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Book of Concord

Part 5: **The Smalcald Articles II**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The last article in this series focused on the events and politics surrounding the writing and acceptance of *The Smalcald Articles*. This article will focus on the actual contents of this important work. In three parts Luther discusses the Trinity and Two Natures of Jesus, the Gospel and its abuse in the church, and then outlines the major articles of the faith.

Part I

The first part, entitled *The Divine Majesty* is the briefest of the three. It reiterates the teachings on God as Triune, God as creator, Christ and the Holy Spirit as eternal and uncreated, Christ as being fully God and fully man, and the facts of Christ's conception by the Holy Spirit, birth through the Virgin Mary, His suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and His imminent return in judgment and glory. Since these facts, as elucidated in the Historic creeds, had never been in dispute but were agreed upon between the Lutheran Reformers and the Papists, there was no need to make a significant argument for their existence. At the same time, these doctrines of the Trinity and Christ are so important that they must never go without saying. Thus, Luther includes them at the very beginning of his writing. As with *The Augsburg Confession*, in any dispute it is always helpful to establish points of agreement so that there is common ground from which to argue on points of dispute.

Part II

It is in the second part of *The Smalcald Articles* that Luther begins to address the disputes between The Papists and The Reformers. The title of this part simply summarize the contents; *The Articles That Refer to the Office and Work of Jesus Christ; That Is, Our Redemption*. In the first article of Part II, entitled *The Divine Majesty*, Luther summarizes what it means according to Scripture that Christ is fully God and fully man, and what it means that he died, rose, ascended, etc. for us. While there was full agreement the contents of the historic creeds, there was much dispute concerning what those contents mean. This article served to argue very strongly for the position of The Reformers over and against that of The Papists. Luther here argues very strongly in favor of the Scriptural position that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. He also emphasizes that under no circumstances could this article of faith be altered or surrendered. How we are

justified in Christ is the doctrine on which everything else taught by the Church stands or falls.

The second article is on *The Mass*, which Luther calls the papacy's "greatest and most horrible abomination." His harsh words here are not specifically against the term itself. Luther himself uses *Mass* in reference to the service celebrated by the Evangelicals (those congregations who went with The Reformation), and the 24th Article in both *The Augsburg Confession* and *The Apology* emphasize that The Reformers "do not abolish the Mass" but that they preserve and defend its use. That said, while one may occasionally find Lutherans still using the term *Mass* even today, most Lutherans have taken to using the term "Divine Service," from the German word *Gottesdienst*. This term is preferred by Lutherans for its emphasis on God serving His people in the worship service.

In the article itself, Luther decries the fact that The Mass had become steeped in "popish idolatry." The Roman church's theology taught that the act of The Mass itself was what justified someone (and even could remove time from purgatory for those for whom a mass was celebrated) instead of The Mass being a vehicle through which God served His people, pouring forth His grace and mercy in Word and Sacrament. This was an important distinction as the Roman church's view of The Mass was human centered, while The Reformers' teaching concerning The Mass (The Divine Service) centered itself on God's work for us. In fact, Luther went so far as to say that it would be better to abandon the mass altogether than celebrate it in the human centered way practiced by The Papists. Some of the specific practices that were troubling were the purchase of masses through which one could have time taken off of the purgatory of a departed loved one, the celebration of private masses (where the priest only is present and the only one to receive the Sacrament), pilgrimages to certain holy places (such as Rome or Jerusalem) in conjunction with participation in a mass, the veneration of relics (alleged to be of saints or of things pertaining to Christ), indulgences earned in connection with The Mass, and the invocation of the saints in the Mass as opposed to only invoking Christ and/or the Triune God.

The third article in Part II is concerning monasticism (cloisters of monks and nuns). It is important to note that it does not condemn the vocation of monk or nun, but only the way that these vocations were being abused. Luther speaks of the great potential of monasteries and convents to be places of education "for learned men and virtuous women." He speaks of how, if used properly, they could be restored to places that produce Godly servants for the Church. But he says it would be better to tear them down than leave them in their present state of human centeredness.

