

**The Need for Followership:
Followers of Christ Maintain Proper Priorities**
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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Trinity Lutheran Church is a family because God welcomed us into his family. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the family of God.

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People think that establishing priorities is about ranking things in order of importance. But it is more than that. We do not have unlimited time and energy. So, establishing priorities enables us to say “no” to things which might be good yet not truly important. Without proper priorities, one inevitably will pursue *that which is nice* while downplaying *that which is needed*.

Throughout Scripture believers are urged to prioritize. It is the heart of the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3). Jesus calls for prioritization when he says, “Seek *first* his kingdom and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). Good news: followers of Christ maintain proper priorities. Even better news: followers of Christ receive his forgiveness for all the times their priorities have been improper. May God bless your worship.

Serving in Worship

Preacher

Pastor Matthew Langebartels

Greeting and welcome.

Hymn

717, What Is the World to Me

- 1 What is the world to me
with all its vaunted pleasure
when you and you alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
my soul's delight shall be;
you are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks after wealth
and all that money offers,
yet never is content
though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
content with it I'll be;
my Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!
- 3 The world is like a cloud
and like a vapor fleeting,
a shadow that declines,
swift to its end retreating.
My Jesus shall remain,
though all things fade and flee,
my everlasting rock.
What is the world to me!
- 4 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
my life, my health, my wealth,
my friend, my love, my pleasure,
my joy, my crown, my all,
my bliss eternally.

Once more then I declare:
What is the world to me!

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Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

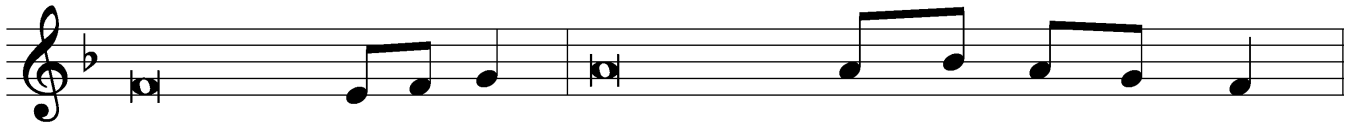
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

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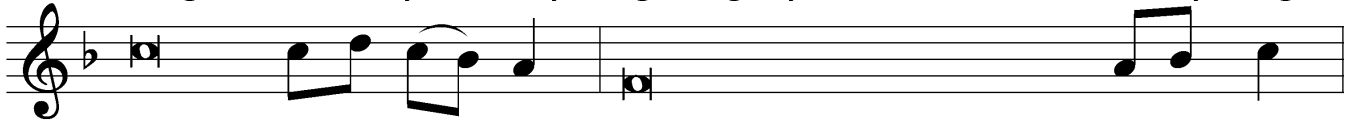
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



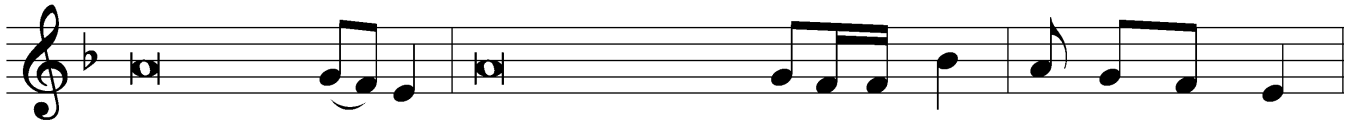
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



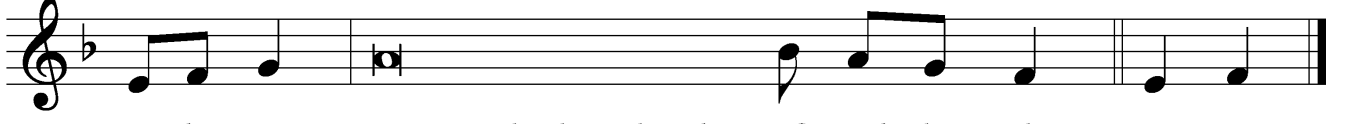
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us forsake all trust in earthly gain and find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14–27

The prophet Elisha's servant, Gehazi, prioritized riches over his walk with God.

¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

¹⁵Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel.”

“So please accept a gift from your servant.”

¹⁶The prophet answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

¹⁷“If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. ¹⁸But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.”

¹⁹“Go in peace,” Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, ²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”

²¹So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked.

²²“Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

²³“By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

²⁵When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?”

“Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered.

²⁶But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

The Word of the Lord.

