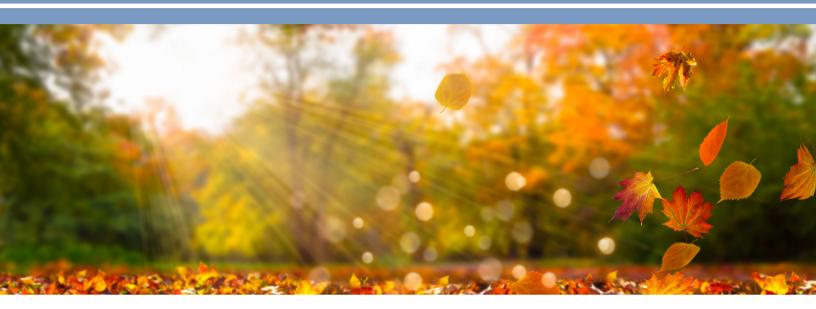
THE TIDINGS

A Monthly Newsletter of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



SERVING OTHERS

by Pastor Josh Martyn

"Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:33-37, NRSV)

Doesn't life sometimes feel like a treadmill? Where you are constantly running, seeking to attain something in life and it's always just beyond your grasp? It is so easy to find oneself trapped on the treadmill of life. Especially when you fall victim to constantly comparing what you have or what you look like to others around you. Many individuals seek to have the perfect body, perfect house or newest possessions. Others strive for wealth, fame, and the endless pursuit of greatness and success. Very few may attain their goal, while many others run on their treadmills of life, striving to attain what everyone else seems to have.

Yet, in the midst of the chaos of always trying to measure up to others, our text reminds us that we are already great, we are already perfect. No matter who you are. No matter what you have done. No matter what you have or don't have, how much is in your bank account or what you look like. You are of high value in the eyes of God. Through Jesus' death and resurrection God no longer sees a sinful broken person. God sees a beautiful child who is worth more than you could ever imagine. Even though we may be hard on ourselves and judge ourselves as imperfect. God, through the cross, sees a beautiful perfect child and claims us all as a God's children through the waters of baptism.

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"HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF THAT QUESTION? DO YOU SERVE OTHERS BECAUSE YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE TO OR THAT IT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD? OR ARE YOU SERVING OTHERS TO LIFT THEM UP?"

And just as we have been cleansed and forgiven, we are challenged in our text to measure greatness with humility, servanthood and gentleness. And this is a tough thing to do. Humility is a tough trait to acquire because it forces you to place yourself last others first. Now I know some of you may be thinking that it's pretty simple to serve others, but take a minute and think about it. Many of us truly do go out of our way to welcome and serve others. However, to me that's the easy part. The question that really gets to the center of our hearts is why do we serve others? Have you ever asked yourself that question? Do you serve others because you feel that you have to or that it makes you feel good? Or are you serving others to lift them up? Over the years when helping to serve at community meals I have heard many volunteers say that they love serving the homeless because it helps them, the volunteer, remember that their lives are not that bad. Or they say they do it because it makes the volunteer feel good about themselves. Is that humility and servanthood? No.

As Jesus shows us in Mark's gospel, humility and servanthood is the ability to think less of oneself and more about the other. It's the ability to go out and give all of yourself to those in the community and to see the cross of Christ in their eyes. Poor or rich. Young and old. You will recognize greatness when you look for it in the humble acts of love shown every day by people who are not interested in self-promotion, but promoting the love of God found in Jesus Christ.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Josh

WORSHIP

Each Sunday
Worship at 9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour following at 10:00 A.M.

To join, click here or go to our website at htlcdbq.com

Can't connect online? Just call 1-312-626- 6799 and use Meeting ID: 696 504 258

PARKING LOT WORSHIP SERVICE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AT 4:00 P.M. WARTBURG SEMINARY

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

We pray that this note finds you and yours healthy and safe in this time! It has been a long time since we have seen each other face to face in worship, and it has been difficult for us to be apart from one another. We give thanks to God that on Saturday, October 10th, 2020 at 4:00P.M. we will gather in the name of Christ for a Parking Lot Worship Service at Wartburg Theological Seminary. Please arrive 20 minutes early. We are preparing a special service that will bring us the joy of seeing one another again, even if at a distance and through a car window!

