

# Trinity Tidings

October 13, 2022 News

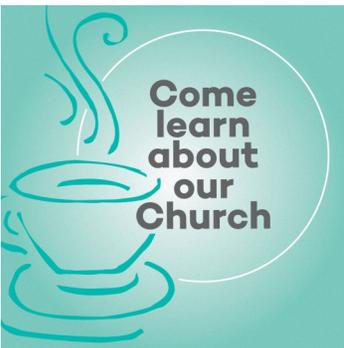
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THANK YOU!

I wanted to say thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts, goodies, creative office decorating, and well wishes I received last Sunday. It is an honor and privilege to serve Trinity Lutheran. I am reminded every day that I have so much to be grateful for here. I can identify with Paul in what he wrote to the Corinthians, "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you." (1 Corinthians 1:4-6). God's blessings to all of you!

Pastor Chuck



On Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 PM, Trinity will host a gathering for anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more about Trinity.

If this date or time doesn't work for you, please contact Pastor Chuck or the church office to set up another time.

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Sunday, October 16

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

Monday, October 17

Tuesday, October 18

- Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 19

- *No Confirmation Class*

Thursday, October 20

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Quilting 10 AM
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM
- Dartball @ Dupont

Friday, October 21

Saturday, October 22

Sunday, October 23

- 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:**

- Woody Haag - recovering from surgery
- Bill Krejcarek - recovering from surgery
- 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
- 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

**Fall Clean Up**  
**Sunday, October 23**  
**After worship**  
**Indoors & Outdoors**



**Many hands make light work!**



**October FREE Community Meal**

The Acker and Moser families are serving chili and grilled hot dogs to the New London community on **Wednesday, October 26, 5 to 6 pm.**

Donations needed for October meal are:

- Healthy snacks (e.g. apple sauce, raisins, craisins, fruit cups, granola/protein bars, jerky, etc.)
- Cookies (packaged or homemade)

**PLEASE NO NUTS and NO ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION.** Place donations in the orange bin outside of church.

**We are also in need of donations of chili. There are containers located in the Narthex outside of the church sanctuary. Please take one and return your chili to church during office hours or during Sunday services. Please place the chili in the upright freezer in the storage room in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, October 23.**



**We need your help with a bake sale!**

On Confirmation Sunday, October 30 the TWELCA group will be having a bake sale, with **proceeds benefitting the youth group.**

Our sale to benefit the youth will be on Sunday, October 30, before and after the service at 9:00 am. **THANK YOU!**



**BAKE SALE!**

Date: Sunday, Oct 30  
Time: before/after Sunday Services  
Place: Trinity Lutheran Church

Drop off goods before the services.

**Thank you!**



**Please consider baking goods and signing up to help sell the baked goods on Sunday, October 30.**

Trinity will be hosting an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service followed by a Pie Social on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 PM.

We are looking for a livestream operator, a slides presenter, and two ushers for the service. If you are available to help, please notify the church office. We will also need bakers to contribute their creations for the pie social.



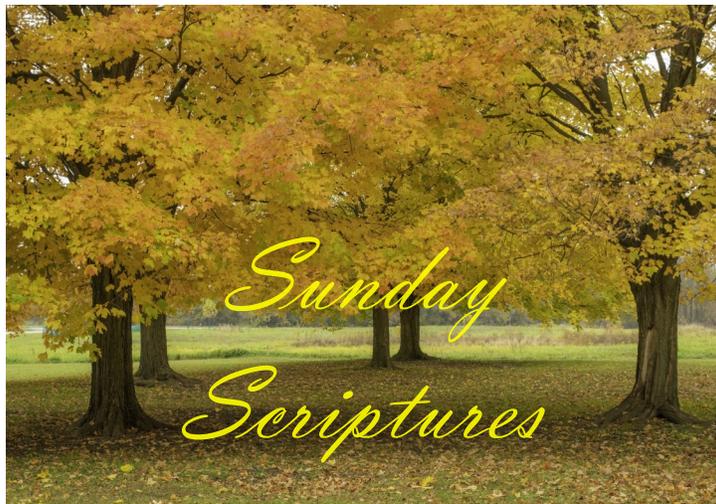
DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP NOW!

# TRUNK OR TREAT

decorate your car and hand out goodies to our local children as they safely trick or treat through our parking lot at the beginning of the city's trick or treat!

