

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**Members**

Steve Anderson
 Larry Apel
 Donna Berg
 Margaret Braun
 Ken & Carol Carling & families as they mourn the loss of Michael Nitti
 Jim Dery
 Susan Deyle
 Katey Donais
 Helen Durant
 Bud & Marlene Foss
 Marlys Hanson
 Emilee Johnson
 Phil Knapp
 Bruce Lacher
 Chellis Matz
 Craig McCarney
 Jean Miller
 Emily Nelson
 Jake Nord
 Dave Pederson
 Bev Reed
 Warren Reed
 Dina Scandinato
 Mike Scepurek
 Cindy Schmatz
 Carol Skare
 Matt Skarohlid
 Brenda Smith
 Eric Strandberg
 Don Tessmer
 Joyce Tessmer
 Nathan Thimmesch
 Carol Warner
 Chuck Warner
 Barb Wicktor
 Russ Wicktor
 Dean Winslow
 Ginny Winslow
 Gwen Zimmerman

Family Members & Friends

Peter Berry (Mary Berry's son)
 Marian Biere (Cindy Schmatz' sister)
 Diane Boser (Friend of Dan & Jean Anderson)
 Gerald Boser (Friend of Deann Kampa)
 Jean Carlson (Chuck Warner's sister)
 Nancy Caven (Mary Newton's daughter)
 Caitlin Christenson (Kenny & Joy Christenson's daughter in-law)
 Floyd Deuel (Ladonna Olson's brother/Ken & Carol Carling's brother-in-law)
 Kendall Dyson (June Kunkel's nephew)
 Nancy Ellis (Jean Anderson's sister)
 Rachel Fadden(friend of Ron & Judy Peterson)
 Jan Gale's daughter Jamie
 Marian Grow (LaDonna Olson's sister)
 Laurie, Megan & Amanda Hancer
 Dale Kannegiesser (Elaine Storck's friend)
 Carol Kint (Ron Peterson/Jan Dery's sister)
 Cameron Kottke (friend of Meri Pedersen and family)
 Janet Kruetter (Joy Christenson's sister)
 Julie Lang (friend of Dan & Jean Anderson)
 Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew)
 Ted Lundgren (Debi Pederson's brother)

Janice Lueck (Jeff Lueck/ Patti Westling's mom)
 Elaine Miller (Friend of Sally McCarney)
 Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scepurek's grandmother)
 Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother)
 Leo Overson (Elaine Storck's brother)
 Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad)
 Tracy Pidde(Princeton 3rd grade teacher)
 Joel Pike (friend of the congregation)
 Todd Riba (Russ & Barb Wicktor's son-in-law)
 Rob Savage (Friend of the Keller family)
 Robin Schmidt (Jan Gerth's daughter)
 Andy Struthers (Maria Barlage's brother)
 Patty Thul's Sister Sheri
 Stacy Turner (Marlowe & Jean Miller's daughter)
 Scott Wallin (Char Kramersmeier's son)
 Ronda Wetzel (daughter of Andrea & Ron Sandusky)

Serving in the Military

Andrew Anderson
 Mitchell Anderson
 Andrew Barthel
 Claire Barthel
 Jacob Benver
 Brady Beauchamp
 Eden Betzler
 Riley Broding
 Austin Diedrich
 Ronald Duresky
 Riley Forland
 Derek Hanson
 Anthony Mandt
 Zachary Morisset
 Ben Noard
 Hunter Pedersen
 Mike Tolerico

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Randy Pearson
 Maliyah Warren
 (Jennie Ruth's grand daughter)

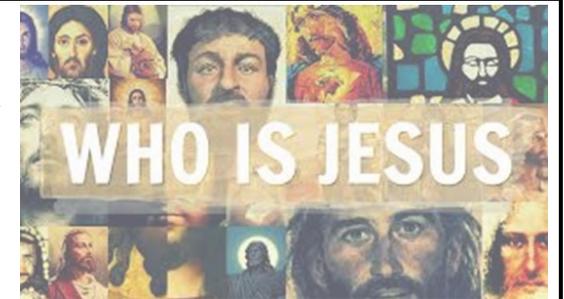
Finances through June 2019

Income \$194,846
 Expenses \$218,385
 Difference -\$23,539

Sunday, August 4th, 2019
8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY: WHO IS JESUS: Kicking in the Door