In the fourth article Luther zeroes in on the papacy itself. This article concedes that having a pope (one head over the whole Church) in and of itself is not a bad thing. He concedes that such a hierarchy is beneficial for the sake of having someone maintaining human order in such a large and complex organization. The objection to the papacy is that since at least the 5th Century A.D. (arguably beginning with the assertions of Innocent I followed later by Gelasius I) the papacy had claimed its authority to be divinely instituted; asserting that since Peter was the first Bishop of Rome, and because it was to Peter that Jesus gives the Keys to the Kingdom (Matthew 16), that the supreme authority over the whole Church is divinely seated in the Bishop of Rome, who would come to be called El Pape (The Papa) or “The Pope.”

This false claim is one of many reasons for the eventual *Great Schism* (1054) when the Eastern Church splits completely from the Western Church. There are many arguments against the claim of the papacy to have divinely granted universal power.

Luther likens the illegitimate claim to power over the Church and world by The Pope to that of “the dragon” in Revelation 12 who seeks to usurp the Christ and take the Church for himself.

It is in this work that The Pope is first referred to as “anti-christ” on the basis that he claims for himself an authority belonging to Christ alone, declaring that only through obedience to him may one be saved.

Luther finishes this article by lamenting that, even if a council is convened where these issues could be brought up for examination among representatives of the whole Church, this council would not receive the kind hearing that Augsburg did where the Emperor at least listened to them and encouraged representatives of the Pope to listen also. (As noted in the previous article in this series, such a council never was convened, but another council which excluded The Reformers was convened at Trent for the sole purpose of condemning the theology of The Reformation.) It was clear to Luther that any council called would never listen to a word of their objections, but only seek to condemn them and their Scripture centered arguments in favor of preserving the status quo built on human-centered tradition. For both The Pope and most of the Bishops sought to preserve their own power and authority with no regard to being of service to Christ and His people through the proclamation of the true Gospel of Christ.

Part III

The third and final part of *The Smalcald Articles* is made up of fifteen articles which largely revisit and further flesh out many of the arguments contained in the articles of *The*

Augsburg Confession and *The Apology*. It was considered important to revisit these matters in the event of any council being called because the disputes concerning them since Augsburg had not been resolved in any way, and the only way to seek such resolution was to keep bringing them back to the fore. Thus, Luther repeats and further clarifies The Reformers’ Scriptural positions on such matters as original sin, law & gospel, repentance, The Sacraments, ordination, the marriage of priests, how one is justified, The Church, and others.

In addition to Martin Luther, forty-one other servants of the Church subscribed unconditionally to *The Smalcald Articles*, and Philip Melanchthon also subscribed with the caveat that he would allow the Pope authority over other bishops if the Pope would only allow the Gospel.

The Smalcald Articles clearly demonstrate what it means to confess boldly and unambiguously what one has come to know to be true from the Scriptures alone. Central to the Christian faith is the article on Justification (Christ and Faith), and thus no room for concession is made concerning that article. But in all other aspects of teaching, including sin and the Sacraments, there is left room for discussion among any who are prepared to engage these important topics on the basis of Scripture.

We are to confess boldly, but also humbly, continually striving towards agreement in our confession of faith and unity within the Church of Christ. We do not create our own unity by conceding any ground to any teaching that cannot be defended from Scripture, but we strive for unity by continuing to study the Scriptures and confess the faith as drawn from them as clearly as possible. Our ultimate trust for unity ought always to be found in Christ; knowing that while we likely won’t find full unity in doctrine in this life, the fullness of our unity in Christ will be seen upon His return on the last day.

In Christ,
Pastor Powell

GENERAL OFFERING
Fiscal Year 2025
(as of 8/24/25)

| | FY Total |
|------------|---------------|
| Actual | \$591,221.51 |
| Bal Budget | \$625,847.42 |
| Difference | (\$34,625.91) |

2025 Budgeted Offering: \$925,000
Needed for a Balanced Budget: \$957,178.41

CIRCUIT REFORMATION CHOIR

Sunday, October 26 at 4:00pm

Choir will sing during hymns and two choral anthems. Music will be provided.