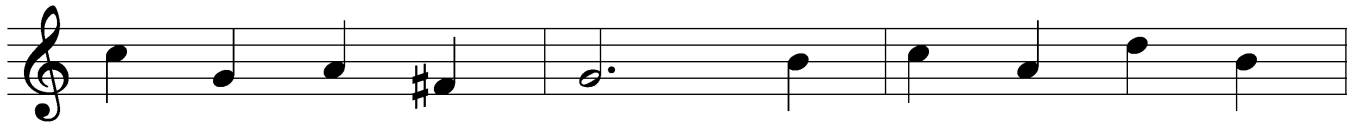
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

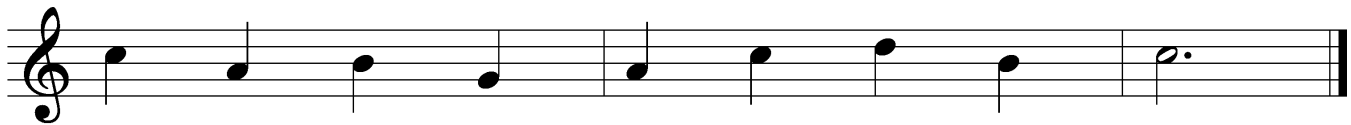
90D O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is your
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 you are God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an everrolling stream,
 soon bears us all away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

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Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

God's Word is like a sword. It cuts through our pretensions and pride and exposes our true priorities.

¹²For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the word of God is alive and active.

It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Gospel

Mark 10:17-27

Jesus helps a young man see a problem deeper than his failure to keep God's law perfectly—that he prioritized his wealth above the call to follow Christ.

¹⁷As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

²¹Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²²At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

560, Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

1 Your works, not mine, O Christ,
 speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done,
 they bid my fear depart. (Refrain)

Ref To whom but you,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ,
can heal my sinful soul;
your wounds, not mine, contain
the balm that makes me whole. (Refrain)

3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ,
has borne the dreadful load
of sins that none could bear
but the incarnate God. (Refrain)

4 Your death, not mine, O Christ,
has paid the ransom due;
ten thousand deaths like mine
would have been all too few. (Refrain)

5 Your righteousness, O Christ,
alone can cover me;
no other righteousness
can set a sinner free. (Refrain)

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Sermon

Mark 10:17-27

God Makes the Impossible Possible

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Friendship Registers & Communion Announcement

When filling out the Friendship register for communion, please include those communing on one line, and those not communing on a separate line. Thank you.

Offering

If you would like to give electronically, please visit www.trinitycoleman.org and click "Giving" or scan the QR code.



Please stand

Preface

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

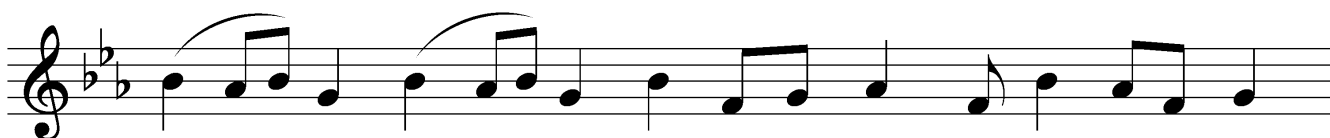
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

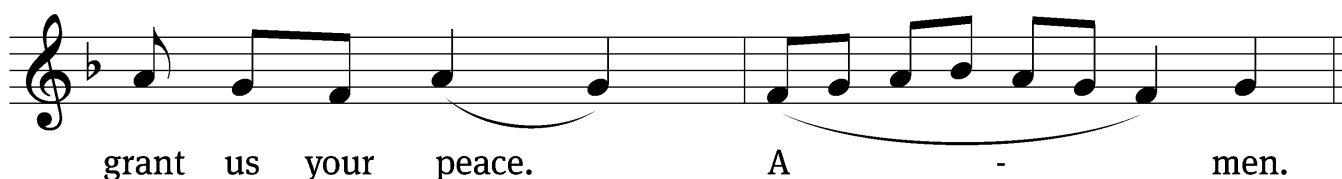
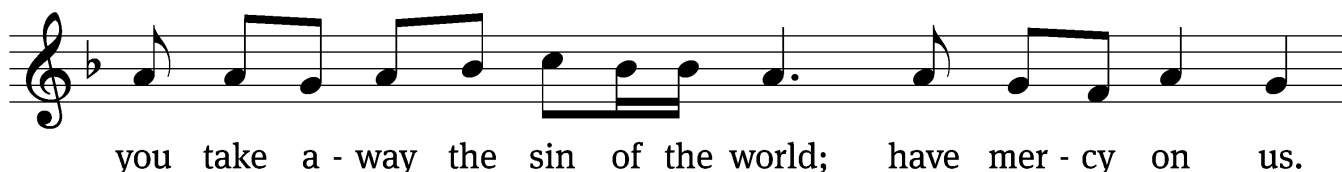
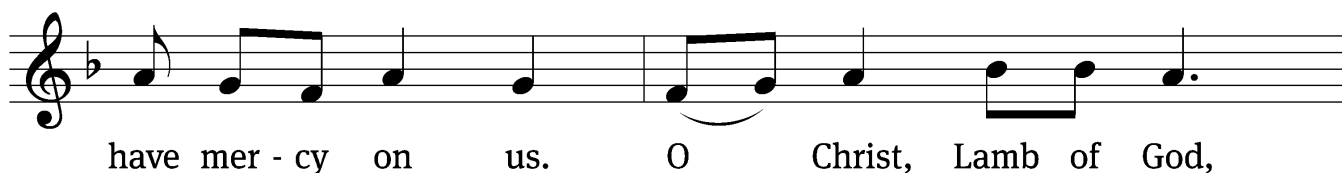
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



