



Servant Thoughts

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8, ESV)

A "new normal". Have you heard that phrase used at all the last few months? Chances are you have, or you will. With so much change taking place due to COVID-19 and how it has impacted our day to day lives and with the all the discussion about how this may stretch to the end of this year and possibly into next year without a vaccination available, we are told to get used to this "new normal". So how does this idea sit with you?

Personally, I don't like it much. I'm not wanting to say that this is how life is going to be from now on. But to be honest, we face new realities in our lives all the time. Change is constant and a regular part of our lives all the time. We seem to handle some of it okay, but other things throw us for a loop. An example... a couple watches their children grow up and move out of the house and their new normal is that they are empty nesters. This can be challenging but when the grandkids come along, the change is welcomed with little to no problem. On the other hand, lose a loved one and that change can be so dramatic, that life literally is never the same and it can be a painful reality that impacts every part of one's life from that point on. That "new normal" may not be so welcome.

Amid this change, I take great comfort in the words of Hebrews 13 above. One thing does not change. One thing is certain and sure! Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today, and forever! In these uncertain times, we cling to the one thing that is certain... our faith in Jesus Christ, who's great love for us, never changes. I'm reminded of verse 4 of the hymn, *Abide with Me*,

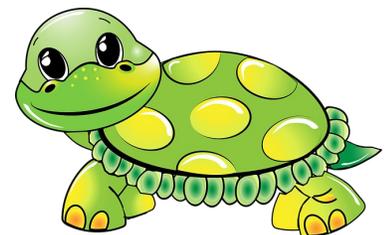
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

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One of the great joys for me is being able to be with you, the people of God in this place and in the congregation, we call Trinity Lutheran. I am excited to begin in person worship, but also know that some may not be ready for that yet. We will still be providing our service online as a recording, as we work to upgrade our computer so we can resume streaming. Please read carefully the letter included in this newsletter regarding our resuming of services.

In the service and love of Jesus,

Hebrews 13:20-21



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Dear Christian Friends,

As I reflect on all that has happened in the past few weeks, I am amazed how this tiny little virus, so small it cannot be seen with the naked eye, has been able to bring so much havoc to the world. I am sure that I am not alone in my amazement. We, who in our own arrogance get the feeling that we are the center of the universe and everything depends on us, are brought to our knees and we realize how insignificant we really are. This morning in our devotion, Jackie and I reflected on verses 5-10 of Ps. 62. I am going to add these verses here for you. Psalm 62:5-10 (ESV)

5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah 9 Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. 10 Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

I think that vs. 9 struck me the most. Rich or poor, important or insignificant, strong or weak, we are all the same, mere bits of dust amounting to nothing when put on a scale. Then it takes a tiny virus to come and drive that point home. We are helpless.

All this brings new meaning to that old, old hymn, "How Great Thou Art." As we realize how insignificant we really are, we begin to see just how great God's love for us really is. Why would he send His Son to suffer and die for all the sins of this world, much less for my sins? It comes down to this and this only, He loves us and He only asks us to trust Him. O Lord have mercy on us. Amen

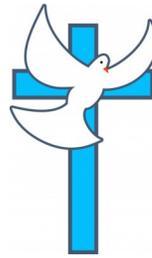
God's peace be with you,

Pastor Bill





A decision on an LWML meeting in June will be decided the week of June 10th depending upon the forecast and restrictions at the time. We will use a telephone tree to update the members on any changes. Trinity LWML President Barb Batie



LUTHERAN HOUR– KRVN(880 AM)
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

◆ **June 7**

"An Undeserved Salute"
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series Sermon on the Mount
(Matthew 5:1-16)

◆ **June 14**

"What You're Getting Into"
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series Sermon on the Mount
(Matthew 5)

◆ **June 21**
"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series Sermon on the Mount
(Matthew 5)

◆ **June 28**
"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series Sermon on the Mount
(Matthew 5)



◆ Offerings

◆ A reminder that during this time, we still have bills that need to be paid, so if you are able to continue supporting Trinity's ministry it would be greatly appreciated. You can drop offerings at the church, send them in the mail or give online at the church website. Thank you.



