



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Experiencing and
Sharing Jesus



So if the Son
sets you free
you will be
free indeed.

John 8:36

JULY

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Traditional Worship - Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

Traditional Worship - Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship - Sunday - 10:45 a.m.

Join us online - Sunday - 10:45 a.m. trinity-urbana.org

Dear Friend in Christ,

God's people will always face times of trials and testing. Whether it was the early church, which faced times of trial and testing during the Roman Empire, or whether it is the church today in places where Christians are persecuted, God's people will always be confronted with difficulties. Now, you may think, "Those places are centuries or continents away. What does this have to do with me?"



Times of trial and testing do not only happen on a large social scale. They also happen on an individual and personal scale, to people like you and me. The coronavirus pandemic has affected all of us in some way and changed the way we live. The political and social turbulence in our nation is concerning. Perhaps you are facing some sort of personal trial or difficulty now, at work, in a relationship, with your finances, with your health, or in another area of life.

Acts 16 tells about how God used Paul to start a brand-new work in a city that had never before heard the gospel. It



tells the story of how Paul and Silas found themselves in prison when they shared the good news in the city of Philippi. They experienced both success and difficulties. Have you ever thought about that possibility? We can experience difficulties even during times of success. Some Christians might be tempted to think that the presence of difficulties means they are somehow living outside of the will of God. But that's not necessarily true. Sometimes Christians can be right where God wants them to be, doing exactly what God has asked them to do and still face persecution, opposition, misunderstanding, and suspicion.

Do you know what Paul and Silas' response was after being thrown in jail? They sang! Even though they were in chains, they worshipped the Lord in the middle of their trouble and pain. Through miraculous circumstances, Paul and Silas were delivered from their imprisonment and even ended up baptizing the warden of the prison!

We should keep this story from Acts in mind because it reminds us that we will go through trials. And this phrase is important: we will "go through" trials. Trials are made to be gone through: you will not remain in them. Trials are made to go through because our God is bigger than any trouble you could experience.

It is one thing to say, "God is in control," and a completely different thing to really act as if God is control. In part, Paul learned this lesson during his time in Philippi and then years later when the Philippians came to his aid while he was in prison in Rome. When Paul wrote his letter to the church in Philippi, ten years had passed since the account in Acts 16. Some things had definitely changed. The church in Philippi was growing in love and concern for each other, but they were also looking after the needs of people who lived very far away from them. Paul was one of those people! Because this much had not



changed: Paul found himself imprisoned again, this time in Rome. The Philippian church had been persecuted since their founding, but they remained as one of the poorest and yet the most generous of all the churches that Paul planted (Philippians 4:14-16, 2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

The great lesson from Philippi is that our actions become the message. Our lives—individually and corporately—become the Good News. We can demonstrate to the watching world that we confidently believe God is in control. The Philippians are noteworthy because, as Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians, “They gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God’s will they gave themselves to us as well” (2 Co 8:5, GNT) Their hearts became one with Christ and the blessings of their efforts will never be forgotten.

Blessings in Jesus,

Pastor Shawn



Pastor's on Vacation

You will all be in our hearts and prayers as Jill and I spend some time with our kids from July 8th through July 17th. It's been such a topsy-turvy year with this coronavirus crisis changing everything we do even vacations! We'll be in a wilderness area for about a week and we'll have very limited phone and email access.

We're glad that Chaplain Bob will be filling-in. We'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers and look forward returning on July 18th-19th when I'll finish up my sermon series on Philippians. God bless!



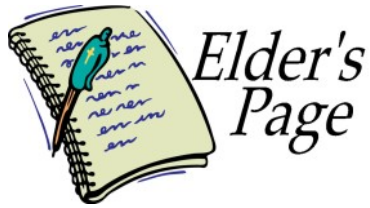
Wee Disciples Preschool News

What a beautiful summer it has been. Praise God for the sun and warmth of this season. July is here already, and it is time to start thinking about the 2020-21 school year at the preschool. Enrollment for the coming year is ongoing throughout the summer and I have been meeting perspective families and giving tours of our preschool. Currently we have only a few openings for enrollment for the fall. If you know anyone interested in preschool for their

child, please suggest that they check out our website at www.trinity-urbana.org, and feel free to share my contact information with families and friends. My email is weedisciplespreschool@yahoo.com.