Contact Kevin Zorena if interested in singing in the Mass Choir and confirm which practices you plan to attend. kzorena@trinityjc.org or zorenak@calvarylhs.org

Please attend at least two of the following practices

- October 12th, Sunday at 2:00pm
- October 16th, Thursday at 8:00pm
- October 19th, Sunday at 2:00pm
- October 20th, Monday at 6:00pm
- October 23rd, Thursday at 8:00pm

All practices in the Trinity Sanctuary

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world"

-Martin Luther

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

-Psalm 95:1



JEFFERSON CITY CIRCUIT

Reformation Service

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

4:00 PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

803 Swifts Hwy, Jefferson City, MO



FALL DINNER

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

11:00am to 6:00pm

 **TRINITY LUTHERAN**
CHURCH & SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE!



EVENING GUILD TACO SALAD SUNDAE SUNDAY

Sunday, September 7, from 10:30am-1:00pm
 in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring your family and friends to a delicious meal.
 Create a taco salad with the ingredients you prefer
 followed up with ice cream with toppings of your
 choice. We will provide them all!

Donations from the Taco meal will be earmarked
 for the repair of the cafeteria's double doors
 that lead to the outside.

Please make plans to attend and help support!

TLC MEN'S CLUB BBQ

Saturday, September 20

Serving begins at 10am

@ Schulte's Parking Lot on Southwest Blvd

Pork Steak or Bratwurst Dinners: \$14

Pork Steak Sandwich: \$6

Bratwurst on a Bun: \$5

*Proceeds generated from this event will be donated
 to the Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Program and
 Calvary Lutheran High School.*



EVENING GUILD RUMMAGE SALE

Our fall rummage sale will take place on
Saturday, October 4, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Setup for the sale will be on
 Friday, October 3, 2025.*

*We will accept donations 12-7pm on that day.
 We will accept baby clothes from newborn up to 4T. We
 will not sell adult clothes. All other items, such as
 pictures, decorations, dishes, games, puzzles, books,
 shoes, purses, craft items, glassware, etc are welcome!*

CAR SHOW & WINGS 'N THINGS

hosted by Trinity Senior Youth

Sunday, October 19 @ 12 pm

Show off your old car and enjoy some BBQ with a
 little competition for the twist.

BBQ teams and Car Show entries sign up to
 compete by October 12th with Sam Ziegelbein at
 ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org.

BBQ Competition Entry: \$50, includes meat

Wing Ding Tickets: \$15

Car Show Entry: Free



Funerals

DONALD AUGUST WERNER, 87, of Jefferson City, MO, passed away at Jefferson City Manor. He was born on August 27, 1937, in St. Thomas, MO, a son of the late August and Caroline (Schaefer) Werner. He was delivered at home by his grandfather, Dr. Henry C. Werner. On September 19, 1959, he was united in marriage to Darlene Stroessner at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson City, MO.

Don was a 1955 graduate of Fatima High School in Westphalia, MO. He was previously employed by Blackwell Garage, Brown Weber Office Suppliers and Comstock Shell and retired in 2002 after 38 years with Broadway Shell. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he served on the grass cutting crew. He loved to tinker and could fix anything and enjoyed taking care of his yard and many flowers. He loved spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, dancing and traveling. Don and Darlene vacationed in all 50 states during their 65 years of marriage.

He is survived by three daughters, Darla (David) Eiken, Taos; Dawn (Tom) Cremeans, Jefferson City; Denise Arriola, California, MO. Grandchildren: Justin Cremeans, Brandon (Jenny) Eiken, Ashley Cremeans, Jefferson City, Chelsea (Brett) Thompson, Taos, Payton Arriola, Madelyn Arriola, Logan Ponder, California, MO. Great-grandchildren: Tydus and Kayden Eiken and Dean and Henry Thompson. He is also survived by sister, Doris (Charles) Schroeder, sister-in-law Eldora (Frank) Hurst, Meta, MO; brother-in-law, Donald (Kathryn) Stroessner, Fayetteville, AR and nineteen nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, August and Caroline Werner; sister, Anna Marie (Harry) Ruetters; and brother, Robert Werner.

MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY DRIFTERS

Our September event will be at the Jefferson City Police Department on **Thursday, September 4** from 1:30-2:30 pm. The topic is Senior Safety and includes internet fraud prevention as well as scams. Criminals have started to recognize the vast potential to commit fraud crimes through the Internet. Many of the scams or frauds that for years have been conducted by mail or telephone can now be found on the Internet. We will also take a tour of the Police Department. Before the Police Department presentation we will eat lunch at First Watch, from 11:30-1:00, which is located near Schnucks.

TRINITY MUSIC ENSEMBLES

The Trinity Choir and Handbell ensembles are excited to start a new year of music-making and serving in Trinity services. Practices will begin the week after Labor Day, beginning on September 3rd and 4th. **Handbell** practices are on Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm in the music room. **Choir** practices are on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the music room.



TRINITY MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Practices begin!

Handbells - Sep 3

Choir - Sep 4

If you have young children and would like help with childcare, please let us know. We will work with you to receive support while participating in a Trinity ensemble.

Groups sing or ring approximately once a month, with more responsibilities during the Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter seasons. Please come participate when you are able. We are flexible with scheduling.

If you would like more information about any of the above, please reach out to Kevin Zorena @ kzorena@trinityjc.org.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association wants to wish all the Teachers and Students a happy and successful 2025 – 2026 school year. We pray for God's blessings and that this year will be memorable for all.

To learn more about the Alumni Association - who it is and what it can do for you – shoot us an email at alumni@trinityjc.org. Or give us a "like" on our Facebook page at Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association – Jefferson City.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 9** at 1:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mite Box offerings will be collected at the sign-in table. We will have a guest speaker from the Jefferson City Fire Department speaking to us on Safe Seniors, Life and Fire Safety, and first aid for burns and scalds. You won't want to miss this interesting and informative presentation.

We welcome all women of the congregation to join us in Christian fellowship and refreshments. For more information, contact Judy Bangert at 573-635-1131

EVENING GUILD

The Ladies Evening Guild met on Monday, August 25, 2025. Seven members attended. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, in the Church Library.

Our first order of business was to present a check for \$5,000.00 to the bathroom remodel project on the first and second floors. This job is now completed.

The Guild rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2025. Setup will take place on Friday, October 3, and donations can be brought in starting at noon on Friday until 7 p.m.

Update: CAPITAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has generously given to the summer capital giving campaign so far. **Both projects have been completed!** Our beautiful new pews are in place, and our gym roof has been repaired.

While these projects have been paid for, the funds used need replenishing. The church council approved continuing the fundraising effort into the fall. **We have currently raised nearly 70% of our goal toward the sanctuary and 45% of our goal toward the gym roof repairs.** By designating gifts as "Building Fund" or "School Capital Improvements," you can help to maintain and improve the space God has richly blessed us with.

See trinityjc.org/capitalgiving for more information.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Kicking off this month!

Pictures for the **new directory will be completed in-house** which will greatly reduce the overall cost of this project and eliminate the high-pressure sales of a photo package. If you have a current photo of yourself or your family readily available, please consider forwarding this to the church to be included in the church directory. **Church committee pictures** are also being sought for this document. A time and place will be announced soon when your photograph can be taken by a volunteer.

Get a jump start on updating your information! Use this link to submit **your family's information** prior to getting your picture taken. form.jotform.com/251634457626058

Questions? Contact Janell Bernskoetter or Jared Kesel.

