



# Trinity Trumpet

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### Service Schedule:

#### Sunday

Bible Study & 9 AM  
Sunday School  
Divine Service 10:15 AM

#### Wednesday

Catechesis 6:30 PM  
Service 7:00 PM

#### Monday-Friday

Children's Matins 10:00 AM

#### Private Confession & Absolution

Wednesday 10:30-11:00 AM  
Saturday 8:00-8:30 PM  
or by appointment



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## Celebrating the Reformation

The occasion of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation has brought up very few substantive discussions about the chief Scriptural doctrine which Dr. Martin Luther proclaimed, and which God used to reform His church.

I have heard it said that the Reformation's use of the printing press is the birth of mass media. So that the Reformation is about the emergence of free speech. Some have spoken about the value of the individual will,

because Luther was convinced by his conscience to declare the truth of God's Word. Thus, the great thing about the Reformation is that it freed the individual Christian from the church hierarchy. Others have told me that the Reformation was about indulgences, which they said were corrected. However, indulgences are still in use today. I am aware of non-Lutheran denominations and non-Christian sects who have celebrated the Reformation. They say that they like that Luther started the Reformation, but he just didn't go far enough. Those who spoke this way at the time of the Reformation were called radical reformers, of whom Luther said they "swallowed the Holy Spirit feathers and all," implying they looked inside, rather than to the Holy Scriptures alone.

The majority of those who presently call themselves "Lutheran," have not only left behind the doctrines which were championed

at the time of the Reformation, but have now denied basic Christian teaching. Those Lutherans in the Lutheran World Federation had a joint prayer service with Pope Francis saying that we all agree on the doctrine of justification. The document (The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, 1999), which they cite, doesn't actually involve a change in teaching from either party. It simply announces the conclusion that we misunderstood each other and should jointly set aside our condemnations. If that were true, we shouldn't celebrate the Reformation, but mourn the fact that a 50-year schism was caused by the misunderstanding of stubborn men.

I guess I should not be surprised. How can someone who doesn't embrace the Reformation truths be able to celebrate the reformation rightly?

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# The Learning Center

By Keely Gelso  
ECLC Director

Wow, this year is flying by.....It seems like yesterday we were just celebrating the new year. I want to take a minute to thank many of the wonderful families from the church that constantly are helping make Trinity the best! If you are not aware Trinity Lutheran ECLC has a Board of Education that meets monthly to discuss the finances and the everyday process with running the school. Not only do they do that they have a work day once a year, where I give them a list of items that need to be attended to or things that need thrown away, painted or moved. New curtains went up along with blinds in every room. The hallway and 2's bathroom was painted. Every holiday, new wreath's and window décor is put out. Planters have beautiful plants put in every spring. I can't thank you all enough for your



support for this school and your devotion! I also want to say thank you to Pastor, not only does he teacher our children EVERYDAY about Jesus but he helps me so much. He is my I.T. guy, my I need a table moved, my can-you-order-and-get-delivered 9,000 things, my printer is not working, my computer is not working and teaches and counsels me weekly. Without you I don't know where I would be. You keep me grounded and thankful for that! Here is a list of the families from the Church that our constantly helping in every way they can!

THANK YOU –  
THANK YOU AND

THANK YOU MORE!

- The Schroeder's
- The Mann's
- The Melvin's
- The Dunaway's
- The Weber's
- The Zimmerman's
- The Stretch's
- The Westermann's
- The Philip's
- The Henson's
- The Turner's
- The Miller's
- The Kenner's

We celebrated Halloween with party and the kids looked fab! The staff though went out of there way with my 80's theme! They all looked super fab! I am thankful and grateful for my staff who always go out of their way to make the children of Trinity happy! And go along with my crazy themes for parties. We also had our traditional

trip with the Pre-K classes to Band's Pumpkin Patch this year! It was a wonderful time had by all. Maybe the biggest group we have had thus far! Don't forget that we will be closed the following dates:

- Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017
- Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Also, during inclement weather for closings we will announce it on WSIL TV Channel 3 and I will also announce it on our Facebook page. So, if you have not liked us make sure you do!  
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## Learning Center (continued)

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This year the staff has had a tremendous amount of training. Here is a list of the classes that each and every teacher have attended.

- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Sudden Infant Death
- Epilepsy & Seizure
- CPR & First Aid Certification
- Food Handler Certificate
- ECE Child Development – Understanding How Young Children Grow & Develop
- ECE – Health Issues for Group Care
- ECE – Nutrition Issues for Group Care
- ECE – Safety Issues for Group Care

I look forward to the upcoming Christmas Play that both Pre-K classes will be participating in. We will start to practice with Mrs. Henson (Pastor's wife) soon. They will be wonderful angels and shepherds and usually sing several songs so mark your calendar for Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm.

Please don't ever hesitate to see me if you have any questions, concerns or comments about the school. I can meet with you, you can email me at [eclcdirector@trinityh.org](mailto:eclcdirector@trinityh.org) or call me at 942-4750.

Mrs. G



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## Reformation (continued)

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The chief doctrine of the Reformation is the teaching that man is saved by grace through faith in Christ's work apart from man's works. This teaching is not just one teaching of many. It is the chief teaching from which all other teachings flow.

The doctrines of the Holy Scriptures are likened to a bicycle wheel. The hub of the wheel is justification by grace through faith. The spokes of the wheel are all of the other teachings. If you don't get justification exactly right, then every other doctrine will be affected for the worse, so that the wheel will wobble. In other words, the rightful honor which should flow to Christ is misplaced. The comfort of the free forgiveness of sins is distorted. When the article of justification is rightly taught then all Christian doctrine and practice falls into their rightful place. We are declared righteous through faith in Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross. This true teaching alone gives comfort

when attacked, grants patience in suffering, and provides the strength to love one's neighbor, even one's enemy. This teaching gives us peace in the midst of death.

