

LABORS

Worship time:
9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible
Study: 10:15
a.m.

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LOVE



About three weeks ago, the head preschool teacher and a preschool student came into the church office. The student had drawn a picture for me and put it on a square piece of cardboard. You can see what the picture looks like above. I asked the student about the picture, and she told me that it was a picture of Jesus and the cross. I thanked the student for drawing the picture for me and told her that I would put it up on my door. If you're in the office, you can see it posted on my door. It looks very nice!

The next day, when I saw the student's grandmother, I asked her if she could give me some background on the picture. She said that cardboard was leftover from something (she couldn't remember what) and that it was her granddaughter's idea to draw what she did and give it to me.

I've been thinking about this picture ever since the student brought it to me. Can you see Jesus with His longer hair and beard? Can you see the cross next to Him?

This simple picture of Jesus and His cross are a good representation of the wonderful things that are happening in our preschool and daycare missions. Trinity Lutheran Preschool started in January of 1982. Kids of HIS Kingdom Daycare started in August of 2012.

Over the years, as teachers and pastors have taught the children in their daily activities and in chapel, the students have heard the good news about Jesus as their loving Savior—that He died on the cross for them and rose again from the dead for them to rescue them and all people from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil. John

3:16-17, ESV: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."*

If last year is like this year, then about half of our students and their families in both missions have church homes in the area. The others do not. Whether it is here locally or globally in places like Honduras, we are thankful for the privilege that our living Savior, Jesus, has given us to participate in that work of making *"disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (Matthew 28:19) With God's word that we plant among people in different settings by ourselves and with the help of others, the Holy Spirit works to bring more people to repentance and faith in Jesus as their loving and living Savior.

Thanks for your support of missions with your time, abilities and finances over the years, so that others can hear the good news about Jesus as their loving Savior. As I said in the last newsletter, 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the reformation of the church. Even as we remember and celebrate this important milestone, I pray that you and I will continue support the mission work that we're doing together as a congregation. I pray also that you and I will grow in being personally involved in telling others the good news about how God saves us—**by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ**. That's what God tells us so clearly in His Holy Word – the Bible. We do so not for our own glory, but for the sake of people like that preschool student who drew the picture of Jesus and His cross for me—so that they will hear about Him, believe in Him as Savior, join us in following Him in faith as Savior always, and enjoy life together with our living Lord forever in His heavenly home. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

God's continued blessings to you and your families!
In Christ,

Handwritten signature of Pastor Jon Rathjen.

Pastor Jon Rathjen

Matthew 28:19-20 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

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**Congregational Goals for
 2016-2017**

- 1) Promote engaging relationships and connections in the community (esp. Preschool and KOHK parents) to share the saving love of Jesus.
- 2) Promote engaging relationships and connections inside the congregation to share the saving love of Jesus.
- 3) Utilize, to maximum potential, the website to communicate with the community and the congregational members, allowing the boards to use the website to maximize the potential of completing their goals

April 2017–May 2017

ELDERS

April	May
02 – Eric Bohling 05 – Mdwk Lent 6 (7PM)	07 – Tim Becker 14 – Eric Bohling
09 – Dan Buman <i>Palm Sunday</i> 13 – Maundy Thurs. (7PM) 14 – Good Friday (7PM)	<i>Graduation</i> 21 – Dan Buman 28 – Mike Zaruba
16 – Mike Zaruba <i>Easter (8AM)</i>	
23 – John Ackerman	
30 – Troy Barker <i>Confirmation</i>	

ORGANISTS

Sandy Wilson Loretta Kerchal	Vicki Ackerman Tyne Chaney Merri Johnson Sandy Wilson Amber Meyer
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PIANISTS