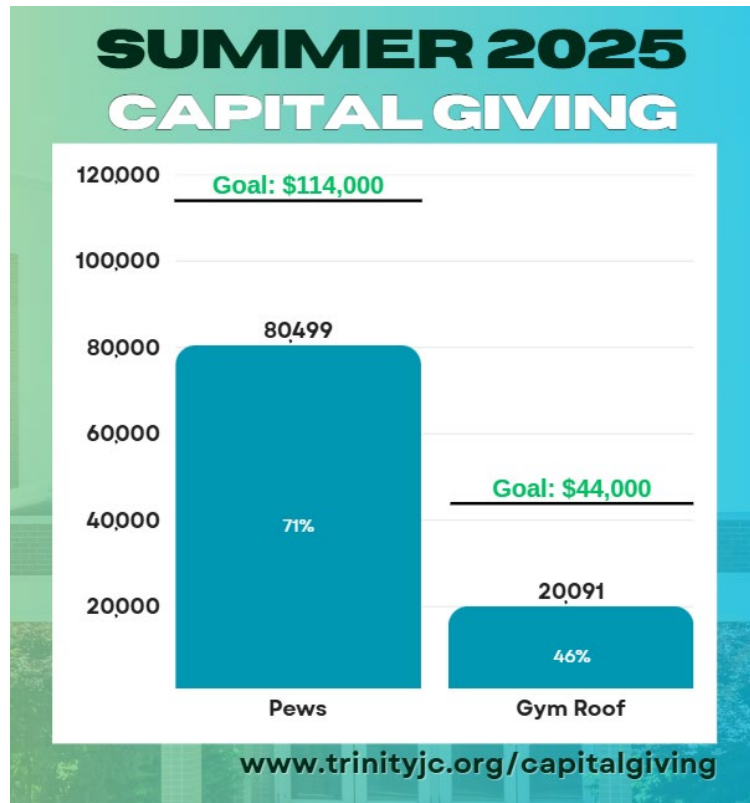


COMING SOON!

Keep an eye out for an announcement to schedule your

FAMILY PHOTO

for the new *church directory!*



Trinity Lutheran Church App



- ✓ Access weekly updates
- ✓ Live streaming link
- ✓ Stay in-the-know!



download the app
Church App - Tithe.ly

Available on the
Apple App Store
& Google Play

WEEKLY EMAILS

If you are not receiving Pastor Powell's weekly emails, it is likely that your email provider is filtering the emails. There are a couple things you can do.

1. **Check your spam folder** to make sure it is not going there.
2. **Download the new church app.** All weekend updates are also posted in the app! tithe.ly.app.link/trinity-jc

THE BLESSINGS OF AGING

by Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life.org

Age is a blessing to youth.

As Y4Life Director, I don't usually talk or write about the aging process. It's not that I couldn't speak about the topic; youth are certainly interested in knowing how to care for others as they age, and they definitely want to know how to address life issues that accompany the aging process. In fact, the youth I work with are both empathetic and compassionate when it comes to the elderly. They value the aged. Not once have I had to convince Gen Zers that old lives are valuable lives. They know. Even better, they agree.

So why not talk to youth about the process of aging? After all, they know they're growing older. They're aging just as quickly as you and I are, aren't they?

Here's why: Because aging, at least for youth, isn't a life issue. It's a reason to rejoice!

I'm sure you know that youth don't talk about aging like the middle-aged do; instead of dreading the coming of another year, youth count birthdays with anticipation. Each year makes life brighter; each year brings them closer to driving or voting or serving or independence. Each year brings them one step closer to achieving the dreams they've been dreaming for a while. And even though there might be some anxiety about the future, I have yet to meet a youth who wants to remain 15 or 17 or 20 forever. Why? Because there's way too much ahead in life to hope for. Adulthood is the goal. With it comes freedoms and exciting possibilities!

Yet, adults, especially those of us with a few decades under our belt, know that freedoms and possibilities typically result in responsibilities, responsibilities that shape and form us, responsibilities that beget maturity. And maturity, if all goes well, brings about a seasoned and godly wisdom. Responsibility. Maturity. Wisdom. All three are desirable gifts.

If good gifts come with aging, then it's worth contemplating why most adults don't look forward to getting older—why age becomes something to hide, to worry over, to remove from Facebook. Shouldn't aging be seen as a gift rather than a curse, both privately and publicly? The answer, of course, is it should be. But it isn't. And that's because of sin.

Growing old would be easy if sin wasn't involved. Without sin, there would be no aches and pains, no hip replacements or rotator cuff surgeries. No cataracts or bunions or broken teeth. No Alzheimer's or dementia or frailty. But these ailments do exist. And all of them come with age. Instead of a walk in the park, growing old can feel more like a fall in the dark. The longer we live, the more the effects of sin compile and compound.

And sin doesn't just break down our bodies as we age, it also burdens our relationships. The list of sins we have committed against others and the record of sins others have committed against us becomes increasingly lengthy. They're too big and bulky to simply brush under the rug. They've done damage; they've left behind scars.