**October 31, 2020 | 4:30-5:30 PM | Trinity Parking Lot**

Sign up with Madalyn or the office  
come around 4/4:15 on Halloween to prepare your car as  
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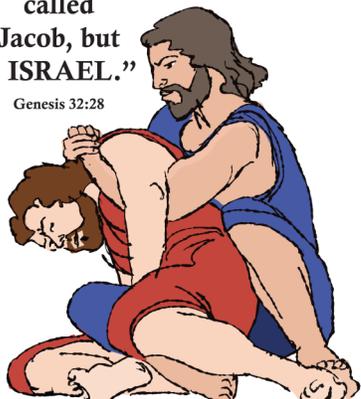
**First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31**

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but

**"Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but ISRAEL."**

Genesis 32:28



rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun

**Psalm: Psalm 121**

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;
- <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5**

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.



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2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves

teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

### **Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



**WHEN THE  
SON OF MAN COMES,  
WILL HE FIND FAITH  
ON EARTH?**

LUKE 18:8



### The Bible

Does the Bible ever trouble you?

Mark Twain once said, "**I am not troubled by the things in the Bible which I do not understand, but I am troubled by those things which I do understand.**"

Usually the texts chosen for our Sunday readings in our lectionary are not too controversial, but occasionally we get a tough text. Preachers at least have a choice of 3 texts to work with.

Sometimes the Bible passages are soothing, other times challenging.

I must partially agree with Mark Twain that at times the passages I do understand bother me.

I cannot live up to everything. Jesus says, for instance.

Ex: "love your enemies."

"Give away everything you have to the poor."

"Forgive your brother 70 times 7."

"Do not repay evil with evil."

I do not live up to these and other commands of Jesus.

However, passages I do not understand also trouble me.

God ordering the Israelites to totally wipe out the Canaanites and other peoples.

The prophets can be very harsh.

The Bible stories often reflect the patriarchal cultures they were written in.

The Bible is challenging in any case.

It is not always black and white.

Some say "The Bible says it, I believe it, that settles it." Not so fast.

There are over 30,000 different Christian churches that all claim to follow the Bible. It bothers me when someone says "Our church follows the Bible."

Sometimes I have gotten into discussions

with Jehovah's Witnesses or others and have gotten into bible quoting contests but usually nobody wins.

Everyone has their own interpretations. Some use the Bible as a club to beat people over the head.

One TV Evangelist I watched as a kid would start out his sermon with "Alright everybody let's wave our bibles in the air and make the devil mad and Jesus glad."

Looked pretty hokey to me.

The Bible is like a magic wand?

The Bible is very complex.

That is why many avoid reading or studying it.



However, Lutherans have always taught that the Word of God is the final authority on all matters of faith and morals.

To Martin Luther scripture is the "cradle of Christ," that is, it uplifts Christ.

Scripture is law and Gospel.

The law tells us what to do, the Gospel tells us what God has done for us in Christ.

That is why we wrestle with ALL of scripture.

We hear in today's reading from Second Timothy:

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."

We read all of scripture because all of it is inspired by God

The word for "inspired" means "God breathed."

We can be reminded of the way that God breathes in the Bible, and how that breath is creative, life- and faith-giving. Think of Gene-

sis 2:7, "then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being." Or again of John 20:22, "When Jesus had said this, he breathed into them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

I take theopneustos, "inspired," here, to be a summary of the way in which God and God's breath/Spirit Work. All scripture is a means by which God can breathe life and faith and hope and love and forgiveness and resurrection, into people.

I can speak from experience how scripture has breathed into me life and faith and hope and love.

Even the texts that challenge me.

God's Word is living, alive, and active.

In the Word we encounter our Triune God, our crucified and risen Lord.

God's Word is a gift.

It's worth spending time with even for a few minutes a day.

Wrestle with it.

God is speaking. God is breathing life into us.

Take it in.

A graphic featuring a large, vibrant red maple leaf with yellow and orange highlights, resting on a dark red wooden surface. The text is overlaid on the right side of the leaf. The text is as follows:

Serving at worship on Sunday

**Ushers**  
Kirk Van Dreel, Bill Krejcarek

**Lector**  
Kathryn Moser

**Communion Assistant**  
Bill Krejcarek

**Slides**  
David & Kelly Newton

**Livestream**  
Mark Moser

**Altar Guild**  
Joy Flohr