

Trinity Tidings

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Trinity Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church In America
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Let's Have "S'More" Sunday School Fun!
Join us for more fun on July 21 and
August 4 from 4-5 p.m.!



Ask your grown-up to send a message to
familyfaith.trinitynewlondon@gmail.com so
you can be the first to know the upcoming
dates and activities!

See you soon!

Sunday, June 30

- Worship 9 AM

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

Wednesday, July 3

- WIC 9 AM

Thursday, July 4 - *Happy 4th of July!*

- Office Closed

Friday, July 5

- Office closed

Saturday, July 6

Sunday, July 7

- Worship 9 AM

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

Click [here](#) for worship.

Office Hours Next Week:
8 AM - 12 noon
Monday - Wednesday
Other times by appointment

Please note that, due to the holiday, the newsletter deadline is Tuesday, July 2nd and the newsletter will come out on Wednesday, July 3rd.

We are looking for the person or group who would be in charge of the cards & camp that is outside the office on the information center. Please contact the church office and let us know.



Prayers & Praises

Email or call with your request.

- Ann Sanner - health concerns
- Jeremy & Julia Martinson - friend of Amy Kuehl, Jeremy is recovering from surgery
- Tony Krajna - friend of Dan Wesenick, cancer
- Jim Schmidt - friend of Dyreson's, recovering from surgery
- Shelley Langkau - cousin of Vigil's, cancer
- Bryan Price - friend of Vigil's, cancer
- Sue Luba - recovering from surgery
- Carla Fulcer - friend of Sue Luba, cancer
- Keith Krueger
- Mary Jo Driessen - friend of Wesenick's, cancer
- Trista Jo Westphal - health concerns
- Ginny Halverson - friend of Lehl's, recovering from a stroke
- Peter H. - friend of Dyreson's, leukemia
- Julie Smith - daughter of Jean Smith, recovering from transplant surgery
- Leslie Larson - uncle of Marta Wesenick, cancer
- Beth Cochran - friend of Dan Wegner, health concerns
- Kaden Wegner - grandson of Michael Wegner, health concerns
- Pastor Dean Desilet - friend of Pastor Chuck, health concerns
- Dixie Hill - health concerns
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer



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Giving Options



If you would like giving envelopes, please notify the church office.



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(through your bank)



Trinity's Joy of Giving for June is Lutheran Disaster Response

In the face of disaster, Lutheran Disaster Response shares relief today and builds resilience for tomorrow. From wildfires to hurricanes to refugee crises, we are present when disaster strikes, ready to accompany communities through relief and recovery. We are also in communities when there are no impending disasters, preparing people to mitigate the effects of a disaster and enabling them to bounce back more quickly.

Lutheran Disaster Response relies upon strong partnerships with global companion churches, ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations. We recognize that every disaster is local and responses need to be rooted in community. Our partners know their communities the best and can address local needs.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response share healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disaster. Together, we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. Give today to support survivors in the United States and around the world, wherever and whenever a disaster may strike. [Learn more.](#)

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Thank you to everyone who donated, prepped, served, and delivered meals!



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170 meals served!

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Donations can be dropped off at church during office hours or in the deck box outside the doors. To volunteer contact Kerri Kohls, Sandy Krueger, or the church office.



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Sunday Scriptures

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast
love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have
lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over
me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to you,

and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as was going down ¹ to
the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a life-
time.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in
the morning.

⁶While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed."

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as
strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with
fear.

⁸I cried to you, O LORD;

I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go
down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your
faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and
clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without
ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for-
ever.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel
in everything—in
faith, in speech, in
knowledge, in ut-
most eagerness,
and in our love for
you—so we want
you to excel also in
this generous un-
dertaking.

⁸I do not say this
as a command, but
I am testing the
genuineness of
your love against
the earnestness of
others. ⁹For you
know the generous

You know the
generous act
of our
Lord Jesus Christ ...
**for your sakes
he became poor,
so that
by his poverty
you might
become rich.**

2 Corinthians 8:9, NRSV

act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” ³²He looked all around to

see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

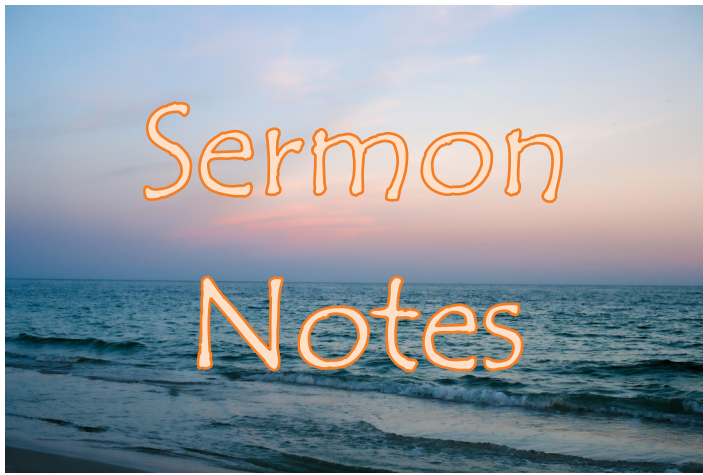
³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.



