



Trinity Lutheran Church

Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am

*Holy Communion is
celebrated weekly on
Saturday & Sunday*

Summer Sunday School
9:30am-Sundays 6/15-7/27

Sat. Adult Bible Study 4:00pm
Sun. Adult Bible Study 9:45am

A Prayer for Fathers

*Heavenly Father, thank You
for Baptism, where You
make us Your dearly
beloved children. Thank
You for providing earthly
fathers and grandfathers.
Give them wisdom and
energy. Grant Your peace
to those who yearn to be
fathers and to those who
have lost children. May all
take comfort that You are
our heavenly Father, who
loves us so much that You
sent Your Son so that we
will have life eternal.
In Jesus' name.*

Amen.



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June 2025 - Newsletter

VBS 2025-June 2-6—8:30-11:00am

Epic Australian Adventure!

Decorating/Set-Up Sunday, June 1st 10:30am

We are excited for Vacation Bible School 2025! **Student and volunteer online registration is open through Friday, May 30th at Noon. Go to: vbsmate.com/trinitylutheranherscheril**



Walk-in registration will be available as well. You may contact our 2025 VBS Director, Heather Meredith with any questions. Phone/text: 815-573-1056 or Email: hmj8706@yahoo.com

Council Park/Picnic Cleaning & Set-Up Day

Council members meet at the park Saturday, June 7th at 9:00am to clean tables etc., and prepare for the service on June 8th.

Church Service in the Park/Picnic

An outdoor worship service will be held Sunday, June 8th at 10:30am at the park on the corner of 2nd & Park in Herscher. We plan to have the children sing a favorite song from VBS!



The church picnic will follow. Meat and drinks will be provided, please bring a dish to share and your own table service & utensils. The Board of Education will provide games! Please join us for worship, food, fun & fellowship!

Church Photo Directory

Photography dates are Monday, June 9th, Tuesday, June 10th and Monday, June 16th from 2:00-8:30pm. **There are still some time slots available for church directory pictures on June 16th!** Sign up at Trinity on the weekends or sign up online during the week at: www.ucdir.com click on the box to the right that says "photography appointment scheduling login", enter **il418** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. You may also contact Cheryl Brutlag at 815-922-7446 to schedule your session or with any questions. SMILE!!!



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Times for Study and Review

So Summertime ends up being a time of study and review for me. In part, this is simply because during the Summer things are a bit slower around the Church – no preschool, no confirmation class, etc. I have more time to actually open up the books I purchased years ago and never quite got around to. There's also the Continuing Education class I like to attend (it's early this year – after I finish this article I'll be heading off to learn more on St. Athanasius, for whom the long Creed is named).



But part of study isn't just learning new things; it's reviewing things you've studied in the past. This class on Early Church stuff might have me crack open some books that were old friends in Seminary when Church History was my main focus. New and old, that's what we need. Jesus even says as much in Matthew 13 - Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

As I was thinking about this article, and where the articles will be going (as we have finished our review of the books of the New Testament), I think it's going to be a time to bring out something that is old. In the next several months in my article, we are going to go through a good review of the Luther's Small Catechism. You've all read it. There's a good chance you memorized it (and to be honest forgot most of it).

Yet, the Small Catechism is a wonderful book. I teach it every year in Confirmation class and any adult instruction class. I go over it 2 or 3 times a year in morning devotions on Facebook. I reference or quote it in my sermons more than any other book save the Bible. It provides such structure and guidance and easy explanation for the Christian faith and life. It shouldn't be neglected.

So here is your invitation. Dust off your Catechisms, review them! In our Newsletter we'll ponder what goes on with the parts of the Catechism, a good review of "fear and love" and "this is most certainly true" and those phrases that ought to be brought out of the storehouses of our memories. (And of course, if you'd like to sit in with the confirmands in next year's class, it's always good to have an adult or two study along with the kids. It's quite fun, actually.) Wisdom awaits!

Pastor Brown

Christian Education Schedule/ Bible Study

Summer Sunday School is held Sundays at 9:30am June 15th-July 27th. Meet in the classroom after Sunday worship.

High School Bible Study will break for the summer. Study resumes in September.

