

HOPE.

We have added to our sending at the close of worship:

Pastor: And why do we have HOPE in the gospel?

All: Because there is plenty to go around!

I was once asked, "What is the difference between the Gospel and the gospel?"

There's plenty to go around

The Gospel (with a capital "G") is a proper name. We have four Gospels in the Bible: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. But there were other Gospels that were written: The Gospel of Thomas, The Gospel of Mary Magdalene, even The Gospel of Judas to name just a few. Of course, these did not make it into our canon (the body of books in our Bibles).

The gospel, however, is the general term for the good news of God that proclaims the liberating mercy, forgiveness, justice, and love of God. The Gospels certainly proclaim the gospel, as we read about Jesus' birth, teachings, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension, but we can read or hear the gospel in other books, too, even books in the Older Testament and in the Epistles. For example:

- ✦ We read the creation stories in Genesis and it is good news of how God loved the world, loved the creatures, and loved us into being.
- ✦ We read in Exodus the good news about God's liberating work through Moses, moving people from slavery to freedom.
- ✦ We read in the book of Isaiah the good news about how God says, "Comfort, O comfort, my people," even in the most difficult of times.
- ✦ We read in Paul's Letter to the Romans the good news that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

The gospel is what our ancestors in the faith used as the basis for deciding whether a book should be included in the canon of scripture. Only those books that had the clearest proclamations of the gospel made the cut.

The gospel is the basis for our HOPE, too. We are to be witnesses of the gospel, where we share how we have experienced God's mercy, forgiveness, justice, and love toward us. As I said, the Gospels proclaim the gospel, but the gospel is far bigger than the Gospels because the gospel is beyond our scriptures, beyond our proclamation, beyond anything we can conceive. That is because God is far bigger than our thoughts, feelings, and experiences of the divine and there is no book in the Bible that can contain all of who God is, was, or will be for us.

When I say, "And why do we share this HOPE in the gospel?" We can be excited that we are standing in a long line of our Jewish and Christian ancestors who also put their hopes in this gospel, and it has never run out of power or favor. There really is plenty to go around.

Thank You! It was a glorious day and a delightful way to “begin again” with me as your pastor. I thank all those who helped with the worship service, and in case you missed it, it is available on YouTube.

I also want to thank the congregation for the “butterfly bush” (a bush that butterflies really like due to the nectar in the flowers) and the butterfly house. I already have the bush planted and the house nearby so that we can enjoy butterflies in our backyard. Thank you, Pastor Tim

Visits with Pastor Tim



While Pastor Tim has been here over a year, he has only had the opportunity to get to know those people in our congregation who serve on various teams and committees, and even then, it has been mostly church-business related. He wants to get to know us all. So please join Pastor Tim on the porch so that he can get to know you, hear stories from your life, and pray with you.

To schedule, please call and leave him a message, or text him with the date and times that work best for you. He will contact you to confirm your date and time. His number is 763-439-9971.

There are some members of council who may be calling you to schedule a time as well. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet our pastor!

Here are some times available beginning the second week of August:

August 9 – 3 pm, 4 pm

August 10 – 2 pm

August 11 – 9 am, 10 am, 11 am

August 12 – 9 am, 10 am, 11 am

August 16 – 1 pm, 2 pm

August 17 – 9 am, 10 am

August 18 – 9 am, 10 am, 11 am

August 19 – 12 pm, 1 pm

August 23 – 1 pm, 2 pm

August 24 – 1 pm, 2 pm

August 26 – 9 am, 10 am, 11 am

August 31 – 9 am, 10 am

Watch the Beacon and the Sunday refrigerator list for dates in September!

All – Congregation Feedback Meeting



The council wants to hear from you! Following worship on **Sunday, August 29**, we will provide a time for you to share your dreams and visions for Trinity. We have also floated out the idea of a new tagline: HOPE. There’s plenty to go around. We want you to ask us questions about it, how does it fit with our proposes team re-organization, and more. You can also ask more about the team re-organization itself. This is your opportunity to raise your questions, thoughts and ideas. Plan on attending.

If the Covid numbers are down to a safe level, we will meet in the fellowship hall so that some can attend via Zoom. If the Covid numbers are still high, we will remain in the sanctuary. (We received a grant from the Florida-Bahamas Synod that will pay about half of the cost of getting our sanctuary fitted with the technology to do livestreaming. If that equipment is installed by August 29, we can do Zoom from the sanctuary as well.)

