

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JULY 2020



Trinity Lutheran Church

We exist to share the good news of life through Jesus with the world and to nurture believers in their faith, all to the glory of God.

Trinity Lutheran School

We exist to help families in Aberdeen and the surrounding communities by providing children with quality academic and Christ-centered education, in a loving and caring environment.



MORE PROOF FOR EVERYONE AND MORE COMFORT FOR US

It's happening just the way the Bible said it would. It is just like Jesus said it would be. Once again, the people who reject the Bible and want nothing to do with Jesus are proving that what both Jesus and the Bible say is true.

What did Jesus say? As we get closer and closer to the end of the world, "...many will...betray each other and hate each other.....Because lawlessness will increase, the love of many will grow cold" (Matthew 24:10, 11 EHV). What else does the Bible say? "But know this: In the last days there will be terrible times. For people will be lovers of themselves...boastful, arrogant, blasphemous...unholy, unloving, not able to reconcile with others, slanderous, without self-control, savage, haters of what is good, treacherous, reckless, puffed up with conceit..." (2 Timothy 3:2, 3, 4). (2 Timothy 3:1-4 EHV).

In recent weeks there have been over 1,700 demonstrations in all fifty states. Some have been peaceful; others have turned into destructive riots.

There is no denying that the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery were terrible tragedies that never should have taken place. "People will be....slanderous, without self-control, savage, haters of what is good, treacherous, reckless..." (2 Timothy 3). We are seeing these words fulfilled right before our eyes.

But many of the events that took place in response to these tragedies were also terrible. They were awful. They were blatantly sinful. People thought that the sins of others gave them the right to also commit sins such as destroying the property of others, stealing, threatening the well-being of people they don't like, treating them with scorn and contempt, refusing to respect those God has placed in positions of authority. Their attitude is crystal clear: "I am upset and that entitles me to do what is wrong. I am angry. Therefore, I have every right to

cause trouble for others, even those who have not done anything wrong.”

All these events also prove that the words of the Bible are true. Things are happening exactly as the Bible said they would. People will “...hate each other” (Matthew 24:10). “In the last days there will be terrible times. For people will be lovers of themselves...boastful, arrogant, blasphemous...unholy, unloving, not able to reconcile with others, slanderous, without self-control, savage, haters of what is good, treacherous, reckless, puffed up with conceit...” (2 Timothy 3:2, 3, 4).

We are witnessing firsthand the terrible times the Bible said would take place. And how does that make us feel? Distressed? Indeed. Disgusted? Certainly. Demoralized? Perhaps. Despairing? Hopefully not. Why? Because we know what the Bible says is true.

Yes, the Bible predicts terrible times during the last days. But the Bible also assures us that no matter how bad things get, the Lord is still in control (Psalm 146:10). The same Jesus who predicted an increase in wickedness (Matthew 24:12), has also promised to rule all things for the good of his believers (Ephesians 1:23). He has assured us that he is always with us (Matthew 28:20). What a comfort it is to know that the Lord is watching over us at all times (Psalm 121). The Lord reminds us that he will always help us and strengthen us (Isaiah 41:10, 13). He gives us that beautiful guarantee that all things will work for our good (Romans 8:28).

Certainly the terrible times we are witnessing grieve our hearts. But they

do give us further proof that what the Bible says is true. How comforting it is to know that we can believe what the Bible says, especially its promises.

“So then we say with confidence: The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid” (Hebrews 13:6 EHV).

Pastor Rawerts

A NEW SERVANT FOR GOD’S KINGDOM

Miss Sarah Kjenstad has recently graduated from Martin Luther College. She was assigned to teach pre-school at *Small Steps Christian Learning Center* in Port Orange, Florida. Later in July, Sarah will be leaving to begin her ministry there. We pray the Lord will watch over Sarah and enable her to be a faithful servant in his Kingdom.

Send, O Lord, your Holy Spirit
On your servant now, we pray;
Let her be a faithful shepherd,
That no lamb is led astray.
Your pure teaching to proclaim,
To adore your holy name,
And to feed your lambs, dear Savior,
Make her aim and sole endeavor.

God be with you, Sarah!

ONLINE SERVICES

Our worship services will continue to be posted on our website, on YouTube, and our Facebook page, each Sunday. Simply go to our website, trinityaberdeen.org and click on ‘Church Service Videos’.

NOMINATIONS

Our congregation will be having elections in July for positions on the Church Council and the Department of Education. If you are willing to serve or if you know of someone whom you believe is willing to serve, please speak to one of the elders.

2020-2021 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

It's not too early to think about signing your child up for the 2020-2021 school year. We have already had inquiries and even several pre-registrations. We would like to be sure our members have enough time to sign up first. We offer a 5-day preschool, 3-day preschool and a 2-day preschool. Afternoon preschool is still available. Aftercare will also be available. Please call the school (605-229-4697) to register your child.

VOTERS' MEETING

We will be having our quarterly voters' meeting on July 26, 2020, at 10:15 a.m.

OFFERINGS

Even though many church and school activities are being canceled, the ministry of our church and school is continuing. We are still making our contributions to missions. Teachers are still preparing lessons for students. Salaries, utilities, and mortgage payments still need to be paid. We respectfully ask you to continue to set aside your regular firstfruits offerings. You may wish to mail them in or drop them off at church when you are able. You may also wish to do your giving

online. The following announcement gives information on how to do that.

ONLINE CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

You can now make a contribution to our church online! Trinity is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.trinityaberdeen.org,
- 2) Click on the orange "Online Giving" box,
- 3) Click on the "Create Profile" button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

If you have any questions, please visit with Al Kjenstad.

PTO RUMMAGE SALE

The annual PTO rummage sale will be held on July 23-24. Items may be dropped off at the gym starting on July 15. Please call Trista Dunsmoor, 228-1346, or the church office, 225-6081, to set up a drop-off time for your items.

BOX TOPS



Please remember to save your "Box Tops for Education" during the summer. There is a box for them on the bulletin table.

Also remember to scan your grocery receipts for box top points for our school.

PHOTO DISPLAY BOARD

It is time to start thinking about updating our photo display board. Simply drop pictures off to Penny or leave them on her desk. We will get the pictures switched out as soon as possible. Thank you.

AMAZONSMILE

If you shop at Amazon.com, there is a way you can support Trinity Lutheran School at the same time!

1. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
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3. Support Trinity Lutheran School by shopping AmazonSmile!

You must START your shopping at this website: <https://smile.amazon.com> then follow the directions to get started. Our organization is listed as "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure to select the Aberdeen address, as there are many "Trinity" listings. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Jessica Kjenstad.



HOLY COMMUNION



We are scheduling times where small groups of people may come to receive the Lord's Supper. We will be offering the Lord's Supper on June 28, 29, 30, July 1, and 5.

We will be having brief Communion services every 20 minutes at various times throughout those days. We will conduct these services in the Fireside Room. We will invite 7-8 people to join us for each service. We are asking members to call the church office and choose a time when they would like to come to receive the Lord's Supper. We will be having Communion services at the following times:

Monday June 29
5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Tuesday June 30
5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Wednesday July 1
5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Sunday July 5
10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.