Unfortunately, because of sin, growing old is a crucible of sorts. It tests and refines us; it causes us to suffer. And

suffering either causes us to turn inward or be turned toward God. That means aging isn't for the weak of heart. Thanks be to God that His heart is compassionate and loving. His heart is strong and true. And His heart is ours.

Christ's work assures us of God's love not just when we are young, but when we're in our latter years, too. He doesn't leave us to age alone. Isaiah reminds us that God cares for us as we age; He carries us when we are frail because He loves us:

"Even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save" (46:4).

Because of Christ, we can say with confidence that despite the wear and tear of sin, aging is actually a good gift. It is another day of life. It is one more piece of evidence that God, the best gift giver, still has gifts to give.

And our life is not just a blessing to us, it is also a blessing to others. In fact, age is a blessing to youth. Youth not only need opportunities to grow in responsibility, maturity, and wisdom, but they also need role models who display these gifts. They need mentors of the faith. Youth need YOU.

Christian adults who pour into youth the life-affirming truths of Christ's love and faithfulness are gifts from God.

They remind young people, especially during times of hardship and weariness, that this, too, shall pass. God is indeed faithful. And youth, often immersed in a secular world without hope, need to be told stories of suffering and triumph, stories of God's faithfulness even in difficult times, again and again. Youth need to be reminded of the faithful people who have gone before them, the lineage of faith they come from, and the cloud of witnesses that not only surrounds them but is also, right now, cheering them on (Hebrews 11).

So, for those readers who are beginning to gray or who have already earned a crown of white, remember that aging is a gift. It is another great thing that God has done. And this great thing—LIFE itself—enables us to boldly proclaim the mightiness of God to the next generation alongside the Psalmist:

"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?" (Psalm 71:17-19).

In God's Church, we have a beautiful picture of God's provision for His people through His people: God works through seasoned adults to bring youth the gifts of faithfulness, constancy, and godly wisdom. Just as importantly, He works through youth to bring adults the gifts of joy and enthusiasm for the gift of LIFE. **No matter how many years have passed, may we all rejoice in the gift of another day, another week, another year to live in His mercy, hope, love, and life.**

Happy aging, friends!





TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL

We invite you to join us for chapel each Wednesday at 8:15 in the sanctuary. Our chapel offerings for the 1st Quarter will be going to support future pastors and teachers through the Missouri District's "Tomorrow's Teachers and Preachers" initiative. This is a campaign that teaches just what our church workers do and then raises money to help pay for scholarships for new church workers. Over the next few weeks as we collect chapel offerings for "Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers" the students will learn about some of those working across our state and how they came to be serving as God's hands and feet. May God richly bless our giving!

Join us for
School Chapel
Wednesdays at 8:15
*in person
 & streaming on YouTube!*

 @trinitylutheranchurchschool1036



TIGER TRACKS TO EXCELLENCE

TT2X will be held October 6-10. Tiger Tracks to Excellence (TT2X) is a

fundraiser specifically targeted to raise funds for capital improvements in the school and the Tuition Assistance Fund. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to fund improvements in the school kitchen and cafeteria and increase the amount of funds available for tuition assistance.



OCTOBER 6-10

TIGER ATHLETICS

The Tiger volleyball and cross-country teams have begun practices and will begin game competition in September.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

The following is a list of events for the month of September:

- Sep 1 Labor Day – No School
- Sep 12 1st Quarter Mid-term
Doug Mickan Ventriloquist, 10:30AM
- Sep 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2-8PM
Early Dismissal, 11:30AM
- Sep 20 No School
- Sep 22 School Picture Day
- Sep 22-26 Fall NWEA Assessment
- Oct 2-4 No School (LEA Convocation)
- Oct 6-10 Tiger Tracks to Excellence





**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
YOUTH
GROUP**



FALL DEVOTIONS

This year our theme is "Serve", and our devotions will be focused on serving in the Lord. We will explore with the youth how they can serve at church and in their community.

GAME NIGHT

Each youth group will have a fun night of games, snacks, and fellowship on Sunday, September 28th during their normal youth group times.



CAR SHOW & WINGS 'N THINGS BBQ

Hosted by Trinity Senior Youth. Show off your old car and enjoy some BBQ with a little competition for the twist. Sunday October 19th 12 pm in the lower church parking lot. BBQ teams and Car Show entries sign up to compete by October 12th with Sam Ziegelbein at ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org.



