

***Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
of South Newstead
August 17th, 2025
10th Week after Pentecost***



The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –
ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG: How Firm a Foundation– Green Book: 507

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis-mayed,
3 "When through fi-ery tri-als your path-way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life-time my peo-ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in his ex-cel-lent word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all-suf-fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply;
my sov-'reign, e-ter-nal, un-change-a-ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem-ples a-dorn,

who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?
up-held by my righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand."
your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo-som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, early American

GREETING:

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

L: You are treasured people of the Lord,

ALL: a people holy to the Lord our God.

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children

ALL: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L: One does not live by bread alone,

ALL: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG:

Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;

just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.

Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?

Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One. All

na-tions will draw near and wor-ship be-fore you,

for your just and ho-ly works have been re-vealed.

Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray, Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

L: ²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 82

L: ¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**ALL: ² “How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”**

L: ³ Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**ALL: ⁴ rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**ALL: ⁶ Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

L: ⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’ ”

**ALL: ⁸ Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

L: ²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL: 12:49-56

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: [Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

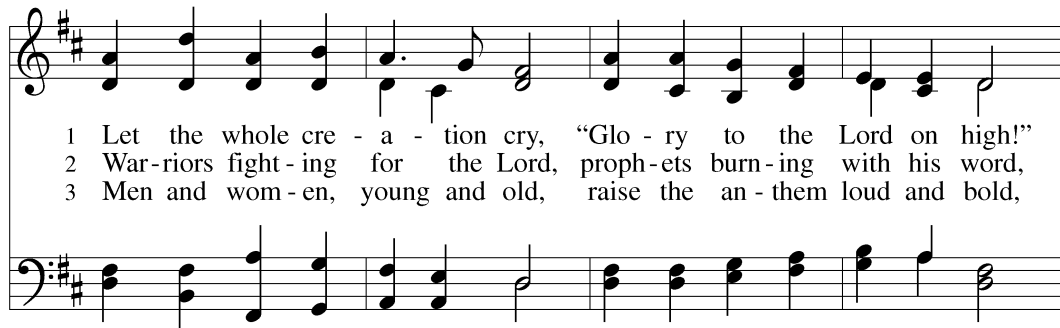
Please be seated

CHILDREN’S BACKPACK CHALLENGE - SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

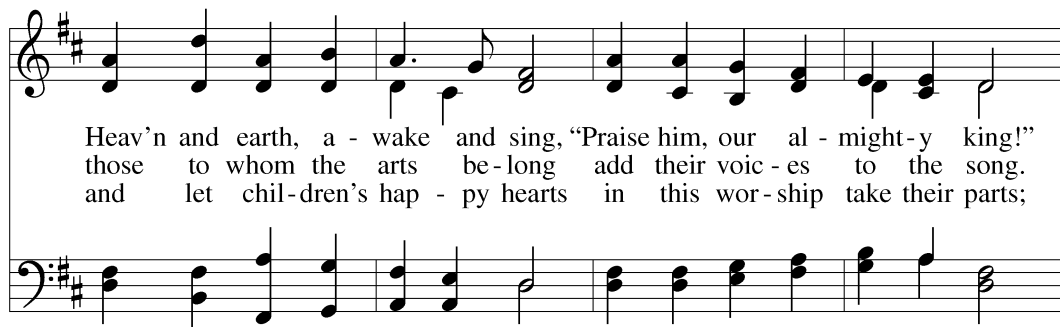
HYMN OF THE DAY: Let the Whole Creation Cry

Green Book: 242 *Please stand as you are able*

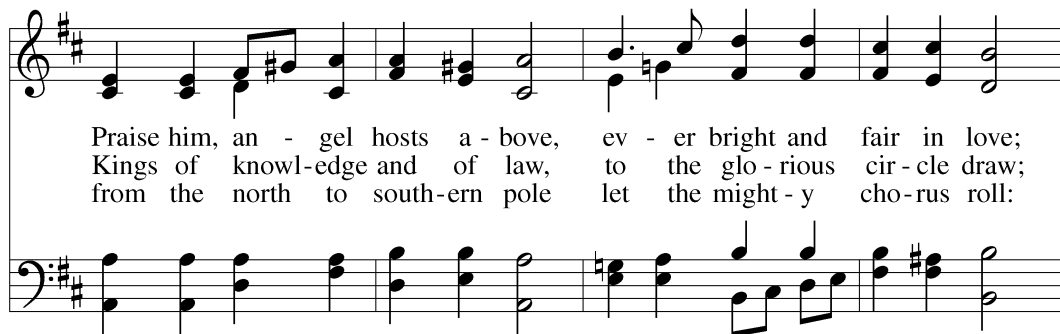
Let the Whole Creation Cry



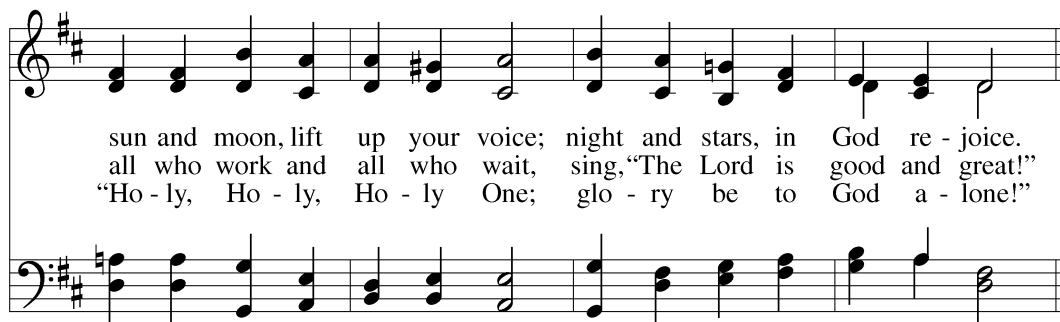
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 War-riors fight - ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn - ing with his word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil-dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Kings of knowl-edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south-ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.; arr. J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