Sunday Adult Bible Study is held Sundays at approximately 9:30am after Sunday worship. We are studying the *book of Revelation*.

Saturday Adult Bible Study is held Saturdays at 4:00pm before the worship service. We are studying the *book of Judges*.

Facebook Live devotions are held online most weeks, Monday through Thursday at 8:00am.

Be in the Word!
It's a great place to be!
All are welcome.

Summer Sunday School & Bible Studies



Summer Sunday School will be held Sundays, June 15th-July 27th at 9:30am following the Sunday worship service.

The children will meet as one group during the summer months.

Adult Bible Studies will continue throughout the summer as regularly scheduled.

Happy Father's Day!



Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office each **Wednesday by noon**. Thank you!

Monthly Newsletter Deadline

Articles, announcements and information for the July newsletter are due **Friday, June 20th by 9:00am**. Thank you!



Pastoral Care & Regular Church Office Hours

Note: The Church office will be closed May 4th-9th. Pastor Brown will be in the office on Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00-11:00am-ish. He will be happy to meet with you at other times as well, just call, text or email.

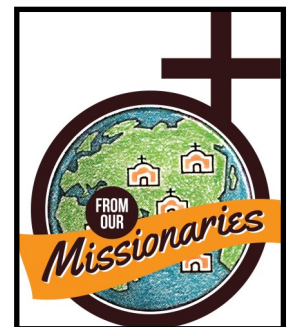
Pastor's Email: pastorbrown.trinity@comcast.net
Pastor's Cell phone (call or text): 815-953-9995
Pastor's Office phone: 815-426-2262 x102

Diane Hart will continue to be in the office as often as needed. Phone messages and email are checked multiple times daily.

Diane's Email: trinityherl@comcast.net
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Diane's Cell phone (call or text): 708-307-2710

Missionaries

Please continue to pray for our missionaries Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump and their family as they continue to share God's love and spread His Word. The most recent postcard from them is posted in the Parish Hall.

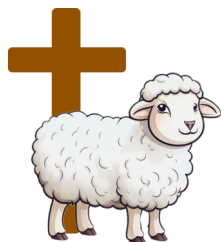


Villas at Herscher Services



Worship services are planned for Villas at Herscher Mondays, June 9th & 23rd at 2:00pm. Watch the bulletins for updates.

Little Lambs Preschool



The end of the year finished smoothly, but not without a great deal of help. Diane Hart has our thanks for formatting and printing graduation bulletins as well as all the preschool certificates/diplomas. Thank you also to Deb Weerts and Debbie Witheft for their help with the receptions for both classes! The teachers can only be in so many places at once, and their invaluable assistance meant the students and their guests were able to enjoy themselves without interruption. Brian Noffke, who sets up and takes down the risers, audio equipment, and projector screen, is another major contributor to the success of our events. We greatly appreciate all the help from the congregation, not just for promotion and graduation, but for all our preschool events!

It is important to note that I am also grateful to my fellow teachers. Everyone knows me, as I am a member of the congregation, but not everyone gets to meet the rest of our preschool staff. It is time to shine a light on them:

Ann Meredith- Mrs. Ann used to teach kindergarten but has been with Little Lambs for many years now. Her experience is quite valuable in her capacity as our lead Pre-K 4 teacher, where she works hard to help our students be truly ready for kindergarten. Also, if you see something fun or beautiful, or disorder put in order, chances are excellent she is the one behind it.

Stephanie Arseneau- Ms. Stephanie is a seasoned Little Lambs parent and has been working here as a teacher's assistant for the last two school years. With four busy daughters at home, she is fantastic at multitasking and managing chaos. She also provides meaningful insight into preschool operations and the greater Herscher community through her experiences as a parent.

Allison Haefs- Ms. Alli joined Little Lambs this year as a teacher's assistant and hit the ground running! Her experience as a parent of three makes it easy for her to bond with the kids and be their calm on rough days. She is also talented at encouraging students to put in their best effort as they work on difficult skills. She worked with the blended Pre-K 3/4 class this year but will be swapping with Ms. Stephanie and moving with her son to the 4s next year.

Since its inception, God has blessed Trinity's Little Lambs Preschool with caring, dedicated teachers who take the time to show God's love to every student who comes through our doors. These teachers are no exception. Thanks be to God for all the blessings He gives us, whether through the care of our congregation or through the people He sends here.