**“We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith,
heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace.”**

The guiding stance of *The Center for Congregational Song* of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

+ **Hymn Stories: *The Rice of Life*** (from the new ELCA hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings*)

People in Western societies relate readily to Jesus as the Bread of Life (John 6:35, 51), but this image does not connect in the same way with Asian people whose staple is rice. The author of this text, an American missionary in Malaysia, has written:

For the traditional Iban [in Malaysia], eating rice is considered to have a spiritual dimension, connecting them with their ancestors. From their perspective, a meal without rice, even if the person is full, leaves the person unsatisfied. True life in Christ is a gift that satisfies. Jesus taught his disciples to pray each day for the staple food which sustains life. By example, Jesus taught his followers to feed all who are hungry, providing for physical needs, spreading the gift of his mercy, and showing his vulnerable compassion. The “rice of God,” on physical/spiritual totality, is intended for all people. No one who comes is turned away.

The melody written for this text by I-to Loh, is an adaptation of a Bunun rice-pounding song from Taiwan. The tune name, BÍ-NÍU, is Taiwanese for “rice-food.”

A perhaps unintentional benefit of this hymn in present-day North American culture is that it may have a pastoral dimension for people who cannot receive Communion bread containing gluten. This hymn raises our awareness of people who have never considered these issues as they pertain either to Asia or to our next-door neighbor.

*The rice of life from heaven came
to be true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim;
in joy and pain give thanks for love.*

*True rice the hungry world has fed,
the rice required for life below.
Provide this gift; God's mercy spread;
in weakness God's compassion show.*

*The rice of God for all is meant;
no one who comes is turned away.
Believe in Christ whom God has sent;
in humble trust God's will obey.*

*The living rice, for all a sign,
came down eternal life to give.
Abide in Christ, the living vine,
in Christ, with people die and live.*

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Monday Morning Bible Study 11 am

We continue to meet during the summer! Please join us via Zoom, every Monday morning at 11:00 am. These are the texts we will studying in August.

August 1 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 *The Lord gives manna in the wilderness*

Psalm 78:23-29 *God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.*

Ephesians 4:1-16 *Maintain the unity of the faith*

John 6:24-35 *Christ the bread of life*

August 8 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8 *Elijah given bread for his journey*

Psalm 34:1-8 *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Ephesians 4:25--5:2 *Put away evil, live in love*

John 6:35, 41-51 *Christ, the bread of life*

August 15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Isaiah 61:7-11 *God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations*

Psalm 34:1-9 *Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord.*

Galatians 4:4-7 *We are no longer slaves, but children*

Luke 1:46-55 *Mary exults in the Lord*

August 22 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 *Joshua calls all Israel to serve the Lord*

Psalm 34:15-22 *The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous.*

Ephesians 6:10-20 *Put on the armor of God*

John 6:56-69 *The bread of eternal life*

August 29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 *God's law: a sign of a great nation*

Psalm 15 *Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?*

James 1:17-27 *Be doers of the word, not hearers only*

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *Authentic religion*

September 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a *Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing*

Psalm 146 *I will praise the Lord as long as I live.*

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 *Faith without works is dead*

Mark 7:24-37 *Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man*



A NEW BIRTHDAY SONG

Using the tune KREMSEER, We Praise You, O God

We celebrate with you the life that God gave you.
 We thank him for letting us share in your joy.
 God bless you and keep you and shine his light upon you.
 With love we sing together happy birthday to you.

August 2021

2	Margie Barnes	13	Jean Haughwout
	Marilyn Dontigney	18	Vivian Heck
3	Marilyn Kurfis	20	Jane Peirson
4	Evelyn Hinkle	24	Lyn Carter
9	Gretchen Marz	27	Rebekah Sawyer
10	Trevor Corina	29	Thelma Reus
11	Stephanie Sherry	30	Gail Roe

Non-perishable food items are being collected for our local food bank, Gifts of Love Ministry. Your donations can be placed in the grocery cart located in the screened porch area when you attend worship. Thank you for your support of Trinity and this outreach.



Here's a service opportunity: **Halifax Urban Ministries Soup Kitchen**, Daytona Beach The 4th Monday of each month. Signup sheet is located in the narthex. Contact: Gary Hopkins (386) 212-0999

Service Outreach is sponsoring **"Undies Sundays" & "School Supplies"**. The congregation is asked to donate new underwear and socks, and/or school supplies for local students at Chisolm Elementary School. **August 15 is the last day to drop off supplies.** Donations can be placed in the basket located in the nave. **Financial donations** will also be accepted. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in your memo "Chisholm". Thank you



TLC Crafters meet every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall preparing for our Craft Bazaar. We have jobs for all levels of crafters, from the novice to the expert. Please join us for fellowship and fun crafting. We are following procedures in place for the safety of all.