Coming up in July new students will be contacted to schedule a home visit prior to the start of school. I am finishing up the summer preparations of the classroom/playground this month. Wee Disciples Preschool will begin a new school year with a fresh coat of paint, new carpet tiles, and new window blinds. A big thank you to everyone who made these updates possible! Also, this month I will continue to clean and sanitize Wee Disciples in accordance with new Public Health regulations. July will be a time of creating new policies and procedures to ensure student and staff safety as we navigate the new regulations due to COVID-19. I am grateful for your prayers, as the Wee Disciples Preschool committee and I prepare the preschool program for a new school year.

God's Blessings,
Karen Rohrer,
Director and Teacher



Dependence Day(s)

We take great pride in the notion that we've done something ourselves. When asked we usually share without hesitation that "I did that myself". It may be something ranging from a simple project like setting a new mail box and post, or planting the flowers in a window box. The project could also be something that took days, weeks or even months such as building a garage or house. While most would agree that planting the window box can be done alone, it's much more difficult to believe that a garage or house could be built by someone absolutely alone, without any help at all. Truth be told (and simple observation usually) that even the "building off the grid" folks on TV, don't manage much completely on their own either. They actually have family or a small crew, equipment, power tools usually and resources that don't just appear magically.

In this time when we traditionally celebrate with Family & Friends the independence of our nation, a raw truth is thrust right in front of us. **We are very much dependent on each other.** It can be said that we are even more dependent on each other now, than we have been in perhaps most people's memory. COVID-19 has impacted our daily lives in ways that most didn't see coming. Be honest. Who saw the Charmin or Cottonelle shortages coming, and how many eggs do most people really need at once? Shopping isn't as much of an ordeal as it was early in the pandemic, but the signs remain, literally. There are signs everywhere which explain the rules for every store, what is expected, where to walk, stand, and even which direction to move down the aisles. But in this land of plenty, we are still so blessed!

This is to say nothing of those who may have lost their job and are unemployed, possibly for the first time in their lives. Injustice, violence, protests and marches across the nation bring to light, a subject that is difficult to talk about, and until recently hadn't received long-term national attention. The melting pot appears to be boiling over. It's not enough to say let's all just get along, we need to live and act as we've been commanded to do. We are truly all in this together.

When asked, "What is the greatest commandment" (*See Mark 12:29-31*) Jesus answered, "The first is, Hear O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one: and thou shalt love the Lord God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. The second is this Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Our Savior Jesus, put all of us ahead of himself when he went to the cross. His blood was spilled for everyone. His victory over death and the grave, mean that by God's Grace, we too are victors. We can't do it alone. We are dependent on Christ for everything. Even those window box flowers won't grow without God's help, for he is the one who makes them grow.

Dear Heavenly Father, in this chaotic and turbulent time in our country and around the world, reassure us that you are in control. Help us to know that you are always with us. Remind us of your love. We are your hands and feet every hour of every day. Lead your sheep, to others in need, so that we may show them how all are dependent on You for everything.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Kevin Donoho - Elder Chairman

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As COVID-19 restrictions gradually ease, we are thrilled at the prospects of dining out, shopping, getting a haircut... and going to church! And we are impatient to return to normal as quickly as possible. Even so, we are reminded daily that, at least for a time, the “new normal” will be much different than the old.

Ever since the beginning of the pandemic, the Ministry and Parish Councils have discussed – at great length – plans for gradually and responsibly returning to in-person worship services. These discussions are guided by God’s Word and informed by the most current information available from state government, public health agencies, the synod, and other sources. We are keenly aware of our responsibility to protect both the *spiritual* and *physical* health of every person at Trinity.

Per the latest state guidelines, we have resumed modified, in-person worship services in the sanctuary. All three services will be held at the regular times, Saturday at 5:30 and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45. Please be aware that several restrictions will necessarily apply. It is very important that we abide by these guidelines as responsible citizens, for the health and safety of our worshipers, and for liability protection.

- Everyone must RSVP intent to attend using the online booking system or contacting Mike at the church office. Each individual requires a separate reservation so that we stay within allowable limits.
- The front doors to the church will not be used. Entry will be by the Preschool door, which will be opened 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the service. A sanitation station is placed inside the entry.
- Face masks must be worn inside the building.
- The drinking fountain will be closed.
- Restrooms will be open; one person at a time please.
- Worshipers will enter the sanctuary through the West door only.
- Social distancing of at least six (and preferably 10) feet between households must be maintained in the sanctuary. This will affect seating and communion procedure.
- Singing and group recitation will be limited.
- Worshipers will exit the sanctuary through the east door, then please exit the building promptly through the garden door.
- There will be no coffee fellowship between the Sunday services until further notice.

