

Trinity Tidings

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THANK YOU TRINITY CHURCH !!

It was great to get back to our regular way of doing things at Trinity and supporting LWR with school kits, personal care kits and quilts. Together we can do wonderful things throughout the world!

Our 2022 Lutheran World Relief items will be taken to our local ingathering in Appleton on Oct 8th. Thank you to the Newton family for transporting our boxes to the ingathering. Thank you to everyone at Trinity, your support means so much to people in need around the world.



Drum roll here We collected **26 school kits, 37 personal care kits, and created 140 quilts.** These numbers represent many hours of time and the financial commitment of many here at church. **Your care for God's people is truly priceless!**

Quilting will be starting this Thursday Sept. 29, 10-12 in the church fellowship hall. No experience required.

P.S. Since we have been tracking our quilts and kits online we have donated 371 personal care kits, 189 school kits and 705 quilts. Amazing!!!



September 2022

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sunday, September 25

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27

Wednesday, September 28

- Community Meals 5 PM
- Confirmation Class 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 29

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Quilting 10 AM
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM
- Media Outreach 6:30 PM

Friday, September 30

- Wedding rehearsal 6 PM

Saturday, October 1

- Van Dreele - Hurajt Wedding 3 PM

Sunday, October 2

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM

Click [here](#) for the most current calendar.

Click [here](#) for the livestream of Sunday's worship service.



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Email or call with your request.

Healing:

- Bill Krejcarek - recovering from surgery
- Ted Robbins - friend of Kirk & Amy Van Dreel, hospitalized
- Carrie Doughty - illness
- Mary Snyder - recovering from surgery
- Dixie Hill - health concerns
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Carole Ebert - cancer
- Larry Leatz - friend of Tom & Sue Luba, cancer
- Trista Jo Blank - health concerns
- Bonnie Wegner - cancer
- Tina Bartelt - cancer
- Cindy Wolford - cancer
- Kathy Feeney Rueckert - friend of Sue Luba, medical issues
- Helen Massey - health concerns
- Jackie Janke - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer
- Ginger Massey - relative of Helen Massey
- Anna Roberts - cancer
- Sam Ives - health issues

Those in the military:

- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel

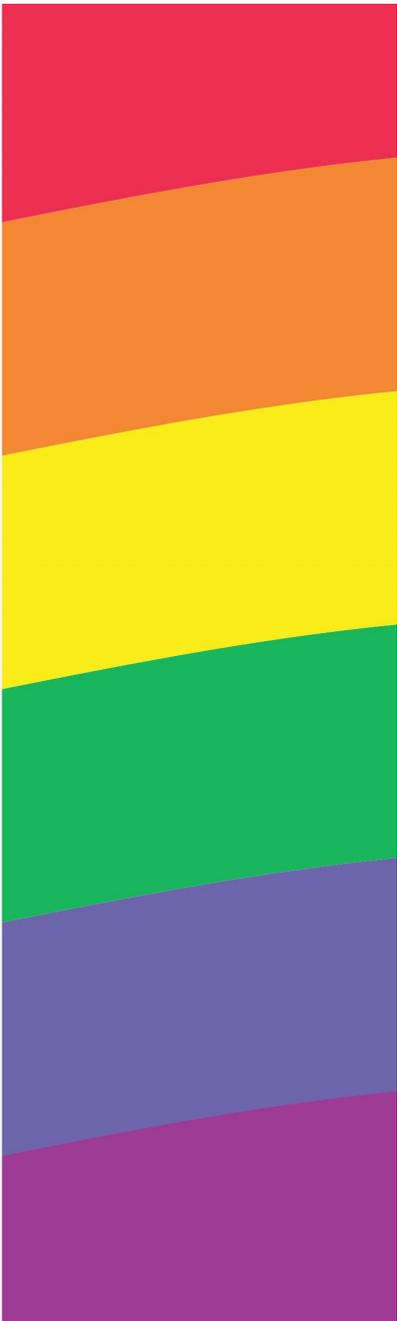
October 2

Rainbow Day

wear rainbow colors to remind
us of God's promise

Two by Two Day

bring a friend to Sunday School



TRUNK OR treat

October 31; 4:30 - 5:30

Sign up with Madalyn or the church office to hand out treats.

Our teachers have been installed and Sunday School has begun!

Children's Sunday School takes place downstairs after worship each Sunday at 10 AM. Adult Sunday School takes place in the fellowship hall before worship each Sunday at 8 AM.





First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Sa-
maria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the
harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of
music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go
into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass
away.

Psalm: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to
earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and

all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all genera-
tions. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness
combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought
nothing into the world, so that we can take
nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and
clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But
those who want to be rich fall into temptation
and are trapped by many senseless and
harmful desires that plunge people into ruin
and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a
root of all kinds of evil, and in their eager-
ness to be rich some have wandered away
from the faith and pierced themselves with
many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this;
pursue righteous-
ness, godliness,
faith, love, endur-
ance, gentleness.

¹²Fight the good
fight of the faith;
take hold of the
eternal life, to which
you were called and
for which you made
the good confession
in the presence of
many witnesses.