Craft Bazaar

Saturday October 23, 2021 9 am to 2 pm

All items will be handmade PLUS live plants & vegetables. Proceeds will go to the P.E.A.C.E. Youth Garden and Ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church

Stewardship Message for August

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This message is about **HOPE, there's plenty to go around!** And it's about being a "steward" of the ship of "Hope" which holds Jesus' name. As Edward Mote wrote, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name." Do we let Jesus be our pilot on this steward's ship of hope?

Somerset C. Lowry wrote, "Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done."

And what is that will? Again, Lowry wrote, "As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be."

Robert L. Edwards prayerfully put it this way,

"God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all." Amen.

The Stewardship Team hopes that you prayerfully consider your commitment to God's work here at Trinity. These are trying times but the need to be about our Father's business is still present.

With the current Covid-19 situation, giving back to God of the funds entrusted to us is made easy by clicking on Trinity's website and completing the requested information there, or you can write a check, place it into an envelope and send it in the mail.

However, you decide to give back to God, know that God wants to be able to say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Happy giving!! and have a blessed day!

And as The Message says, "Overwhelming grace keep you!"

TRINITY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month	General Offering	Expenses	Difference Offering/Expense	General Fund Balance
June	\$18,061.01	\$26,474.07	(\$8,111.81)	
Year-To-Date	\$159,638.66	\$161,992.51	(\$2,353.85)	(\$29,301.73)

JUNE 2021

- In June, we received official notice from the ELCA Credit Union and the Small Business Administration that our PPP Loan was forgiven. The liability amount that has been a part of our General Fund Balance has been adjusted on the June Treasurer's report. We were forgiven \$27,741.37 in Principal and \$259.69 in Interest.
- In June, our General Offering was only \$18,061.01. It did not cover our expenses for the month. Please note that there has not been one month in 2021 when we have received enough to cover our expenses. This is now a problem for our congregation that we will be addressing in the coming months. Please give as generously as possible.

GENERAL FUND BALANCE

- The General Fund Balance is negative \$29,301.73. Note that we started the year with a General Fund Balance of negative \$26,947.88.

ON-LINE GIVING

- On-line giving is now available thru the church website: trinitylutherannsb.org
- Please note that Trinity is assessed a fee when donations are made with a credit card. The fee varies depending on up the credit card used and the amount of the donation. You may wish to add 3% - 5% to your donation to cover this cost when using a credit card.
- When on-line donations are made with a check or debit card, Trinity is not assessed a fee.

AMAZON SMILE

- Please remember that anything ordered on Amazon Smile with Trinity as the designated charity earns .05% for us. Simply start your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2332805 to confirm "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church" as your charity of choice, and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our organization.
- For more information, please email Paula Bernbaum at nsbide@aol.com

QUESTIONS? If you have questions or concerns about our budget and finances, please call or email Paula Bernbaum. 386-405-6668 or nsbide@aol.com

2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV), "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."



During the month of August, we focus on our social/interpersonal well-being.

According to the University of Arizona, interpersonal wellness refers to our daily interactions, the quality of our relationships and our satisfaction with time spent interacting with others. Our social supports are our natural buffers for stress. Through close, reciprocal and harmonious relationships or connection with a supportive community, we can feel seen and understood, and develop a sense of belonging. This sounds like a church congregation! Interpersonal wellness also includes positive experiences, words or acts of appreciation, managing conflict and finding the right personal balance of solitary and social time.

Many of us have returned to worship in the church building on Sunday mornings. It is so nice to see each other, even if we're masked and sitting in front of the blue pew tape. Others continue to join us online, and even the memory of being in the building worshipping together is a familiar comfort. Technology has brought the world closer; we can connect globally for bible study and Sunday Study.

Many of us have relationships, both inside and outside of the congregation: family, friends, colleagues, neighbors and acquaintances. A genuine smile. An act of kindness. Showing appreciation. As we continue to move through this time, we must remember how important we are to each other. Let's keep building those healthy, nurturing and supportive relationships. Is there someone you've been thinking about calling, this week? Today might just be the day.

Be well, stay healthy and remember to practice self-care.

TRINITY COLUMBARIUM



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MEMBER: \$2000.00

NON-MEMBER \$3000.00

Includes one niche which will hold two urns, a faceplate (to covers the niche) that is engraved with name of deceased, plus year of birth and death.

APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Contact one of the following:

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