— Mrs. Brown

Little Lambs Raise Right Gift Card Program—go to: raiseright.com Raising funds with **NO SELLING!**

Trinity's Gift Card Program through Raise Right—This program is available year-round.

All orders will be placed on Mondays, allowing for delivery usually by Thursday of the same week (online orders will be submitted with the paper orders). While they are most popular for holiday and birthday gifts, people also purchase cards to use themselves at places they regularly shop (groceries, gas stations, etc.). New customers please contact Diane Hart in the office for the enrollment code or with any questions. Go to raiseright.com for more information or ask for a printed list of vendors if you prefer.



Thank you for supporting Little Lambs simply by shopping!

Shipping costs have increased again in 2025. We may need to make some changes as many times the rebates offered do not cover the shipping costs Little Lambs incurs. We will announce any necessary changes at the time they are made. Thank you again for your past and present support.

Martha Circle & Trinity Sewing/Quilting Group

Martha Circle is taking the summer off. Our next meeting will be Friday, September 5th at the Herscher Restaurant. If anything comes up, we can discuss it at the Trinity Sewing sessions.

Trinity Sewing group will be meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. In June it will be June 3rd and June 17th. Come one or both days and enjoy socializing with the quilt tying and binding group. We appreciate any donations of fabric or sheets for our quilt backs.

If anyone has extra Velcro (at least seven inches), in your sewing supplies, we can use it as Ruth, Dianne and Connie are helping make chemo port pillows for Phil's Friends at St. Paul's. If anyone would like to help sew them see Ruth or Connie. They use about forty each month in their care packages.

Connie

Board of Education

The Board of Education will meet Sunday, June 1st at 10:30am. We will be setting up and decorating for VBS. Please contact Laura Peters with any questions.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is scheduled to meet Wednesday, June 18th at 5:00pm.

Hannah Circle

We enjoyed a delightful end of year potluck on May 20th and will break for the summer. We thank the congregation for their support!

June Card Care: Jane Benjamin

Herscher Council of Churches

Herscher Christian Church will distribute boxes from the Illinois Food Bank on Tuesday, June 10th beginning at 10:00am.

LWML



LWML National Convention will be held this year in Omaha, Nebraska.

Ruth Kruse will be the representative of our Zone. We pray God's blessings on Ruth and all attending the convention.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Rally held at Trinity on April 26th. Thirty boxes were decorated and filled with items for Phil's Friends. Thank you to everyone that purchased items for the boxes. If you find a good buy or want to continue supporting their causes, we have ways to get the items to them. Some of our congregation members help pack boxes each month.

The Fall Rally is set for October 4th at St. Paul's School, Bourbonnais, IL. We will be filling Operation Christmas Child boxes this year. A sheet with suggestions for homemade items may be found on the table in the Parish Hall.

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Inc. (RLOM)-Illinois Expansion

Look for the latest birth/baptism announcement from RLOM on the bulletin board kiosk in the Parish Hall!

Contact Barbara Schwark, Trinity's Advocate to RLOM for updates or with any questions.



Prairieview's 36th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, June 13th 12:00pm. Shewami Country Club, 1726 N. 2580 East Rd., Sheldon, IL 60966
Registration for Prairieview's Annual Golf Outing is open! For more information about golfing/sponsorship, visit www.prairieviewlutheran.com/golf-outing/

If you have any questions, contact Jared Lauritson, Dir. Of Marketing and Development, at Prairieview.



Member Birthdays



- 01 B.J. (William) Doss, Jeff Janssen,
Tyler Schaumburg
- 02 Craig Bisaillon
- 03 Dave Becker, Ken Taube
- 04 Garrett Paulissen, Rodney Schwark
- 06 Earl Jensen
- 07 Clara Fisher
- 08 Jacek Kulach, Alan Ramsey
- 09 Karl Kruse
- 12 Connie Tranos
- 13 Dawn Sopko
- 15 Amy Dehm, Denise St. Pierre
- 16 Luke Smith
- 17 Cassandra Royal
- 18 Kevin Hill
- 25 Aaron Cox, Carrie Kruse, Josie Royal
- 28 Keenan Hubly, Paula Kruse
- 29 Lori Marquis
- 30 Evelyn Bauer, Darrell Kooy, Shelby Shepard

Please notify Diane in the church office if there are any errors or omissions. Thank you!