—Someone once wrote, "Christianity is not a religion. Religion is humans trying to work their way to God. Christianity is GOD coming to human beings through a relationship with Jesus Christ." There is a beautiful artistic interpretation of this in a sculptured crucifix that stands in the middle of



Northwestern Chapel on the Luther Seminary campus in St. Paul. There hangs the suffering Christ on a cross made of ladders. And yet those ladders, if one were to try to climb them up to Jesus, never reach the top. There it is. If we were to think about the adventure of God revealed in Jesus, the problem God sought to solve was not going to be solved by religion. The problem Jesus encountered with the religious authorities of his day was not going to be countered with more religion, more ladders, and more human futility to perfect themselves before God. Instead, what Jesus did was kick down the barrier that religion established between creation and God. We are thus invited to relationship with God, not through dead religious rituals and our own supposed perfection, but through our relationship and broken embodiment with Jesus.

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PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their own baptisms.

P We gather as the fallen and redeemed children of God, baptized in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P When asked, which is the greatest commandment of them all, Jesus replied,

C “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your strength, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

P And he said, “Another commandment is just like it.”

C “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

P “On these two, hang the entirety of Scripture” (Matt. 22:35-40). Thus we pause in silence to confess our sin.

Silence is kept for silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of Love,

C Forgive us. Make us new. And allow our love for you to be directed to all. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

P Hear, believe, and live this good news: because of Jesus and his perfect life of love and devotion to God and to the neighbor, our sins both of commission and omission, have been forgiven. We are washed clean, and we are promised to be filled with the Holy Spirit, that Jesus’ life and love will overflow our lives into the lives of others, in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN | #816 “COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY”**

*** GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. (*Silence is kept to gather all for prayer.*) Lord,

C As Jesus drew his last breath and the curtain of the temple was torn in two, religious rules that regulated human behavior and belief lost all power to draw us in. When we are tempted to require certainty as the price of admission, remind us that something greater than the temple is here, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

I believe that to this day, Jesus stands as a high priest between me and God the Father, not demanding sacrifice in order to please God, but instead through grace, mercy, and love, freely offering God’s promises to me and to all.

I believe that these promises are given to me and to all, not through my obedient religion but through faith in the perfection of Jesus himself, a perfection made of love for God with his whole heart, soul, strength, and mind and love for other human beings, even over himself.

Amen.

*** HYMN OF THE DAY | #715 “CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT”**

*** PRAYERS—P** Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC | “RIVER OF GRACE”

TRINITY SINGERS

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. (*Silence is kept to gather the congregation.*)

Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** HOLY COMMUNION**

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION—***“In the night in which he was betrayed...”*

*** THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.

*** DISTRIBUTION SONGS | TRINITY SINGERS/CONGREGATION, #815, 732, 781**

“HYMN OF THANKSGIVING”

REFRAIN (ALL)

I thank you, Lord. I thank you, Lord. I

thank you for hear-ing my hum-ble prayer.

Word of God. Words of life.

C Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL--Matthew 12:1-6 and 27:45-51a

R The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, selections from chapters 12 and 27.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

R At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them.

²When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath."

³He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests (1 Samuel 21).

⁵Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? (Lev. 24:5, 9).

⁶I tell you that something greater than the temple is here."

27 ...[Fast forward to Jesus' crucifixion:] ⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

⁵⁰And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

R This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS TIME—CHAR KRAMERSMEIER

SERMON—PASTOR RALPH

C I believe Jesus is the very imprint of God's power, revealed in human flesh and blood, the window into God's heart, mind, and essence.

I believe Jesus came to fully identify with us human beings, suffering even unto death, as all human beings do. And yet, I believe Jesus also came to pioneer the way to everlasting life for me and for all, for truly he was raised from the dead through the power of God the Father.

