

Trinity Lutheran Church
and Learning Center
(ELDoNA affiliated)
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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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The Summary

“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’” (Mt 3:1-2) Did St. John the Baptist say those very words? Why yes, I’m sure that He did. Were those nine words (seven words in Greek) the entirety of John’s message? Of course, not! Those words were a summary of his teaching. The Prophet Isaiah (40:3) foretold of John’s preaching, using the summary statement, “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight” (Mt 3:3). John also used many of his own words, for example, “Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance...” (Mt 3:8). Not much later, St. Matthew wishes to make it clear that Jesus and John preached the same message. St. Matthew 4:17, “From that time {after John’s imprisonment} Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” Similarly, St. Mark records a



summary of John’s teaching, “John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins” (Mk 1:4). Not much later, he records, “Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel’” (Mark 1:14-15).

The content of John the Baptist and Jesus’ preaching included both law and gospel. When the preaching of the law exposes your sinfulness, the appropriate response is to repent or confess your sins. When the gospel message promises forgiveness of

sins in Jesus Christ, the appropriate response is to believe in Jesus Christ and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins. When Jesus sent out the twelve apostles, they were directed “to preach the kingdom of God” (Lk 9:2)—a short hand way of saying the same Law and Gospel as Jesus and John the Baptist. When Jesus sent out the seventy, he includes, “The kingdom of God has come near to you” (Lk 10:9) as well as another summary statement, “Peace to this house” (Lk 10:5). Not only would these sent ones have said these words, but they would have further explained with many other words.

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The Learning Center

By Keely Gelso
ECLC Director

Welcome Summer, I am so happy to see you again! I have missed you soooooooooo. We have another fun summer planned for the children of Trinity. For the first time this year, the theme that is usually taught over in the school-age program will be taught over in the Pre-K as well. Mrs. Laura and I have been attending training specialized for children starting in Pre-k to school age with the Environmental and Active Training Institute for Conservation Education for Early Childhood educators with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Our theme this summer is Camp Trinity. We will focus

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on wildlife, gardening, outdoors and camping. I am beyond excited. Have you ever dissected an owl's pellet (owl poop) before, well we are going to!!! For those of you might not think that I love the outdoors, I actually do! I spent the summer after graduating college as a unit leader for the Girl Scouts, so that meant 10 weeks in the Great outdoors with hundreds of little girls. One of the best experiences of my life!

We hope to learn about our environment and I would like to start a garden to table program for the school agers. Grow it, plant it, pick it and cook it. It

will be unbelievably rewarding for the children and it's also a good way to open a child's palette and taste something they might never try. I have seen

children who would never touch a vegetable really get excited about it. In the past, I like to put the garden in a shape

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of pizza and we would section it off like slices and grow different items to put on our pizza. We then we can use those veggies and each child could make their own pizza for lunch by the fresh ingredients used from the garden they have grown.

Our Summer Program will start Thursday, May 24th, 2018 and end on Tuesday, August 14th, 2018. Mrs. Erica, Ms. Ashley and Ms. Allison will still be teaching this summer again over in the School-Age Program. Pastor Henson will teach us Latin this year and we will study about Genesis. We will be more than happy to accommodate drop ins this summer—if just needed for a week or so or even a couple of days—for my families that are teachers and just need a break this summer or have plans and might ..

We will be transitioning children in the Pre-K portion of Trinity as they become older and age out of that room. Children that are enrolled in the 2's room and become 3 will not move out of that room until they are completely potty trained with two weeks of no accidents. Just a gentle reminder to please call the school when your child will be absent, try not to Facebook or text staff in case they are off that day and forget to tell us. Also, please make sure your child has sunscreen (spray please) and a sunscreen stick, an extra change of clothes, water bottle, diaper and wipes.

If your child is in the Pre-K program, a good time to talk to your child's teacher is from 1:30-3 pm if you have questions or concerns for your child's teacher. You may also request a teacher meeting if you would like to speak about your child's progress or concerns, just email Mrs. G at ecldirector@trinityh.org.

