCH: 245-3984 SCHOOL: 656-1021 WEBSITE: www.trinitybillings.org
Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						

Financial REPORT

September Finances		
Income		114,811
Expenses		160,412
Net Margin		-45,601
2020-2021 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	183,860	220,690
Total Income	479,831	503,023
Total Expenses	490,423	503,023
Net Margin	-10,592	0
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through Sept.)	\$285,645	
Remaining Needed to Complete	\$39,355	

After the first quarter of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, we are running behind on our general fund offerings and overall revenue. While this is not a surprise given our current circumstances with the pandemic, it is something that we ask you to prayerfully consider helping us address. In the short-term, we are able to utilize our financial reserves to ensure that all of our obligations continue to be met. We currently have about a two-month operating reserve, due largely to the CARES Act funding that we received in May. One of the practical ways that you can help is to sign up for electronic giving through *Simply Giving*. This will ensure that your financial support continues, even when you need to be away. Call the church office if you would like additional information or to sign up.



LWML MEETING
November 16 at 1:00 pm

BAPTISMS

Hunter Jaxon Shaw was born on August 13th and baptized by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on October 3rd. Hunter is the son of Tristyn and Jennifer Shaw.

Palmer Grace Benson was born on July 6th and baptized by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on October 18th. Palmer is the daughter of Rhys and Christina Benson.

FUNERALS

Lola Temme passed away on October 9th. Her funeral was on Friday, October 16th, with Rev. Daniel Keinath presiding.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

HELP US DECORATE THE ALTAR for the Christmas season by ordering your poinsettias now! The cost of each poinsettia is \$10 each, and order forms are available in the narthex. Please complete the order form, place in the envelope provided (along with your cash or check payable to Trinity) and drop in the box that is also located in the narthex. (Please also note on the envelope if you are purchasing your poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. This will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of December 19th & 20th). We will accept orders through December 13th. You may pick up your poinsettias following the Christmas Day worship service. Thank you for helping us decorate the altar during this special season! ~Trinity's Altar Guild

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS!

Joshua Nathaniel Arave
Brooklyn Rene Baker
Kelsey Jae Belcourt
Makenzie Lee Bohnet
Marishka Elizabeth Ellen Henschel
Kyralee Shigeko Jingui
Alison Rose Liwosz
Joelle Kathleen Loomans
Donovan Jason McGraw
Grace Jean Schallenberger
Kyle Scott Winchell
Jade Alexander Yeager

GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR CHRISTIAN WALK!

Special Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All Saints Day and Mite Box Sunday
Daylight Saving Time Ends

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 am

Fall Work Day at the Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

2:00 pm

Veterans Day Assembly at TLS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:30 am

Rock of Ages at Home at Tecca's

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

10:00 am

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service



News

A graphic for Thanksgiving worship. It features a dark background with a border of green evergreen branches, brown pinecones, and autumn leaves. The text is centered and reads: "Give Thanks to the Lord" in large white letters, followed by "Thanksgiving Worship" in smaller white letters, then "Wednesday, Nov. 25, @ 7pm" and "Thursday, Nov. 26, @ 10am" in white letters. Below that, in smaller white letters, is "Same service, two options for worship". At the bottom, in large white letters, is "for He is Good!".

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