◆ Dear members of LWML and our Trinity LWML supporters, Because our LWML will be unable to meet in June, our Nebraska South District and national LWML organizations are facing steep drops in their mite giving, jeopardizing their abilities to reach goals for much-needed grants to worthy projects. We at Trinity would like to do our part to keep sending support on a monthly basis, so in lieu of bringing mites to a meeting during these months, I encourage members and anyone else in the congregation who would like to bring their mites to the church during office hours and deposit them in the big mite box that will be in the social hall. Or mail some paper "coins" or a check made out to Trinity Lutheran with "LWML Mites" in the subject line to Barb Graham, 117 Lakeview Acres Drive, Elwood, NE 68937. Barb will tally those gifts and keep sending them each month to our district to further the Lord's work.



THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Lucas Horn, Randy Kwiatkowski, Jason Murray, Dylan Samway, Jennifer Coryell, Perry Pierce, Andy Howard, Chris Licking, John C. Moore, Ben Wichelt, Devin Hueftle, Nic Van Cura, Tyler Schukar.



Prayers for Health & Healing,

Barb Horn, Jackie Rowan, John Jordening, Kimmy Sheen, Elaine Cantrell, Keith Swartz, Dottie Phillippi, Rod Holtz, Pauline Thornburg, Bob Anderson, Linda Fees, Tom Phillips, Sharon Jeffrey, Ted Boom, Penny Post, Dale Swartz, Karol O'nele, Kim Rice, Keiley Stoterau, Henry Lucas, Murl Tiede, Meghan Stapleton, Jon Buhlmann, Eileen Woltemath, Lori Anderson, Karen Sappingfield, Charlotte Renner, Christie Bevington, Logan Pelster, Cathy Petersen, Marilyn Bock, Eileen Holbrook, Alan Kruetzer, Glenda Huff, Bob Seacrest, Berlene Kinslow, Geraldine Gutierrez, Eleanor Schwank, Pat Meyer, Lois Lee, Larry Hidy, Ann Blackmore, Verne Riege, Lynn Friesen, Tim Davis, Joanie Hoos, Skip Kinslow



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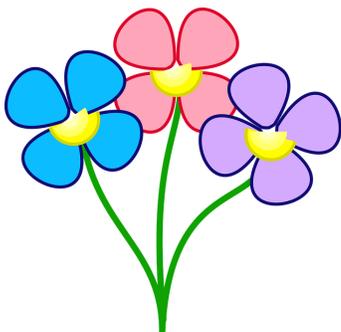
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- Donald Batie, 06-04
- Joel Ringenberg, 06-04
- Milford Naprstek, 06-07
- Kelly Kopf, 06-07
- Jacob Harvey, 06-07
- Dau Mach, 06-07
- Jackie Rowan, 06-09
- Ben Horn, 06-10
- Martha Dory, 06-10
- Riley George, 06-15
- Marcia George, 06-16
- Lon Johnson, 06-19
- Mary Ann Kerr, 06-19
- Ann Young, 06-25
- Randall Kwiatkowski, 06-25
- Ron Lau, 06-26
- Monica Kug, 06-29
- Megan Kuefner, 06-29

- Lon and Ann Johnson, 06-01
- Roger and Debra Wells, 06-04
- John and Genice Jordening, 06-06
- Charles and Sandra (Feist) Watkinson, 06-08
- Rick and Pamela Trampe, 06-10
- Larry and Phyllis Hauptmeier, 06-11
- James and Marilyn Hersh, 06-11
- Lynn and Marilyn Hueftle, 06-11
- Rick and Tammy Wescott, 06-12
- Charles and Maydelle Messerschmidt, 06-16
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- Dale and Cinda Hladky, 06-18
- Andrew and Francine Stieb, 06-22
- Robert and Sandra Anderson, 06-23
- Quentin and Jessica Dailey, 06-23
- Chris Licking and Ami Licking, C, 06-25
- Joel and Stephanie Ringenberg, 06-25
- Duane and Jan Phillippi, 06-29
- Herbert and Evelyn Ringenberg, 06-29
- Craig and Terri Uden, 06-29



♦ Our Anniversary and Birthday list is generated by information in the computer. If there is a mistake or we missed something, please let us know in the office. Thank you!