Happy Summer!
Mrs. G



May 2018

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Acolytes: Sun(6) Dylan Dunaway, Thu(10) Crucifer/Gospel Book Tom Weber, Acolytes Luke Phillips and Dylan Dunaway, Sun(13) Liam Phillips, Pentecost Sun(20) Crucifer- Sadie Henson, Gospel Book- Luke Phillips, Acolytes-Tom Weber, Victoria Turner, Trinity Sun(27) Crucifer/Gospel Book- Sarah Miller, Acolytes-Victoria Turner and Tom Weber,</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pastor Henson gone to Seward</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pastor Henson at Christ LC - Richmond</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Rogate (Easter 5)</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Rogation Monday</p> <p>7:00 AM Matins</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Rogation Tuesday</p> <p>7:00 AM Matins</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Rogation Wednesday</p> <p>7:00 AM Matins</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Ascension Day</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Work Day and ECLC Walkthrough</p> <p>8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Exaudi (Easter 6)</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p> <p>Pr. Henson @ Richmond, MO</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pentecost Monday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pentecost Tuesday</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Ember Wednesday</p> <p>7:00 AM Matins</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Begin Pastor's School Age Class</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ember Friday</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ember Saturday</p> <p>7:00 AM Matins</p> <p>8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Holy Trinity</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>ECLC Closed</p> <p>Memorial Day (Observed)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society (LeeAnn Byrne)</p>	<p>Elder--Tony Stretch(995-1379); Altar Guild--LeeAnn Byrne; Church Cleaning--Apr 29/May 6 Baker, May 13/20 Zimmerman, May 27-Aug 12 ECLC</p>	

June 2018

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elder--Keith Zimmerman(983-8458); Altar Guild--Lynnette Dunaway, Church Cleaning--The Learning Center	Acolytes: Sun(3) Colton Weber, Sun(10) Dylan Dunaway, Sun(17) Liam Phillips, Sun(24) Tom Weber				1 Pastor's Day Off	2 Church Work Day 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
3 Trinity 1 Summer Sunday School Kickoff 9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service	4	5 St. Boniface, Martyr	6	7	8	9 Pastor Henson at Christ LC - Richmond
	Minnesota Vacation					
10 Trinity 2 9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <i>Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Table of Duties</i> 2:00 PM Bike with Pastor Mike and Picnic (Harrisburg)	11 Saint Barnabas, Apostle 10:30 AM Divine Service	12 6:00 PM Board of Education	13 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	14 6:00 PM Ladies Night Out (Giant City)	15 Pastor's Day Off	16 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
17 Trinity 3 9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <i>Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Table of Duties</i> Father's Day	18	19	20 10:30 AM PCA CATECHESIS KICKOFF Pizza 5:30 PM, Games 5:45 PM, 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	21	22	23
					Pr. Henson @ Richmond, MO	
24 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Trinity 4 9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <i>Learn-by-Heart Recitation for Daily Prayers</i>	25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession	26	27	28	29 Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	30 Johann Frederick I--"St. John the Steadfast"
		Eldona Synod and Eldona Summer Camp				

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One who repented and believed the good news of peace would then be called “a son of peace” (Lk 10:6).

Prior to the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, many things needed to be said in “figures of speech” (Jn 16:29), but following His resurrection, the particulars of this good news of forgiveness are clearly proclaimed. Jesus begins His resurrection preaching tour with the summary statement, “Peace to you” (Lk 24:36). A little later, He expounds on His message and sends the disciples out to preach the same message preached by John and Himself. St. Luke 24:46-49, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Did these Apostolic witnesses of His resurrection preach that same message of law and gospel? Absolutely! After exposing sins by the law, St. Peter on the day of Pentecost told the gathered hearers, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:38-39). The summary of what Peter preached was also explained more fully. “And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation’” (v.40).

The summary of what the church preaches today is this same message of law and gospel, repent and believe, sin and Jesus, the things that make for peace and the coming of the kingdom of God. For the pastor, St. Paul tells Timothy, “Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us” (2 Timothy 1:13-14). Likewise, God desires

that the hearers cling to that same churchly message, “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, (1 Tim 1:15). “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” (Hebrews 10:23). The Galatians were reminded that they received the Holy Spirit “by the hearing of faith” (3:2), and it would be “foolish” (3:3) to leave it behind. Colossians 2:6-7 says, “As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

There is a reason for God’s insistence on the pastor holding out the same trustworthy message and the hearer being faithful to that Christian doctrine unto death (Rev 2:10). 1 Timothy 4:16 says, “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”
--MDH

