

Trinity Lutheran Church
and Learning Center
(ELDoNA affiliated)
1000 North Park Avenue,
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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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Book of Concord

On September 1, we begin a new Adult Bible Class study on the Book of Concord. The Book of Concord (sometimes called The Lutheran Confessions) completed in 1580 contains the documents which define the beliefs and practices of the Lutheran church. The documents which this book contains are quite diverse in their use.

First of all, the Book of Concord includes three creeds (Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian) or statements of belief composed between the second and sixth centuries. With these creeds, the Lutheran church asserts that she is continuing to confess the same doctrines which the New Testament church has always confessed.

The Augsburg Confession of 1530 was presented to Emperor Charles V by the elector, princes, and rulers of those lands in which the Evangelical faith was being practiced. This



document explained the Scriptural teaching of justification by grace through faith and not by good works. Originally, the Lutherans were called Evangelicals, because they put their faith in the evangel (the gospel message of the free forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ.). The Augsburg Confession explained which unscriptural errors had crept into the church and now were being returned to an earlier and correct practice. At Charles V's request, the Roman church's theologians responded with a Confutation of the Augsburg Confession.

Philip Melancthon prepared a defense of the Augsburg Confession, expanding on the points of

disagreement showing from the Scriptures the truthfulness of the Lutheran interpretation. This document is called the "Apology of the Augsburg Confession," after the Greek word, *apologia*, which means defense. Article IV on the doctrine of justification went from one paragraph in the Augsburg Confession to 10,000 in the Apology. That fourth article is considered the greatest Scriptural explanation of justification ever written.

Luther's Small and Large Catechism are both included in the Book of Concord. The Small Catechism is considered the People's Bible, as it summarizes

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The Learning Center

*By Keely Gelso
ECLC Director*

We are welcoming fall with open arms this year! We have wrapped up another wonderful summer here at Trinity with the kiddos and we had so much fun--lots of new field trips for our school agers!!!!

As the cooler weather approaches, please make sure you send a jacket. Some children are always cold and the first and last hour of the day and spent in the outdoors!

With a new school year, here are some gentle reminders....

- ❖ Stop, drop and go – this means let your child walk into the school, kiss them goodbye and tell them you love them and will see them after work.
- ❖ Please send a water bottle
- ❖ Have an extra change of clothes for your child
- ❖ Please call the school if you not going to be attending for the day by 9:00 am



- ❖ Check your child's folder daily for work and daily reports

Just as soon as I get it, I will be giving you the date for the Pre-K children to attend the Pumpkin Patch field trip. One person from each family will need to accompany the child to the field trip. We will do a hayride, play in the barn and then pick pumpkins and have a snack! I usually schedule this in the afternoon so families can all be together!

Our annual Fall Fling Sing will be Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm. All classes will be performing with the exception of Tods & Infants. We will then head back to your child's classroom to have an open house with cookies and punch.



We hope to see you all there!

Welcome to the Trinity Family!

Skyler Bazzell
Finn Mazenek
Berkley Perry
Betty Salmo
Jocelyn Turner
Cruz Wilson
Wyatt Thompson
Wesley Youngblood

Cameron Synder

We will be closed the following dates:
Monday, Sept. 2, 2019
Nov. 28 & 29, 2019
Dec. 23, 24 & 25, 2019
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions you might have! Mrs. G



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the Bible's teaching in six chief parts. The Lutheran church has traditionally required her children to understand and memorize this "prayer book" before being confirmed and receiving the Lord's Supper. The Large Catechism is a sort of teacher's edition which further explains the doctrines included in the Small Catechism.

The Smalcald Articles were written by Martin Luther as a guide for those Lutherans who were preparing to attend a General Council in 1537 called by Pope Paul III. When it was clear that the Pope's Council was not going to be a free discussion based upon the Scriptures, but only a pretext for approving Roman errors, the Lutherans did not attend the Council. Philip Melancthon wrote an appendix for the Smalcald Articles called, "The Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope." In this document, Melancthon explains not only church polity, but the response of the Lutherans toward a Papal office that now maintained

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antiscritptural and antichristian doctrines.

The final confession included in the Book of Concord of 1580 is the Formula of Concord of 1577. The Formula of Concord is composed of two parts: an Epitome and the Solid Declaration. The content in each is the same but the Epitome is a shorter summary of the longer and comprehensive Solid Declaration. Although most of the other documents are primarily directed at Roman errors, the Formula of Concord is directed at protestant errors. Some protestant theologians took advantage of the occasion of the Lutheran reformation in order to try to promote their own (unscriptural) ideas. There were even some Calvinists who falsely and disingenuously claimed

that their teaching was the Lutheran position. These crypto-Calvinists caused no little confusion and resulted in the charge that the Lutherans had an unclear confession or were always changing their beliefs. The Formula of Concord clearly distinguished the original and true Lutheran position.