Your faith has healed you.

*Go in peace and be freed
from your suffering.*

Mark 5:34, NIV



Sermon Notes

Lamentations

³¹ For the Lord will not
reject forever.

³² Although he causes grief, he will have com-
passion
according to the abundance of his steadfast
love;

³³ for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

The first time I ever paid attention to these words from the Book of Lamentations was when they were read at a National Memorial service a few days after the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our country. Representatives from major faith traditions, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Islam, and Judaism shared readings and this passage was shared by the rabbi. These words of hope struck me at a time when our nation was grieving the loss of life on the fateful day, as well as fearful of what was coming next.

Lamentations was written after the Jewish temple was destroyed by the Babylonians back in the 6th century BC.

The Jewish people were devastated.

This temple was the center of their faith, God's house.

Now it was reduced to rubble.

It was more than a building; it was where God was encountered.

There was grief but also anger with God over this, a wide range of emotions.

Jeremiah has been traditionally identified as the author, but many scholars believe it is a collection of different writings by different authors.

We just heard the beautiful words of hope in the second part of chapter 3, but in the first part of the chapter the author is not simply accusing God of ignoring or not responding to their suffering, but accusing God of causing the suffering.

But now in today's reading we hear another voice, a voice of reassurance that God is faithful and does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Isn't this how it is with grief?

It goes up and down.

One moment we're fine and the next moment something hits us and we weep.

Sometimes we feel comforted but other times we feel alone.

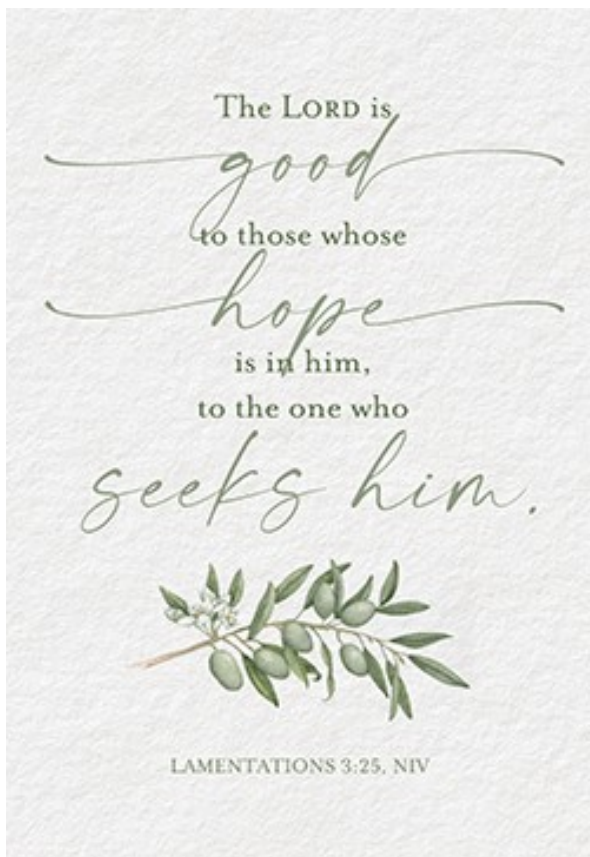
Sometimes we feel God's love and other times God may appear distant.

That is why the Book of Lamentations is still relevant today.

It expresses different emotions that we all feel at different stages of grief.

Mad, sad, scared, relieved.





Lamentations reminds all of us that all of these different emotions are ok.

But most importantly it reminds us that God is faithful and with us through it all.

And God has given us each other to help one another through grief.

Sometimes it is simply being there for someone.

Professor and sociologist Tony Campolo once attended the funeral of an acquaintance, and by mistake ended up at the wrong funeral parlor. The body of an elderly man was laid out, and his widow was the only mourner there. She seemed so lonely, Campolo stayed for the funeral and then accompanied her to the cemetery. After the committal service, as they were driving away Campolo confessed that he hadn't actually known the lady's husband. "I thought so," she replied. "I didn't recognize you. But it doesn't matter. You'll never, ever, know what this means to me."

Another example.

Kay Warren, wife of Pastor Rick Warren, wrote this after the death of their 27 year old son to suicide after a lifelong battle with mental illness;

"The truest friends and "helpers" are those who wait for the griever to emerge from the darkness that swallowed them alive without growing afraid, anxious or impatient. They don't pressure their friend to be the old familiar person they're used to; they're willing to accept that things are different, embrace the now-scarred one they love, and are confident that their compassionate, non-demanding presence is the surest expression of God's mercy to their suffering friend. They're ok with messy and slow and few answers ... and they never say "Move on."

We have a God who understands and laments with us.

Even Jesus wept.

We have a God who in Christ's death and resurrection entered into our world of grief and suffering to walk with us through it and conquer it.

God is faithful.

In Jesus we can always have hope. Amen.

Serving at worship on Sunday

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