

THE INFORMER



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O blessed holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, This day Your name be uppermost.

The Time of Easter ends with the Festival of the Holy Trinity. We rejoice in the mystery of our God as He has revealed Himself: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. The mystery of the Trinity, three Persons yet one God, reminds us that our God is wholly different from us. He is incomprehensible to our meager intelligence but He condescends to introduce Himself to us through His revealed Word and through His Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ.

My soul and body keep from harm, And over all extend Your arm;
Let Satan cause me no distress Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.

This inapproachably holy Being has made Himself approachable to us through His Son. As our gracious heavenly Father, He promises to care for us during our pilgrimage through this sin-defiled world, to protect us and keep us safe in Jesus, and to guide and lead us through His Holy Spirit. Even as we must experience the ravages of life in a fallen world, our heavenly Father's protecting hand is upon us as He leads us safely on our way to eternity.

The Father's love shield me this day; The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way;
The Holy Spirit's joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.

Each and every moment of our lives is lived under our heavenly Father's divine care. His love rests upon us as we live in the joy of the Lord and, even as we face trials, temptations, and tribulations, our hearts remain lifted up in thankful praise because of our Savior's promised presence and guidance. We need never fear the darkness because we live in the light of Christ.

My Maker, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, forgiven let me stand;
Blest Comforter, do not depart; With faith and love enrich my heart.

Our heavenly Father has created us for Himself. Through His Son, Jesus, He has rescued us from our rebellion and our condemnation by sin into eternal death. Through His Holy Spirit, He assures us of His love and keeps our hearts and minds rested in Him. Because of His love for us we are His. We are His children; we are the sheep of His fold; we are His precious possession. Blessing and honor and glory and power forever to our Triune God!





The Word from the Chairman!



Greetings,

May was an awesome month, three young men baptized, the secret friends reveal took place, as did our first annual blessing of the bikes, and finally some decent weather!

We were blessed with a beautiful Memorial Day to remember and celebrate all that have sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Our first Blessing of the Bikes was new this year. While it wasn't a big event, it was successful. Thanks to Jim and Deena for helping. There was a lot of discussion on next years blessing and we're thrilled that Jeff and Shirley will be helping organize next year's event.

Special thanks to Linda LeLacheur for heading up the secret friends. Laura and Lily Neumann have graciously offered to do next year's program.

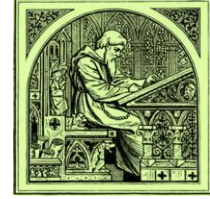
God's blessings to you!

Randy Wildner

Matthew 19:26 - But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."



The Elders' Corner



Our God calls us to gather together as His people. Why? Why does He call us to gather together? So that He can take what He wants from us, like collecting taxes? So that we can repay Him for giving us life? So He can feel better about Himself as we worship Him? Why does our God call us to gather together?

The wonderful truth is... that He can bless us! Father, the almighty God, complete in Himself. The have, is sin. And His holy interested in our offering



our God calls us to gather together... so That's right, *bless* us. Our heavenly has no needs we can possibly fill! He is only thing we have that He does *not* glory destroys sin, so He's certainly not Him our sinfulness.

But wait! Isn't that exactly Jesus Christ? Jesus took would be welcomed into our heavenly Father's presence! Since we are in Christ, our God's holy glory is no longer a danger to us! Through Jesus we are welcomed into our heavenly Father's presence as we gather as His people and our gracious God blesses us!

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How does He bless us? He blesses us... with Himself! His Holy Spirit enlivens us as we hear His Word read and preached. We actually *see* our God as He welcomes us to His Altar to join Him in Holy Communion. We receive our heavenly Father's gifts of love and joy, His gifts of grace and peace, His gifts of life and salvation every time we gather as His Church!

This is why we gather as His people each week! We gather, and we are blessed!

Christian Education News



We just completed our Sunday school until September and what a wonderful and successful year it has been! Fourteen children came to learn about Jesus and enjoy fellowship with each other. Plus a bonus of starting our Faith Friends program; that certainly surpassed what we ever expected! Thank you to Laura and Lily Neumann for volunteering to coordinate Faith Friends for next September.