THE WORD

FIRST READING—Hebrews 9:1-14

R The first reading comes from the New Testament book of Hebrews, the 9th chapter, verses 1 through 14.

This morning Hebrews gives us a tour of the Tabernacle, or Tent of Meeting, in which the Children of Israel worshiped prior to the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem. The "first covenant" of which the writer speaks is the covenant God made with Moses and the Children of Israel at Mt. Sinai, beginning with the Ten Commandments and including, so Israel believed, all of the specifics of ritual and religion detailed in Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Their end of the covenant was obedience according to the Law.

Included in the tour of the Tabernacle is the room where it was believed God himself actually sat, "the Most Holy Place," where no human dared to enter. The only approach was through fearful obedience and perfect religious ritual.

Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. ²A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. ³Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place,⁴ which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. ⁵Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

⁶When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. ⁷But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. ⁸The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning.⁹ This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. ¹⁰They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

¹¹But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹²He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

*** COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen your faith and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C Amen.

*** COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Grant, O Lord Jesus, that the ears which have heard the voice of your songs may be closed to the voice of dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth in love; that the feet which have walked in your courts may also now daily walk guided by your light; and that the bodies that have received your living body may be restored and sustained in newness of life. Glory to you for your inexpressible gift; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN | #785 "WHEN PEACE LIKE RIVER"**

*** BAPTISMAL BLESSING**

P You are the baptized people of God, the living, breathing body of Christ on earth, in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord by serving people! **C Thanks be to God!**

Worship Assistants			
Purser:	Jim Beck	Coffee Hour:	Char Kramersmeier
Piano/Organ:	Harry Walsh	Ushers:	Jay, Beth & Skyler Gunderson
Special Music:	Trinity Singers	Readers:	Gene Reiersen
Table Setter:	Kenny Neumann	Offering Counters:	Don Tessmer/Tammy Donner
Sound:	Ron Struffert	Acolyte:	Needed
Greeters:	Chad & Jessica Miller	Altar Flowers:	Bob Minks—In Memory of Neota on their anniversary

Announcements

Sunday Singers

We will be getting together **Sunday, August 11th and Sunday, August 18th** following worship. Meet in the Choir room and we will practice in the sanctuary if available. Hope to see you there—even if you didn't make the first meeting! All are welcome!

400 School Kits for Lutheran World Relief—God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 8

Help us reach our goal by donating the following supplies:

- Notebooks (70 or 80 count)
- Blunt (children's) scissors
- New #2 pencils with erasers (not sharpened)
- Eraser—2 1/2" long
- Blue or Black Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink)
- New crayons (box of 24 only)
- 12" Ruler with inches and centimeters

Please keep in mind, we need ONLY the sizes and amounts listed for standard packing purposes. Donations can be placed in the WWW box under the bulletin board in the narthex. Questions contact Diane Hamann 763-662-2797. Thank you for your help!

Men's Breakfast—Thursday, August 8 @ 6:30

We'll be taking a little break from our Revelation study until next fall. We'll have some check-in time with each other; have a brief devotion and start our day with prayer.

Come join us at K-Bob before you start your day!!

TRINITY CALENDAR

**events at Trinity Crossing*

Sunday, August 4

9am Worship
10am Fellowship

Monday, August 5

8am WWW*
4:30pm Weight Watchers

Tuesday, August 6

11:30am Staff Mtg
1pm PCT Meal Planning *
7pm Scouts Popcorn Kick Off *

Wednesday, August 7

Bulletin Deadline
9am TOPS

Thursday, August 8

Rum River Trip
6:30am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, August 11

9am Worship
10am Fellowship

Monday, August 12

8am WWW*
4:30pm Weight Watchers
6pm Fellowship Mtg

6pm Finance Mtg

6pm Property Mtg

6pm Worship & Music Mtg

7pm Council Mtg

Tuesday, August 13

11:30am Staff Mtg

12pm Princeton Area ELCA Pastors Mtg

Wednesday, August 14

Bulletin Deadline

9am TOPS

Thursday, August 15

11am Red Cross Blood Drive *