In this service we will celebrate Holy Communion and get to experience God's grace in this way for which we have missed these many long months. To top this off, we get to rejoice with our most recent class of First Communion students and partake with them in the Lord's Supper on this special occasion. This will be a special Holy Communion service with music, prayer, and the gathering around God's Word to bring us healing and wholeness through Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit gifted to us all.

Parking spots and outdoor seating are limited and require a reservation. To reserve your space, go to

https://signup.zone/XH3vaz4vbfCfvSh2x or our website at: www.htlcdbq.com

Once you arrive at Wartburg's Parking lot:

- An attendant will greet you and direct you to your parking space.
- Once parked, an attendant will distribute a bag with prepackaged communion elements and a bulletin.
- The service will be broadcast through your cars FM radio. Attendants will be available to help if needed.

There will also be a few specified outdoor seating spots. For those who have selected outdoor seating, please park on Wartburg Place where an attendant will greet you. Please bring your own seating.

The Worship Team and staff are working hard to plan all this and for that we give them thanks! We pray that you are patient and respect the health and safety measures that will be put into place to protect the health of us all. All who attend are asked to follow CDC guidelines and practice social distancing and masking if you are outside of your cars at any point.

We look forward to seeing you at this service and have missed you so much! It is our hope that this occasion will provide for us all a renewed sense of community in Christ, and that you may experience the love of God through the faces of those who you see. Please be sure to join us the following morning for our regular online worship service at 9:00A.M. God's peace be with you and yours dear siblings, and know you are in our hearts and prayers always!

In Christ, Pastors Josh & Derek

Wartburg Theological Seminary 333 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, IA

Service will be held in the parking lot behind the seminary.

If you need assistance making a reservation, contact the church office at 563-582-3228

ADULT FORUM

Wednesday, October 14th & 28 6:30 P.M.

2 Part Series

How Does Our Faith Inform Our Civic Engagement?

Scripture reveals God's presence in all realms of life, including political life. The ELCA understands government as a means through which God works to preserve creation and build a more peaceful and just social order in our world. Join the Adult Forum to talk about how we live out our faith.

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

for preschool through elementary students.

On the first Sunday of the month, starting October 4th, at 11:00 A.M., we will meet via zoom. Each Sunday recordings of stories, songs, and activities will be available on YouTube at 11:00 A.M. Take-home activity bags will be delivered to your home. Questions? Contact Sara McCaw, Family Minister, sara.mccaw@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Each Tuesday at 11:30 A.M.

Simply Coming Together....

from different churches, to study the Bible as our common text. Click Here to Join.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Friday at 6:00 A.M.

Rise and Shine!

Start your day off with fellowship and bible study on zoom. Click Here to join.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Bible Explorers 5th & 6th grade Middle School High School 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Meets online. <u>Go to the Youth Ministry page on our website</u> for information about these ministries, and the dates and times they meet.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR 9TH GRADERS

We look forward to celebrating with our confirmands on Reformation Sunday, October 25th. Isabel Brauhn, Nathan Droessler, Rosalynd Hoefflin, Cameron Lovett, Sarah Martyn, Soren Obermueller, Sydney Wersinger, and Violet Widner will affirm their baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, October 10th at 4:00P.M.

Special Parking Lot Worship at Wartburg Seminary See previous page for details.

We will look forward to celebrating at the Lord's Table with these seven students: Alexandra Goldsmith, Augustus Lambert, Erika Matson, Myles Page, Connor Pauly, Joshua Roling, and Elijah Williams.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 24th 4:40 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Mark Your Calendar! The Family Ministry Committee is planning a fun event for our families. We will post the details as they arrive on our webstite.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following: Nathan Kelly Robin Wlochal (Bill Wlochal's sister-in-law) Lara Dohner (Lisa Anderson's daughter) Milton Arnold (Mark Arnold's uncle) Steven and Marilyn Rutz Carol Smart

For all affected by natural disasters, especially those affected by the wild fires in California and those affected by hurricanes.

