

Trinity Lutheran Church

“Sharing the Caring Christ with All People”

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 30, 2015

8:00 & 10:30a.m.

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

WELCOME!

We pray that your time in worship will encourage
and strengthen you!

We share the greatest hope through the one
who loves you most – Jesus Christ!

Preacher	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Harvey Ehlers
Liturgist	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Paul Cloeter
Organist	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Soundboard	8:00am		Mona Wigen & Neal Hanson
		10:30am	Jeff Zimmer
Lector	8:00am		Cindy Clitty
		10:30am	Christine Miller
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Jaden Evenson, Krystene Wiese
		10:30am	Kelsey Kulow, Ashlyn Frey
Altar Guild			Betty Hiltel, Shirley Eisenlohr
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone -2	Craig Cooper
	10:30am	Zone -3	Sue Kulzer
Greeters	8:00am	Zone - 2	Diane Gooch, Donna Esselman
	10:30am	Zone - 3	Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
Ushers	8:00am	Zone - 2	Dave & Bev Grose, John Sprengeler, Ken Knafle, Jim & Carol Truenow
	10:30am	Zone - 3	Wayne Smolnik, Loren Tvrdik, Fred Joesting, John Heintze, Chuck Hoese, Jon Roesch

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AS WE GATHER Ask people who are on their feet a lot for work, and they will tell you, “Good shoes are of utmost importance!” Nurses, teachers, mechanics, to name a few, all will likely say, “Never trust a cheap pair of shoes.” As we gather today, we stand to receive God’s grace in Word and Sacrament. Jesus comes, yet again, to clothe us in His righteousness and outfit us in the whole armor of God. The One who gives us peace with God through the forgiveness of sins puts His own footwear upon us. These are no cheap shoes! Purchased and won by the precious blood of Christ, the gospel of peace makes us ready to share boldly with others what we have first received.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Be Strong in the Lord” *(see video screens)*

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We put on the full armor of God.

C: We take our stand against the devil’s schemes.

P: We stand on our feet.

C: We are ready to receive the gospel of peace.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases! His mercies never come to an end!

C: They are new every morning! Great is His faithfulness!

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Merciful God, Your commands give true wisdom and understanding, but we have not kept in step with them. We have sinned against You in our thinking, our speaking, and our doing. Our hands and feet have done what You forbid, and they have not done what You desire. By the mercy You show us in the cross of

Jesus, cleanse and renew us today. Forgive our sins and strengthen our trust in You, that we may be on our feet to do Your will. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: and cleanse me from my sin!

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from your presence,

C: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: and cleanse me from my sin!

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray ... O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB 707

EPISTLE: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for



which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:14-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'" After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.") He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

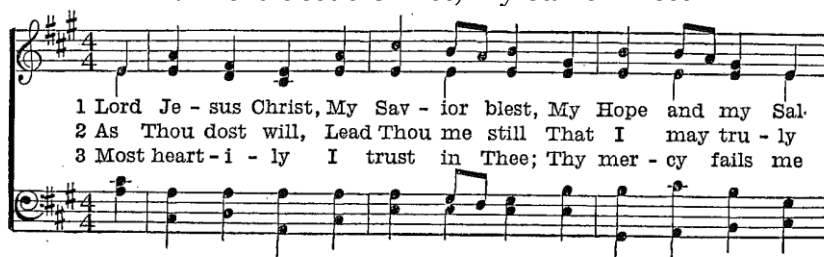
APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: "Fight the Good Fight" LSB 664

SERMON: “Imperatives for Christians” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest”



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, My Sav - ior blest, My Hope and my Sal -
2 As Thou dost will, Lead Thou me still That I may tru - ly
3 Most heart - i - ly I trust in Thee; Thy mer - cy fails me



va - tion! I trust in Thee; De - liv - er me From
serve Thee, My God, I pray, Teach me Thy way, To
nev - er. Dear Lord, a - bide; My Help - er tried, Thou



mis - er - y; Thy Word's my con - so - la - tion.
my last day In Thy true faith pre - serve me.
Cru - ci - fied, From e - vil keep me ev - er. A - men.

4. I have Thy Word, Christ Jesus, Lord; Thou never wilt forsake me.
This will I please, in time of need. Oh, help with speed when troubles overtake me!
5. Grant, Lord, I pray, Thy grace each day, that I, Thy law revering,
May live with Thee and happy be, eternally, before Thy throne appearing.

OFFERING

(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew.)

Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
LSB 660



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR August 30, 2015

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY Worship Z2 8:00am
 Bible Study 9:15am
 Youth Bible Study 9:15am
 Worship Z3 10:30am
 Anyuak Worship 12:00pm

MONDAY Worship Z4 6:00pm
 Narcotics Anonymous 6:45pm

TUESDAY Friends in Harmony 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY Men's Bible Study @ GS 7:00am
 Finance Team Meeting 8:30am
 HS Youth Night 6:00pm

THURSDAY Sewing Guild 9:00am

FRIDAY Parish Workers 9:00am

SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am
 Traditional Music Rehearsal 6:45pm



IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Worship Z5 (HC)
 9:15am Bible Study
 9:15am Youth Study
 10:30am Worship Z1
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

Scripture Lessons:

*Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-18
 Mark 7:31-37*

Church Office Hours:


M-F 8:30am-2:30pm
 Open during the noon hour.

Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
8/23/15	8:00am	122	General Fund Offerings	\$11,449.00
8/23/15	10:30am	199	Building Debt Offerings	\$544.00
8/24/15	6:00pm	19	Total	\$11,993.00
	TOTAL	340		
<u>Missions</u>				
Missions this Week		\$142.00	<u>Weekly Budget Needs</u>	\$11,371.00
Received to-date		\$19,540.27		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		



Lifetouch Pictorial Directory Program The sign-up process has begun! The table is set up the narthex, so sign up **TODAY**. Or just go to Trinity's website to select a sitting time that works for you. You can call the church office if you need assistance. It is easy to do, and will only take a moment to get your family on the schedule. www.trinitysr.org and click on the Lifetouch link. Everyone who makes an appointment online will receive a coupon for \$10 off your order.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Donna Esselman in thanksgiving for 60 years of ministry for Pastor Marvin Blaske and in memory of his dear wife, Louise.  We thank her for making today's broadcast possible. **We have sponsorship openings in January and February.** If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.



ChristCare Groups are Involved in 4 Activities

Christian Community and Care - Warm relationships among group members help create a place to share joys, sorrows, and faith.

Prayer and Worship - ChristCare Groups offer themselves to God, join themselves to God's purposes, and receive God's power. They ask God's help for one another and for needs outside the group.

Biblical Equipping - It is a focused way for ChristCare Group members to encounter the Bible and grow as Jesus' disciples.

Missional Service - ChristCare Groups typically do some kind of missional service. Groups may serve God by meeting various congregational or community needs.

Our church has six ChristCare groups and if you'd like to learn more about ChristCare Small Group Ministry contact one of our ChristCare Equippers: Connie Mooney, 563-508-1295, Cooney.connie77@gmail.com or Craig Cooper, 237-5507, dco@trinitysr.org.

Thank you to Don Zwick for the generous donation of funds to equip the office for Pastor Dave, including furniture, computers for the offices and a refrigerator for altar flower arrangements. A big thanks also to all who pitched in to move the old furniture out, paint, clean and spruce up the areas in the office, Joanne Wilke, Dawn Larson, Mark Helgeson, Ken Knafla, and Bonnie Meemken.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Our servers for September are Trinity Youth. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "R" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

LCEF Shared Blessings We did it! We reached the first level with 87 investors. Put up the check mark! We now have \$440 in rebates each month. On to the next level. See Lori Wendt at the LCEF table in the narthex for more information. We need 50 more applications to reach the next level! Sign up today!

Do you have kids or grandkids? An anonymous donor gave \$25 per child to help open up a LCEF Young Investor account. The child must be 12 years old or younger and you must keep the money in the account for a minimum of 5 years. If you are interested fill out the appropriate application and write your own check for \$25 (or more if you wish). Then turn the application and check into Lori Wendt or the church office. The Finance Team will then reimburse you \$25 and send in the application for you.

Counters Needed If you would be interested in helping with the offering counting process each Monday morning, please contact Jan Lembeck at 320-259-9562 or Dawn Larson at 320-250-6097.



Do you have a special occasion coming up? Provide flowers for worship on Sunday. *Pick up a form in the church office today!*

Know a family, team, organization, charity and want to raise \$\$ for them?

Then come, shop home-based businesses on September 11, from 7 to 9:30pm at the Blue Line in Sartell. The vendors will be consolidating their \$\$ for the evening's sales to gift to the group/cause with the most event attendees! Agenda is as follows: 7:00 to 8:00 - Shopping 8:00 - Intro. of "causes" 8:30 to 9:00 - Shopping 9:11 - Announcement of recipient. Lots of Vendors. See you there!

Family Fun Fest Sunday, September 13th, 11:30 -1:30 - Picnic food provided, Hot Dogs, Chips, Lemonade, Watermelon, kids games, Sunday School Sign-up. The mission of the Family Life Team is to reach out to families as a resource, encouraging deeper relationships within families, foster and nurture Christ-centered families, and rally these families as a community for the service of God.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS - On Sunday, October 11, 2015, Trinity will host a cake and ice cream social to honor and appreciate all of the years of service Pastor Harvey has given to the ministry, specifically to Trinity. Please watch your bulletins for more information to follow!

Would you be interested in learning to run the sound board and screens during Sunday worship? It's fun and easy. Just call the office at 320-252-3670 and arrange to be on the schedule. Thank you in advance!!

Garden Update A group of Girl Scouts have been collaborating with the Trinity MSYG on a garden project since this spring. It is harvest time! Produce from the garden is being donated to the Salvation Army in St. Cloud. The group is also reaching out to others who may have garden abundance they are willing to pass on to those in need. There will be a box in the narthex to collect items. They will pick the items up on ***September 6 & 13*** and deliver them to the Salvation Army. Jaden and Haley Evenson have been working on this project. Thank you for your generosity!

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a “time out,” please feel free to leave the service.

If you leave the service you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the 10:30am worship service the **nursery is also available for 0-3 years old**. It is not staffed but you are welcome to stay in the room with your child. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the Preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service.

Activity bags for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE OFFER THESE AND OTHER SERVICES:

Large Print Editions of our bulletins are available from our ushers by request.

If you need further information, ask any usher or church member. Also be sure to stop by the Information Desk in the lobby. Your needs are important to us!

Bible Study for Adults on Sundays: we start at 9:15am in the fellowship hall.

Coffee & Fellowship – after the 8:00am service, come by the kitchen, have a cookie, coffee and time for fellowship. Come and meet old friends and make new friends!