Please be seated

Distribution

Communion is an expression of unity and agreement in faith. We ask if you are not a member of Trinity, please speak with pastor before you publicly express such unity.

Distribution Hymn

807, All Depends on Our Possessing

*1 All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
in their God are not forsaken
and will keep a dauntless heart.*

*2 He who to this day has fed me
and to many joys has led me
is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
he who daily guides and rules me,
will remain my help divine.*

*3 Many spend their lives in fretting
over trifles and in getting
things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
that will bring me lasting pleasure
and that now is seldom found.*

*4 When with sorrow I am stricken,
hope anew my heart will quicken;
all my longing shall be stilled.
To his lovingkindness tender
soul and body I surrender,
for on God alone I build.*

*5 Well he knows what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never;*

*as God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to him my way.*

*6 If my days on earth he lengthen,
he my weary soul will strengthen;
all my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
like a stream away is gliding;
safe I anchor in his grace.
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Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn

405, On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart imprint your image,
blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
that life's riches, cares, and pleasures

have no pow'r to hide your face.
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation,
and my glory and salvation.
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Announcements

Hurricane Helene Many of our brothers and sisters are in need. Currently, the best way to help is to give a donation through our disaster relief fund. You can do that by visiting wels.net/CARgift. You can also send a check to the following address:
WELS Christian Aid and Relief
N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188-1108
Thank you for your compassion, support, and generosity.

BIBLICAL WORSHIP - Perhaps no other topic causes as much debate and discussion among Christians than worship. Why do we worship the way we do? As the first course of the Congregational Assistant Program CAP curriculum being offered in our circuit, this study will explore what the Bible says about worship. Unlike God's people in the Old Testament, the Bible does not dictate how we who are God's people in the New Testament must worship. We are given considerable freedom in this regard. Yet, as always, this does not mean we are free to worship any way want. The Bible has much to teach us about worship, and provides us principles to guide what we do in worship. We will look at the beauty and blessing of the historic Lutheran liturgy. While not commanded by God, it serves us well as it incorporates the Biblical principles of worship and keeps Christ at the center. All are welcome and invited to join us beginning on Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at Grace, Crivitz for this 4-week course. Even if you are not enrolled in the CAP program, consider making use of this great opportunity for spiritual growth!



Trinity's Fall Festival & Hayride is October 20th!!, We will have a chili cook off in our Fellowship Hall after service and proceed to the Maedke's. The hayride begins at 12:30 at W9584 West 6th Road, Coleman, WI 54112. Chili contest is for all congregation with a prize to the best! Bring your chili that morning in crock pot to be entered. Show us your inner CHEF! Any questions contact-Jenny (715)923-0703 or Hanna (920)591-1180



Trinity will be conducting a Food Drive starting next Sunday, October 20th through November 17th. We will be working with Coleman's Little Pantry located at the Municipal building. Donation boxes will be located in the Church entry, Fellowship Hall entry and by the church office. Thank you for your donations!

Area Reformation Service, Trinity Lutheran Church, Marinette, October 27th sat 2 pm. Guest Preacher, Pastor Larry Nast.

There will be a fellowship in the school gymnasium to follow the service.

Voters' Meeting after church on October 27th to approve salaries for 2025, as well as release Josh and Joy Wilson.

Attendance 10/6: 130
 Offering 10/6: \$ 4,405.87
 General Fund Balance as of 10/6: \$39,371.86

This Week at Trinity...

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