HTLC Military personnel serving our country:

Army: Kyle Salmon, Christina Fink, Col. Karl Anderson,

Kyle Osborne.

National Guard: Eric Bowman Air Force: Chris Barajas Marines: Staff Sgt. Rossetti

Air Force: Chris Barajas, Michael Osborne, Logan Knobbe

PRAYER REQUESTS

We would love to pray for you. We have a group of faithful people who who pray for our community every day. Submit your request online or call the church office at 563-582-3228.



OUR "LITTLE" FOOD PANTRY AND BLESSING CABINET

Thank you to those who have contributed to our "little" food pantry and blessing cabinet this past month. This is an important ministry of Holy Trinity that reaches out to our community that is in need.

We are in need of vegetables and fruit (canned or fresh) and personal hygiene items like shampoo, deodorant, soap and toothpaste.

These items can be placed inside the front entry of the church and we will distribute them. If you are making a large contribution, please call Pastor Derek at 608-556-0206 and he will bring it inside the church building to add to our stores of food.

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

Thank you to the following who have made the commitment to be teachers for our Christian Education programs. We appreciate your dedication!

Children's Sunday School: Lisa Anderson, Kari Chesterman, Jason Duba, Amanda Kelly, Jerry Reuter, Dan Wild, Emily Wild, and Joni Wlochal.

Bible Explorers and Confirmation: Christopher Bode, Michele Faubel, Andy Lee, and Kimberly Lee.

Adult Forum: Dave Assmus and Lenore Howard.

COVID UPDATE

On Tuesday, September 22, Pastor Josh sent a letter to the congregation with updates regarding the COVID-19 church closure, our new sounds system, and the plans for a "Parking Lot Worship Service" at Wartburg Seminary. If you did not receive the letter and would like to read it, click on the link below or contact the church office and we will happily mail it to you. READ THE LETTER HERE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (HTLC), Dubuque Iowa Pandemic Reopening Directive

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Dear Friends,

At our September council meeting, a lot of things took shape:

Good news/bad news - We discussed the COVID numbers and again decided that we really needed to stay closed for now. But, I do feel what goes hand-in-hand with that is the fact that installation of the sound/video system will take place the last week in September. There is a learning curve associated with this and possible tweaks to the system. We are hoping to have further discussion at our next meeting to again hear about some small worship opportunities that can be streamed and again to discuss when reopening can take place.

In the meantime I was happy to hear that the Worship Team is planning a parking lot service! Thanks Team Worship! I am also happy to hear that Food Distributions continue to take place – way to go, Team Outreach! In other news, our office staff are reviewing Church Windows vs. Quickbooks. This is a huge undertaking and I am thankful for Lorice, Cathy and Lisa in helping find what is best for ease of use and staff efficiency. Also, council approved amendments to HTLC's current Constitution in conjunction with the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. A separate informational sheet will be sent to you regarding these changes and will then be voted on at our January annual meeting.

Thanks be to God for our amazing Pastors at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – they really work well together and balance each other out!

I can't wait to be back worshiping together!

~ Sue Tigges, President of Council

AL PLINE, OUR CUTODIAN TO RETIRE

Al, our dedicated and tireless custodian, will be retiring. His last day will be October 30th. If you would like to thank him for his close to 8 years of dedication, feel free to send a card to the church and we will be sure he get it.

ALL CREATION SINGS

The Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge (HFBFC) seeks to enliven the biblical engagement of the whole church by encouraging the development of faithful, innovative and effective ways of teaching and learning Scripture. Each year, one student from each ELCA-affiliated seminary is invited to create an innovative class, encounter or series for people steeped in biblical texts, as well as those unfamiliar with them, and then report their learnings. The 2020 HFBFC centers on the theme "The Bible — Word Not Weapon." You are invited to join the conversation in this year's four online events.

WEEKLY VIDEO MESSAGES FROM BISHOP EATON

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's weekly video messages keep the church connected.