Now for all of the thank yous to the parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles who brought the children to Sunday school. A thanks to everyone for all of the treats this includes the special treats for holidays and our last party. Thank you to everyone who became a Faith Friend. That brought me as much joy as it did for the adults and the children! Thank you Pastor for all of your support and for all of the times I needed that 90 seconds to talk with the congregation before service. Last but not least thank of course to our teachers! They were faithful and had great ideas. I am looking forward to September to welcome teachers and children back.

Please continue to pray for our Sunday school that all our children return next year and that we are blessed with many more!

*Your friend through Jesus,
Linda LeFacheur*



Choir News

By the time you're reading this the choir will be headed for a summer vacation. We are wrapping up our spring schedule by singing for the Festival of the Holy Trinity, and then we're taking a break for the summer.

This has been a great year for our choir and we rejoice in the successes with which we've been blessed! We'll be reconvening in early September so now is the time to start exercising those voices and expanding those vocal ranges!

If you are interested in singing with a smaller ensemble during the summer, please let Pastor know. He would gladly work with smaller groups in adding the gift of vocal music to our summer services!

Enjoy your summer!



A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ June

Day	Old Testament	New Testament
1 st	2 Chronicles 15 & 16	John 12:27-50
2 nd	2 Chr 17 & 18	John 13:1-20
3 rd	2 Chr 19 & 20	John 13:21-38
4 th	2 Chr 21 & 22	John 14
5 th	2 Chr 23 & 24	John 15
6 th	2 Chr 25, 26, & 27	John 16
7 th	2 Chr 28 & 29	John 17
8 th	2 Chr 30 & 31	John 18:1-18
9 th	2 Chr 32 & 33	John 18:19-40
10 th	2 Chr 34, 35, & 36	John 19:1-22
11 th	Ezra 1 & 2	John 19:23-42
12 th	Ezra 3, 4, & 5	John 20
13 th	Ezra 6, 7, & 8	John 21
14 th	Ezra 9 & 10	Acts 1
15 th	Nehemiah 1, 2, & 3	Acts 2:1-21
16 th	Neh 4, 5, & 6	Acts 2:22-47
17 th	Neh 7, 8, & 9	Acts 3
18 th	Neh 10 & 11	Acts 4:1-22
19 th	Neh 12 & 13	Acts 4:23-37
20 th	Esther 1 & 2	Acts 5:1-21
21 st	Esther 3, 4, & 5	Acts 5:22-42
22 nd	Esther 6, 7, & 8	Acts 6
23 rd	Esther 9 & 10	Acts 7:1-21
24 th	Job 1 & 2	Acts 7:22-43
25 th	Job 3 & 4	Acts 7:44-60
26 th	Job 5, 6, & 7	Acts 8:1-25
27 th	Job 8, 9, 7 10	Acts 8:26-40
28 th	Job 11, 12, & 13	Acts 9:1-21
29 th	Job 14, 15, & 16	Acts 9:22-43
30 th	Job 17, 18, & 19	Acts 10:1-23



LOOKING AHEAD

“Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ”

This phrase is pretty familiar. These words of blessing and reminder begin the sermon each Sunday morning. Like the Benediction at the end of the service, this blessing imparts to the hearer the gifts our gracious heavenly Father gives to His children through His means of grace each Sunday.

These words are not just a blessing, but a reminder as well. They remind us that we are children of our God because of His grace and mercy toward us. It is the mercy of our God which demonstrated His love for us. In mercy our heavenly Father chose to save us. As St. Paul reminds us, “God demonstrates His love for us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Knowing we were not able to stop the devastation and death caused by our sin, our God reveals His mercy toward us by taking our place and becoming one of us as Jesus is born into our humanity. Jesus, God among us, demonstrates our God’s mercy and grace by taking our sin and giving us His righteousness. By doing that, the love our God has for us is revealed in this fallen world.

Through Jesus’ sacrifice and victory over death, we are claimed by our God as His people. We are no longer enemies of God; rebellious creatures desiring to overthrow our Creator. Instead, we are made His children by His grace. We are adopted into His family and given new life.

And because of that, we are now at peace with our God. The righteous demands of justice have been fulfilled for us. Justice has been served and righteousness satisfied. There is no longer any condemnation for sin that can separate us from our heavenly Father. We now live at peace with our God.

That’s why this phrase is such a wonderful blessing and reminder as we hear our God’s Word each week. Because of God’s grace and mercy, we live in peace with our heavenly Father!