¹³In the presence of
God, who gives life
to all things, and of
Christ Jesus, who in
his testimony before

Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I
charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment
without spot or blame until the manifestation



of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

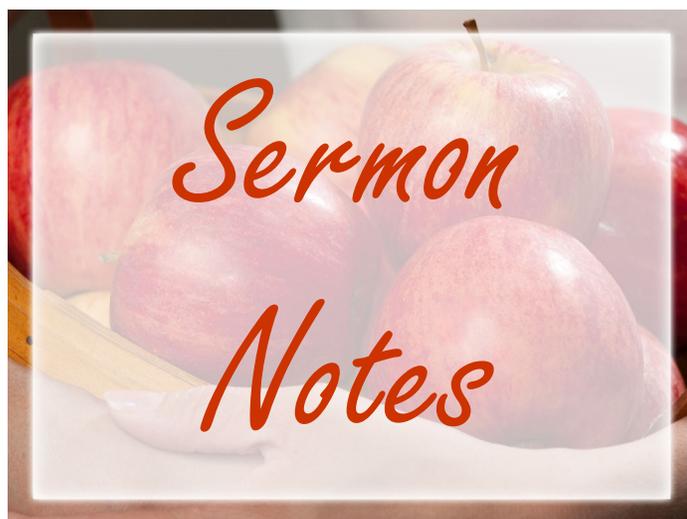
[Jesus said:] ¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said,

'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a



Lazarus & The Rich Man

great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "



Rich Man and Lazarus

In the Diary of Brook Adams is a note about a special day when he was eight years old. He wrote, "Went fishing with my father; the most glorious day of my life," and through the next 40 years there were constant references to that day and the influence it had on his life. Brooks' father was Charles Francis Adams, Abraham Lincoln's ambassador to Great Britain. He also had a note in his diary about the same day. It simply said, "Went fishing with my son: a day wasted." What the father counted as a wasted day, the son thought was one of the greatest days of his childhood.

What do we consider a waste of time? Waiting in a long line? Especially if we're busy. Watching a bad game? I turn the Packers or Badgers off if they are playing badly. Putting effort into a project and not getting results we hoped for? Those days where you feel like you are running on a treadmill, not getting things done? What's a Waste of money? buying things we

don't really need?
Buying the wrong thing?
Spending more than we need to on an item?
Again, what is considered a waste of time or money or energy? Depends on how you look at it.

Today we have just heard Jesus' parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus.

The Rich man cannot be bothered investing any time, money, or energy into the poor man.

The text does not say if the rich man's cruelty toward Lazarus is intentional or not; neither is particularly defensible. It was part of the role of the wealthy in the ancient world to provide alms for the poor in their community. Even if it was largely self-serving, giving to poor was the only means for some of the poor to be fed while the wealthy reinforced their status with virtuous action.

They have to look good.

Often there was a bench outside homes where the poor could wait for assistance. A beggar who sat on this bench at the gate could expect some sort of attention, especially from a feasting host and guests. And, as verse 19 says, this particular rich man feasted every day, meaning Lazarus was denied many times as the rich man repeatedly ignored the unwritten codes of honor. Further, verse 21 makes clear that Lazarus is not asking for much. Scraps and leftovers from the sumptuous feasting would have made all the difference.

But to the rich man helping the poor was wasteful.

Well, they both die and the tables are turned. Lazarus is in heaven and the rich man in hell. Rich man looking for relief but it is too late. He blew it.

What is done is done.

The message seems quite clear: Jesus calls us to share what we have with the poor.

What we share with the poor is not a waste.

Also, when we invest time in relationships it is not a waste.

When I look at this text I see myself as the rich man?

I am not Lazarus, the poor beggar.

Do I do enough to help the poor?

This text challenges me.

It is not always easy to determine what we can or cannot do to help the poor and suffering.

When I lived in Chicago in my seminary days I saw homeless people all of the time.

Panhandlers asking for money.

We had names for them. "Wings" "Jingles" "Curlers."

I was taken advantage of.

Saw a person I gave money to coming out of liquor store with a bottle of brandy I could not afford.

It is difficult to tell at times if we are really helping.

There are some needs that can be met, and others that cannot. There are things we can and things we cannot control. Regardless, alleviating the suffering of our neighbors is a clear calling for those who wish to follow Jesus. Our responsibilities to one another in this life are real. Fear of punishment is not a good motivator to help people. But compassion, vocation, stewardship, and gratitude can be.

When we remember how God has provided generously for us, and how Jesus died for us and rose again it can motivate us to reach out, as individuals and the church.

When we invest our time in reaching out to others it is not a waste.

Everything to be done for us has already been done by Jesus. We have been given all that we need.

The question is what do we do with what we have? How do we best use what we have, our time, talents and treasures to serve God's people? One thing is clear: whatever we do to reach out to relieve suffering in Jesus' name is never a waste.

Amen.

Serving at worship on Sunday

Ushers

Jack Jaeckle, Bryan Willner

Lector

Ruth Rex

Communion Assistant

Bryan Willner

Slides

Grace Yerkey

Livestream

Ron Flohr

Altar Guild

Dawn Hess