Watch Now:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNDmVwhz-M34mAvgx5orNFsbAebN1MskR

STEWARDSHIP

"Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." - Hebrews 13:5

Fall is upon us, how on earth is that possible? It just seems like a few weeks ago that we ended in person worship and prepared for some time staying safe at home. Boy, have things changed! Throughout all of the hurdles we've faced, the leaders and members have learned so much and continued many valuable ministries in new ways. It has felt strange to worship online but I'm so grateful this is possible. Although I often participate alone, it does offer some sense of togetherness. I'm sure many of you have felt that way while viewing online services, attending Bible studies through zoom meetings or connecting with others by phone. All these changes may seem strange to us, but as the verse above reminds us, we are not alone. God is with us always, we are never alone and contentment is possible, during a pandemic or as we navigate other challenging circumstances.

Despite the many bumps in the road faced by all of us, the generosity of our members continues. Whether you've given by check or online, your gifts allow the ministries to continue to serve those needing support. It's certain the needs will continue into next year, even after we can return to worship in the sanctuary and gather for fellowship.

Since we're not ready to safely gather yet, we are providing a virtual fall stewardship program this year. Please look for the "You Are Not Alone" Stewardship Program messages throughout October in the weekly Bridge email, social media posts and during our online worship service. A few dedicated members making ministries happen in new ways and some of the recipients will share some powerful stories of lives changed through your generosity. The program will conclude with a letter summarizing these messages and an opportunity for you to respond. Please prayerfully consider how God's calling you to share your gifts with this congregation in the coming year.

Thanks, as always, for your willingness to be faithful stewards of all God's provided. We're all in this together, although often apart, but the ministries at HTLC couldn't continue without your support!

Wendy Einsweiler Stewardship Team Liaison

OCTOBER'S SPECIAL APPEAL: PIN (PEOPLE IN NEED)

By Pastor Derek on behalf of the Stewardship Team

Our special appeal this month will be given towards the vitally important ministry of PIN (People In Need). PIN is a ministry that came to be through the partnership of many communities of faith who are a part of DACU (Dubuque Area Congregations United), a group which we are a member congregation of. PIN was "founded on the belief that the spiritual health of a whole community and of its individual members depends on care for one another. PIN accepts financial contributions from groups and individuals, and it assists those temporarily in need by offering limited help in exceptional circumstances through direct payments to clients' creditors - for rent, utilities, medical care, and other basic needs."

One thing that is important to know is that PIN is an organization run totally by volunteers and all of what you give to them goes towards their mission. All overhead costs are provided for or funded by the Board of Directors of this organization and other devoted partners. This enables them to live by their motto: "A dollar to PIN is a dollar to people in need." We ask that in this time, if you are able, you consider giving a financial gift towards this special appeal for the PIN. Send in your gifts to the office and mark them for the October Special Appeal/PIN or go online to https://htlcdbq.com/give to find ways to give online. Please contact the church office with any questions about how to give to this appeal.

During this health pandemic, there are so many people who need the love and support of fine organizations such as the People In Need (PIN). With the additional economic burdens being experienced during this crisis, there is no shortage of need in covering the costs of food, housing, clothing, and all the other essential services. We give you thanks for considering supporting their amazing work. If you want more information about or know someone who could benefit from this ministry, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Josh or Derek.

FROM THE OFFICE

PASTORAL VISITS

If you would like a pastoral visit by phone during this time of social distancing, please contact one of our pastors.

Pastor Josh Martyn (563) 613-4337 or htlcdbqpastor@gmail.com Associate Pastor Derek Rosenstiel (608) 556-0206 or associatepastorderek@gmail.com

FAITH AT HOME

We have many resources available on our website for children, families and adults to grow in faith, relationships and knowledge. Go to our "Connect" tab and click of "Faith At Home" to view or click here.

COUNCIL MEETING AND MINUTES

Don't forget! You can view the minutes to the council meetings as well as the minutes to our various committees. Just go to our website, click on <u>CONNECT then MEMBER RESOURSES</u>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and you are there!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to those who have sponsored altar flowers for October.