Obviously, this will be far different than the normal worship experience and will require significant adjustment from everyone. It will be up to each of us to decide when and under what conditions we feel comfortable returning to in-person worship. Services will continue to be live-streamed so that those who choose to wait can join remotely.

We humbly plead for your patience – and your prayers – as we tiptoe toward “normal” during this extraordinary time. Please keep love for, and the health and safety of, others at the heart of your decisions. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mike at the church office (367-8923).

Let us then give thanks and rejoice in the words of the Psalmist, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the LORD.’” (Psalm 122:1, NKJV).

Blessings to All,

Pastor Shawn Boylan and the Ministry Council

Rick Winkel, President and Parish Council Chair

Kevin Donoho, Head Elder



There is an upcoming Fish Fry Fundraiser to benefit the local DREAM program. DREAM was initiated by Mr. Tracy Dace in Champaign-Urbana. Mr. Dace is well-known to us at Trinity as we served as one of the local host facilities for the program last summer. The name DREAM stands for "Driven to Reach Excellence & Academic Achievement for Males." DREAM is a proactive, pre-kindergarten-to-college pipeline program to cultivate academic excellence and leadership in African-American males. Proceeds support educational programming and family activities.

When: *Saturday, July 18, 11am-2pm*

Where: *University Place Church, 403 S. Wright Street, Champaign*

Cost: *\$12 for adults*

Food: *Catfish fillet, plus three sides (spaghetti, coleslaw, green beans), free drink and dessert*

Payment: *For pick-up only. Pre-order at info@dream.org or text 217-600-1578.*

Donations: *At the fish fry, through the website www.dream.org, or check payable to DREAM, P.O. Box 11, Champaign, IL 61824.*

Coffee Time Fellowship, Trinity's online pre-service fellowship, will continue to meet as we begin to resume in-person worship services. This is a nice opportunity to catch up with fellow members while face to face interaction is restricted. Coffee Time Fellowship will meet via Zoom in a separate Zoom meeting from the online worship service. Please note that the meeting time has changed and the meetings will now run from 10:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. Links to access the meetings are available on our website and are listed below. Phone access is also available using the phone number and Meeting ID number listed below.

Coffee Time Fellowship (10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81108241978>

Access by Phone: ph.: 312-626-6799; enter Meeting ID: 811 0824 1978, then press #.

Worship Online (10:45 a.m.): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/873309814>

Access by Phone: ph.: 312-626-6799; enter Meeting ID: 873 309 814



JULY Birthdays

07/01	Dan Roney
07/02	Al Willms
07/03	Jim Cook
07/04	August Rossow
	Stan Turpin
07/06	Dennis Daly
	Jenna Strater
07/07	Samuel Tomory
	Susan Sheppelman
07/14	Blake Burr
07/16	Andrea Nation
07/18	Barbara Albers
07/22	Loren Althoff
07/23	Jonathan Wanagat
	David Wetherell
07/24	Carolyn Wanagat
07/26	Holden Albers

JULY Anniversaries

07/02	Gary & Zoe Revell (26 years)
07/03	Ken & Mary Jo Rott (60 years)
07/04	Devin & Megan Althoff (12 years)
07/06	Dave & Linda Lindsay
07/13	Steve Calhoun & Kathy Mueller (23 years)
	Tom & Donna Huxtable
07/27	Bill Peifer & Karen Rohrer (24 years)

For the Month of June	
June Offerings	\$23,020
YTD Receipts	\$139,302
Copies of Trinity's monthly income, expenses and full budget breakdown are in the Narthex and updated each month.	

Trinity Small Groups and Bible Studies

Many of Trinity's Small Groups and Bible Study Groups are meeting. Some groups meet online via Zoom. Please reach out to your individual group leader for information about your group. Please contact the church office at 217-367-8923 if you have further questions.



- Women's Book Group (Risë Lange)
- Pieces of Love at church (Jennifer Holhubner)
- Cottage Bible Study at homes (Mary Jo Rott)
- Women in Mission at church (Faith Wetzel)
- Tuesday Bible Study (Pastor Ehlers) - will not meet in July
- Young Adults Fellowship (Jill Boylan)
- Breakfast Bible Study at Urbana Gardens (Phil or Joyce Bell)
- Couples Bibles Study (Risë Lange)
- Home Bible Study at the Rouse's (Hilary Rouse)
- JOY – will not meet in July