BBQ Competition

- \$50 registration fee includes 60 sections of wings and 18 legs.
- Meat will be provided
- Prizes given for top three wings and things!

Wing Ding Tickets

- \$15 for one try at each BBQ team.

Car Show

- Free Entry
- Best of Show Prize

Senior Youth please meet in the Youth Room at 10am to set up.

YOUTH GROUP MEAL TRAIN is to assist families and the youth group with tracking meals needed and provided for our weekly youth meetings. The Jr. Youth and Sr. Youth eat together at 7:15 each Sunday night. This provides an atmosphere of family and fellowship with both youth groups at the same time. We request that families take turns and join together in providing meals. We appreciate all the support families provide to our youth!! To sign up for a meal, go to: www.mealtrain.com/trains/711nwm

Word for Today

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

~ Matthew 18:20

Scripture Snacks

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases

~ Psalm 103:2-3

"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

~ Psalm 145:8

"For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure".

~ Philippians 2:13

September Calendar

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| 7 | Jr Youth (6:30 pm) Sr Youth (7:15 pm) |
| 14 | Jr Youth (6:30 pm) Sr Youth (7:15 pm) |
| 21 | Jr Youth (6:30 pm) Sr Youth (7:15 pm) |
| 28 | Jr Youth (6:30 pm) Sr Youth (7:15 pm) |

Meal Train Link

www.mealtrain.com/trains/711nwm

Contact for More Information

Angie Brenner

Director of Christian Education
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September 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| | 1 OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day | 2 | 3 8:15a CHAPEL 9:30a Lectionary L 5:30p Handbells | 4 1:30p Happy Drifters OS 7p Choir | 5 | 6 6p DIVINE SERVICE 7p Game Night (Social) FH |
| 7 Pentecost 13 8:00a/10:30a DIVINE SERVICE 9:30a Bible Study 10a Taco Salad Sundae Sunday FH 6:30p Jr Youth YR 7:15p Sr Youth YR | 8 8a Quilters | 9 1:30p Women's Aux FH 6p Men's Club L 6p Missionary Society FH | 10 8:15a CHAPEL 9:30a Lectionary L 5:30p Handbells | 11 7p Choir | 12 | 13 6p DIVINE SERVICE |
| 14 Holy Cross Day 8:00a/10:30a DIVINE SERVICE 9:30a Bible Study 6:30p Jr Youth YR 7:15p Sr Youth YR | 15 8a Quilters | 16 6:30p Board Meetings | 17 8:15a CHAPEL 9:30a Lectionary L 11:30a Widow Support Group L 5:30p Handbells | 18 7p Choir | 19 7p Game Night (Singles) FH | 20 10a Men's Club BBQ OS 6p DIVINE SERVICE |
| 21 Pentecost 15 8:00a/10:30a DIVINE SERVICE 9:30a Bible Study 6:30p Jr Youth YR 7:15p Sr Youth YR | 22 8a Quilters Newsletter Deadline | 23 6:30p Council Meeting L | 24 8:15a CHAPEL 9:30a Lectionary L 5:30p Handbells | 25 7p Choir | 26 | 27 6p DIVINE SERVICE |
| 28 Pentecost 16 8:00a/10:30a DIVINE SERVICE 9:30a Bible Study 6:30p Jr Youth YR 7:15p Sr Youth YR | 29 8a Quilters | 30 | LOCATION ABBREVIATIONS BR – Board Rm L – Church Library FH – Fellowship Hall OS – Off Site YR - Youth Rm | | | |



“If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith.”

-Martin Luther

Daily Devotions:

www.lhm.org/dailydevotions
www.lwml.org/todays-mustard-seed-devotion
www.higherthings.org/content/content-reflections

Weekly Devotions:

mo.lcms.org/tag/encourage

Family Devotions:

www.lcms.org/family-devotions-calendar

Other Resources:

www.lcms.org/prayforus
www.lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-thoughts

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

Week of September 7, 2025

Psalm 37:5

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Week of September 14, 2025

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Week of September 21, 2025

Isaiah 64:8

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Week of September 28, 2025

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.