October 4th Joan Dahlquist and Jonathan Brown - 39th wedding anniversary

October 11th Duane and Tami Ernster - 35th wedding anniversary

October 18th David and Marlee Tart – In Memory of David Lopez

October 25th Mark Arnold







CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Madelyn	Olson	October 01
Erika	Sawvel-Stoltz	October 01
Mark	Einsweiler	October 02
David	Schap	October 02
Lisa	Anderson	October 03
Opal	Turner	October 03
Kyle	Finke	October 04
Brianna	Lovett	October 04
Gerald	Reuter	October 04
Nancy	McGinnis	October 05
Mark	St. Aubin	October 05
Emma	Chesterman	October 07
Liam	Kelly	October 07
Sydney	Neuwoehner	October 07
Reed	Patrum	October 07
JoAnn	Wood	October 07
Tricia	Kivlahan	October 08
Lucas	Busch	October 09
Abigail	Duba	October 09
Nolan	Rice	October 09
Bridget	Pasker	October 10
Isabel	Brauhn	October 11
Jack	Stierman	October 11
Kimberly	Lee	October 12
Layne	Patrum	October 12
Marian	Walker	October 12
Lorice	Amlin	October 13
Scott	Franke	October 13
Sandi	Johnsen	October 13
Evan	Rowley	October 13
Ian	Larsen	October 14
Allison	Harmon	October 15
Amy	Hawkins	October 15
Hannah	Biedermann	October 16
Nathan	Droessler	October 16
Eugene	Fredrick	October 16
Alex	Neuwoehner	October 16
William	Wlochal	October 16
Caleb	Pauly	October 17
Lillian	Hanson	October 18
Robert	Clark	October 19
Logan	Teslow	October 21
Jacob	Bakey	October 23





ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Wendy Einsweiler	October 01	26
Mark & Elaine Klein	October 01	25
Steven & Angela Olson	October 01	14
Randy & Linda Glass	October 02	43
Kyle & Renee Krause	October 02	4
Cathy Weber	October 02	37
Brian & Amanda Wlochal	October 02	15
Jonathan Brown & Joan Dahlquist	October 03	38
Nick & Ashley Patrum	October 04	5
David & Amy Brauhn	October 06	18
Rick & Kim Biedermann	October 07	42
Janice & Vern Linenfelser	October 07	41
Steve & Linda Palmer	October 07	47
Gary & Linda Sewell	October 07	41
Mark & Rebecca Ryan	October 08	25
Kurt & Rena Stierman	October 08	25
Matthew & Shannon Droessler	October 09	20
Betty Smith	October 10	55
Duane & Tami Ernster	October 11	34
Nathaniel & Kim Wagner	October 12	12
Charles & Katie Hartig	October 15	3
Dale & Jean Bird	October 17	55
Brian & Elaina Burns	October 17	15
William & Inez Vondran	October 21	58
Tony & Marla Quinn	October 23	20
Benjamin & Angela Roling	October 23	10
David & Amanda Kelly	October 24	10
Teresa Eckhart & Mike Gibson	October 25	38

Oct 2020 (Central Time - Chicago) 10 24 3.1 4:30pm - Halloween Party 12pm - Affirmation of 23 6am - Men's Bible Study @ Pastor Josh's Day Off Ē Stephen Ministry Meeting 22 29 Stephen Ministry Meeting This Months Special 4pm - Praise Team Τhu Adult Forum @ via 200m 21 6:15pm - Bible Explorers @ Adult Forum @ via Zoom 6:15pm - Confirmation @ 6:15pm - Confirmation @ 6:15pm - Confirmation @ 6:15pm - Confirmation @ Wed 11:30am - Ecumenical Bible 11:30am - Ecumenical Bible 29 11:30am - Ecumenical Bible 11:30am - Ecumenical Bible 6:30pm - COUNCIL @ Choir 5:45pm - All Committee The Tidings Newsletter Tue 28 Pastor Derek's Day Off Pastor Derek's Day Off Pastor Derek's Day Off Sara McCaw's Day Off Sara McCaw's Day Off Sara McCaw's Day Off Sara McCaw's Day Off Mon 18 27 10am - Coffee & Fellowship 9am - Online Worship @ Stewardship Campaign Affirmation of Baptism Stewardship Campaign 7:30pm - Highschool 7:30pm - Highschool 7:30pm - Highschool 7:30pm - Highschool

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