The Book of Concord with its collected documents is the book which defines what teaching is Scriptural, and therefore Lutheran. It is the book by which we can identify a Lutheran by their belief, teaching and practice. True Lutheran pastors unconditionally subscribe to conduct their teaching and all the work of ministry according to the Book of Concord at their ordination. The preface to the 1921

printing of the *Concordia Triglotta: The Symbolic Books of the Ev. Lutheran church in German-Latin-English* speaks to the importance of this book,

"The Lutheran Church differs from all other churches in being essentially the Church of the pure Word and unadulterated Sacraments. Not the great number of her adherents, not her

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September 2019

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <div>Trinity 11</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service	2 Labor Day <div>ECLC Closed</div>	3	4 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	5	6	7
8 <div>Trinity 12</div> Sunday School Kickoff 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service	9	10 6:00 PM Board of Education	11 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	12	13	14 <div>Holy Cross Day</div> 7:00 PM Vespers
15 <div>Trinity 13</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <i>Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Ten Commandments</i>	16	17	18 <div>Ember Wednesday</div>	19 7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society	20 <div>Ember Friday</div> 7:00 AM Matins	21 <div>Ember Saturday</div> <div>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</div> 7:00 PM Vespers
Port Charlotte Confession Lutheran Mission						
22 <div>Trinity 14</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <i>Learn-by Heart Certificate for Ten Commandments</i> Acolyte Meeting after Service	23	24	25 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	26 <div>7:00 PM ECLC Fall Sing</div>	27 <div>Beaverton, Oregon</div>	28
29 <div>Saint Michael and All Angels</div> <div>Trinity 15</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <div>Beaverton, Oregon</div>	30	<div> Elder—Tony Stretch(995-1379); Altar Guild—Patty Kenner; Church Cleaning—Sep 8/15 Blair, Jim, Sep 22/29 Baker </div> <div> Acolytes: Sun(1) Liam Phillips, Sun(8) Dylan Dunaway, Sun(15) Olivia Dunaway, Sun(22) Tom Weber, Sun(29) Colton Weber </div>				

October 2019

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Elder- Cecil Plock(218-3064); Altar Guild- Patty Kenner; Church Cleaning-Oct 6/13 Weber, Oct 20/27 Webb</p>		1	2	3	4	5
			10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>Trinity 16</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>3:00 PM Hike with Pastor Mike</p> <p>4:00 PM ELDoNA Phone Conference for Pastors</p>	7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	6:00 PM Board of Education	10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service			8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
						Bishop Heiser
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>Trinity 17</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p>	Columbus Day (Observed)		10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society	<p>Saint Luke, Evangelist</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p>	8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
Bishop Heiser Visit						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>Trinity 18</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Apostles' Creed</p> <p>Council Meeting #4 After Service</p>			10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service		5:00 PM Deere Farm Cookout	8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
27	28	29	30	31	<p>Acolytes: Sun(6) Luke Phillips, Sun(13) Liam Phillips, Sun(20) Dylan Dunaway, Sun(27) Olivia Dunaway.</p>	
<p>Trinity 19</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Apostles' Creed</p>	<p>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p>		10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	<p>Reformation Day</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Halloween</p>		

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organizations, not her charitable and other institutions, not her beautiful customs and liturgical forms, etc., but the precious truths confessed by her symbols in perfect agreement with the Holy Scriptures constitute the true beauty and rich treasures of our Church, as well as the never-failing source of her vitality and power.

Wherever the Lutheran Church ignored her symbols or rejected all or some of them, there she always fell an easy prey to her enemies. But wherever she held fast to her God-given crown, esteemed and studied her confessions, and actually made them a norm and standard of her entire life and practice, there the Lutheran Church flourished and confounded all her enemies. Accordingly, if Lutherans truly love their Church, and desire and seek her welfare, they must be faithful to her confessions and constantly be on their guard lest anyone rob her of her treasure" (p.3)

If you can attend in person, this class will be taught at Trinity Lutheran Church's adult Bible class beginning September 1 at 9 AM. The audio and handouts of this class will be available for download on-line at the Bible Studies tab of <https://Trinityh.org>. It is also available as a "Trinity's Pastor Writes" podcast available through Blubrry.com, Google Play, and Apple Podcasts. Weekly posts at Trinity's Facebook Page will announce the next episode. Finally, there is a link to a reading guide for the Book of Concord available at <https://trinityh.org/book-of-concord-bible-study-starts-september-1-2019/>. We hope you join us.

--MDH

Bishop
Heiser will
visit
Oct 12-13



Seminary Student Tuition

Beginning in the Fall of 2020, St. Ignatius Seminary will start its second cycle of training men for the Pastoral Office. Right now, we have one student from our congregation, and by 2020 we may have two sons of the congregation who will be attending. The cost of tuition and

books over three years is about \$10,000.

Trinity has set up a "Tuition Fund" in order to help these men with tuition costs.

Note: St. Ignatius Seminary also needs our support, too. So please don't redirect your Seminary donations.

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www.trinityh.org and www.eldona.org