A Birthday Prayer

Gracious Father, thank You for blessing me with another year of life. You have provided for my needs for another year, and I look forward to watching Your work in my life in the year ahead. Fill me with Your wisdom, which is the way of pleasantness and the path of peace. Fill me with Your love and enable me to share that love with those around me.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Trinity Lutheran Church April 30, 2025 Financial Summary

General

Beg. Balance	\$21,373.31
Receipts	22,471.16
<u>Expense</u>	<u>24,917.48</u>
Ending Balance	\$18,926.99

Mission Fund

Beg. Balance	\$ 8,233.00
Receipts	7,610.61
<u>Expense</u>	<u>9,304.61</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 6,539.00

Little Lambs Preschool

Beg. Balance	\$10,518.28
Receipts	7,181.00
<u>Expense</u>	<u>5,956.36</u>
Ending Balance	\$11,742.92

Complete financial reports are reported at Quarterly Voters' Meetings held usually on the third Sundays of January, April, July and October.



Treasurer's Report

Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your offering envelopes, have them issued, or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.

Parish Hall Rental/ Property Check-Out List

The Parish Hall may be rented to Trinity members for various functions. Please contact Diane in the office to schedule, remit rental fee, and obtain a copy of the guidelines. ***Reminder, the kitchen, tables and chairs should be left clean and floors swept. Restrooms should be checked for tidiness.***

Also, any property borrowed (old tables, kitchen items, etc.) need to be signed out on the check-out sheet in the church office. Please note, per the Church Council, the white tables and chairs may not leave the church property. ***Also, all items used are to be returned clean and stored appropriately.***

Thank you!

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship



The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward."

Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).

He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.

But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern.

We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.

This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.

The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

Serving Our Lord This Month — June 2025

Elder/Communion Assistant

May 31*	Joe Hart
June 01*	Al Janssen
June 07*	Kevin Kruse
June 08	<i>No Communion-Worship in the Park/Picnic</i>
June 14*	Mike Bruner
June 15*	Don LaChappell
June 21*	Jerry Brutlag
June 22*	Jeremy Thurston
June 28*	Joe Hart
June 29*	Caleb Dehning

*Denotes Holy Communion Served

USHERS

THIS MONTH

Usher Captains

Karl Kruse (Sat.)

Mike Thomas (Sun.)

Usher Team

Larry Sharper

Victor Brown; Joe Hart; Brandt Nottke



Heather Meredith
&
Val Simmons

Altar Flowers

Weekend or date:

May 31/Jun.01 Caleb & Samantha Dehning

June 07/08 Ruth Kruse

June 14/15 Kim & Deb Weerts on the occasion of their 53rd anniversary

June 21/22 Available

June 28/29 Keith & Penny Berger on the occasion of their 13th anniversary



Trinity— June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Communion</i> Worship 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Board of Education Meeting VBS Set up/ decorating 10:30am	2	3 Quilt Tying/ Sewing Group 12:30-4:30pm	4	5	6	7 <i>Communion</i> Council Park Clean-up/SetUp 9:00am Adult Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
<div>VBS June 2-6 8:30-11:00am</div>						
8 Worship in the Park 10:30am Church Picnic Follows	9 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Villas at Herscher Service 2:00pm Church Directory Photography 2:00-8:30pm	10 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Church Directory Photography 2:00-8:30pm Council 7:00pm	11 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	12 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	13 Prairieview Golf Outing	14 <i>Communion</i> Adult Bible Study 4:00pm Worship
15 <i>Father's Day Communion</i> Worship 8:30am Summer Sunday School 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am	16 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Church Directory Photography 2:00-8:30pm	17 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Quilt Tying/ Sewing Group 12:30-4:30pm	18 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Altar Guild 5:00pm	19 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	20 July Newsletter Deadline 9:00am	21 <i>Communion</i> Adult Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
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Deadlines for printing: Bulletin announcement deadline-Wednesdays 12:00pm July Newsletter deadline-Friday, June 20th by 9:00am						