Those who rightly teach justification would never change the sacrament of the Lord's Supper where we receive forgiveness, into man's sacrifice by which we offer to God our merit. Those who rightly teach justification would never speak of a declaration of righteousness for the whole world apart from faith. Those who rightly teach justification would direct men to the Holy Scriptures for the creation and strengthening of faith, not to emotional revivalism and direct revelations. Those who rightly teach justification would not pray to the blessed Virgin Mary for help. Those who rightly teach justification would not minimize doctrine in order to emphasize good works and "the Christian life."

The way in which we rightly celebrate the restoration of the true Scriptural teaching and practice is to hold to that Reformation teaching and participate in that Reformation practice.



On a Hayride at the Deer Farm Cookout

The reason that the Reformation is such a great blessing is that it is founded upon the Holy Scriptures alone. This teaching is not an addition, nor is it a "Lutheran" take on the Scriptures. It is, in fact, the true teaching of God's Word, which the Apostles received from Jesus Christ and proclaimed in their epistles. When we hold to Scripture alone, we, too, will teach that man

is declared righteous through faith in Jesus Christ.

This glorious true teaching of salvation ought to be celebrated and proclaimed. It calms the troubled conscience and gives the spirit confidence. It lifts up the downcast and gives strength to the weak. It is the only true teaching that will bring forth faith-filled works of thanksgiving.

--MDH



On the Hike with Pastor Mike



# November 2017

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
Children's Matins 10 AM - 10:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Acolytes: Wed(1) Crucifer/Gospel Book-Sadie Henson, acolyte-Dylan Dunaway, Sun(5) Sadie Henson, Sun(12) Tom Weber, Sun(19) Luke Phillips, Thu(23) Tom Weber, Sun(26) Dylan Dunaway</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>All Saints' Day</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Learn-By-Heart</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Divine Service</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p>Trinity 21</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>10:15 AM</b> Divine Service</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Gustavus Adolphus, King and Confessor</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Learn-By-Heart</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Catechesis Service</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Martin Chemnitz, Confessor</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Veterans Day</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Third Last Sunday in Church Year (Trinity 25)</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>10:15 AM</b> Divine Service</p> <p>Voters Assembly and Potluck, following service</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Board of Education</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Learn-By-Heart</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Catechesis Service</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Second Last Sunday in Church Year (Trinity 26)</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>10:15 AM</b> Divine Service</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Matins</p> <p>ECLC Closed</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Last Sunday in Church Year (Trinity 27)</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>10:15 AM</b> Divine Service</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Learn-By-Heart</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Catechesis Service</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Saint Andrew, Apostle</p>	<p>Elder-Dan Byrne(997-4667); Altar Guild-Butch and Mary Schroeder; Church Cleaning-Oct 29/Nov 5 Miller, Nov 12/19 Kemp, Nov 26/Dec 3 Horman</p>	



# December 2017

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
Children's Matins 10 AM - 10:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Acolytes: Sun(3) Tom Weber, Sun(10) Luke Phillips, Sun(17) Dylan Dunaway, Sun(24)-10:15 AM Crucifer/Gospel Book-Sarah Miller, acolytes- Luke Phillips and Sadie Henson, Sun(24)-11 PM Gospel Book-Sadie, acolytes-Dylan and Tom, Mon(25)-9AM Crucifer/Gospel Book-Tom Weber, acolytes-Luke and Sarah, Sun(31) Dylan Dunaway, Sun(31) 7 PM Gospel Book-Sarah, acolytes-Tom Weber and Sadie</p>			<p>Elder-Victor Turner (521-7451); Altar Guild-Marsha Kay Turner; Church Cleaning-Nov 26/Dec 3 Horman, Dec 10/17 Henson, Michael, Dec 24/31 Henson, David</p>		1	2 6:00 PM Decorating for Holy Days 7:00 PM 1st Vespers for Advent
3 Advent 1 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service	4 6:30 PM Ladies Christmas Party (Mary Brieschke's)	5 Nikolaus Selnekker, Confessor	6 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	7	8	9 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
10 Advent 2 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service Learn-by-Heart recitation of Lord's Prayer 1:00 PM Christmas Caroling	11	12 6:00 PM Board of Education	13 St. Lucy, Martyr 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	14 7:00 PM Children's Christmas Program	15	16 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
17 Advent 3 O Wisdom Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Lord's Prayer 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service	18 O Adonai and Ruler	19 O Root of Jesse	20 Ember Wednesday 7:00 AM Matins O Key of David 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	21 Saint Thomas, Apostle 10:30 AM Divine Service O Dayspring	22 O King of Nations Ember Friday 7:00 AM Matins ECLC	23 Ember Saturday 7:00 AM Matins O Emmanuel
24 Advent 4 Christmas Eve 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Vigil of the Nativity 7:00 PM Christ's Mass Eve	25 Christmas 8:00 AM Christmas Day Matins 9:00 AM Christ's Mass Day ECLC Closed	26 Saint Stephen, First Martyr no service	27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 10:30 AM Divine Service 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	28 The Holy Innocents 10:30 AM Divine Service	29	30 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
31 Christmas One 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service Eve of the Name of Jesus 7:00 PM Divine Service						



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Pastor Henson at Holy Cross (Peoria, IL)



Dan Byrne at the Church/ECLC Work Day