ALL: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

ALL: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

ALL: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

ALL: Everything old has been passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

A moment for silent prayer.

Gracious God,

ALL: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

*You are invited to greet your neighbors
with a sign of Christ's peace.*

Please be seated

OFFERING



SCAN ME

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

L: Let us pray together. God, our Creator,

ALL: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries (*missionaries sponsored by this congregation may be named*) with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: Safeguard rivers and lakes (*local water sources may be named*) from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers (*local elected officials may be named*) who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound (*especially*). Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: And knowing that you hear our needs that are too deep for words to express, we share those needs with you now in this time of silent prayer.

A moment for silent prayer...

L: Hear us O God,

ALL: Your Mercy is Great

L: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **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.**

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the


sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: Come, Let Us Eat

To be sung during the distribution of communion


Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All




come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
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 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
 rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.
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COMMUNION HYMN – *if needed*
 – *shout out your favorite hymn!*
Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray together. Mothering God,
ALL: you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

L: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **ALL: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: God, When Human Bonds are Broken – Blue Book: 735

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing, all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live by the Spirit. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God’s call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Hold in Prayer:

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call Prayer Chain, please contact Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

Dale Kruschke – diagnosis and healing

Ray Francis – healing

David Kennedy - strength

The Family and Friends of:

Jurgen Arndt

Weekly:

Sunday worship at 9:30

Food Pantry:

First Monday of the Month: Food Pantry setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: Food Pantry distribution @ 8am

Counters: August: Jane, September: Jennifer, October: Glenn

Council: September 9th @ 7pm

Office Info:

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

***Pastor will be out of the office Tues 8/19, then Mon 8/25-Wed 27th.*

Tracy: Call, text or email any time.

August: 20, 26 – all 9:30-2:30

Upcoming

Thursday 8/21: Bible Study 10 am at Zion, Gasport

Thursday 8/21 6-7:30 pm: Summer Campfire

Thursday 8/28 @10am: Bible Study at St. John's, Lyndonville

Sunday 9/7: Rally Day for Sunday School! 10:45am

Thursday 9/1 @10am: Bible Study at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran

Thursday 9/11 @10am: Bible Study at Trinity Ev. Lutheran on Wolcottsville Rd.

Thursday 9/18 @10am: Bible Study at Zion Lutheran in Gasport

Thursday 9/25 @10am: Bible Study at St. Johns in Lyndonville

Saturday 9/27: ***Please note the date change: October 11th: Chowder Sale*

Tree of Giving Update

Thank you to everyone who's already taken an ornament and donated! We are doing well! Bring items through 9/7.

We are now fully stocked on tissues, glue sticks, binder clips, blue printer paper, regular sharpies, batteries, and we're doing well on toilet paper (though can one ever have enough toilet paper?)

Things we're still looking for which are of higher importance:

- We have one doorbell, but two would be ideal
- Rolls of tape for tape dispensers
- ~~Chowder containers~~ Thank you!
- Paper towels

Bible Study

Trinity's Bible Study has merged in with the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study! Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith. We are reading the book of 2 Samuel if you want to do some reading to get ready.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches. Trinity will get into the rotation in the fall. Our August locations and dates are:

- August 21: Zion Lutheran Church, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport
- August 28: St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville
- September 4th: St. Peter in Medina, 1355 West Ave, Medina
- September 11th: Trinity Lutheran, 6369 Wolcottsville Rd, Akron

- September 18th: Zion Lutheran, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport
- September 25th: St. Johns, St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville

Bible Orders

We will be placing an order for the new Lutheran Study Bibles that were just released. It's a new translation with introductions, notes, and articles written by more than seventy Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians. It includes solid background material, unique Lutheran insights and questions for reflection and discussion.

There are four types of study notes: 1. The World of the Bible notes which explore the historical, cultural and geographic background of a passage. 2. Biblical Concepts describe key words or themes in scripture. 3. Lutheran Perspectives highlight Lutheran theological insights and catechetical connections. 4. Faith Reflections encourage personal reflection as well as discussion with others. Bibles will be \$40, and orders are due on August 31st.

Sunday School Returns

Sunday School will be back before you know it - Starting **September 7th** from 10:45-11:30. Join us for a day of FUN! New this year: We will have TWO classes - one for elementary kiddos and one for Junior high for more advanced studies. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Old Church Ornament Orders

Orders for your ornaments will be **due by September 7th**, please. Put them in the offering plate, thanks!

WI-FI: To access our community wifi, go to 'Trinity Guest' on your device, and then when prompted, enter the password:
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