ALTAR CARE

April	May
Pat Maddox Linda Schultz	TBA

ACOLYTES

April	May
02 – Kyle Becker 05 – Samuel Ackerman MW 7 PM Lent 6	07 – Kyra Becker . 14 – Angel Tanderup
09 – Dariane Stutheit <i>Palm Sunday</i>	21 – Kyle Becker 28 – Kyle Becker
13 – Sam Ackerman <i>Maundy Thurs. (7PM)</i>	
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Coming Events:






-  **April 1: LWML Spring Workshop**
-  **April 7 & 8: Prayer Vigil**
-  **April 8: Women’s Lenten Service**
-  **April 13: Christus Chorus**
-  **April 16: Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt**
-  **April 17: Voters’ Meeting**
-  **April 30: Confirmation Sunday**
-  **May 14: Graduation Sunday**
-  **May 19: Preschool End-of-Year Program and Graduation; 35th Anniversary Celebration**
-  **May 29: Memorial Day**

Directory Update

If your family has any changes to address, phone number, etc. please make sure to contact the church office!

**Lenten & Holy Week
Worship calendar:**

The Lenten midweek worship services will wrap up on April 5. Please mark your calendar for this last Lenten midweek worship and Holy Week dates, and watch for details in your weekly worship bulletins!

-  **April 5 at 7:00 P.M.**
Midweek Lent 6 Service
-  **April 9 – PALM SUNDAY at 9:00 A.M.**
-  **April 13 – Maundy Thursday at 7:00 P.M.**
-  **April 14 – Good Friday at 7:00 P.M.**
-  **April 16 – EASTER at 8:00 A.M.**

Prayer Vigil

Please mark your calendar for our Prayer Vigil which will take place on Friday, April 7 from 5 p.m. until midnight, and again on Saturday, April 8 from 5 a.m. until 5 p.m. Watch weekly bulletins for more details!

Christus Chorus

The Christus Chorus of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota, will participate musically in the worship service at St. Paul’s Lutheran (6 Miles North) Falls City on Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 pm. The 24-voice choir, under the direction of Dr. David L. Mennicke, will perform a variety of music at appropriate times throughout the worship service. The choir is grateful for the opportunity to perform some of the great music of the Church and to witness through music as an expression of faith. A freewill offering will be taken to support the choir’s music ministry.

The Christus Chorus is the concert choir of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota. The group has existed as a mixed auditioned choir since the 1950’s. Past directors have included Harold Otte, Paul Manz, Robert Dosien, David Krause, and Robert Leininger. David Mennicke has directed the choir since 1989. The Christus Chorus is auditioned from the 1,500 member traditional program student body of Concordia University. Christus Chorus members represent many of the forty-five majors offered at Concordia. The choir participates in Concordia’s annual Christmas Concerts and sings regularly for the campus’s morning chapel services. Each year the Christus Chorus holds a concert tour (usually during Holy Week) and records their tour program. Every four years, the choir has an international tour; past itineraries have been to Europe (France, Italy, England, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, and Greece), Africa (Ghana in 2008) and Asia (South Korea in 2012).

Cut out and put somewhere that you will remember to pray regularly and often in your devotional prayer time for these people:

On-Going Prayers

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV

- ✠ **Healing and strengthened faith in Christ for those who are ill:** Eric Adams (friend of Eric Bohling), Jeannie Becker (Tim's Mother), Nate Becker (Tim Becker's brother), Alivia Birdsley (John Birdsley's granddaughter), Amelia Becker, Harold Bickford (friend of Trinity members), Randy Boden (Elta Whitney's son-in-law), LeRoy Caspers (friend of the Hawley family and others), JR Chaney, Marshall Clark (Jim & Sharon Clark's grandson), Cheryl Dirksen (Les' daughter-in-law), Diane Drew (Gary Kamtz's sister), Marvin Green (friend of Hawleys), Catherine Hawley (Chuck Hawley's mother), Dominic Herrera (Kim Kieler's great nephew), Donna Hoadley (Merri Johnson's sister), McKenzie Long (Jane & Gary Spear's granddaughter), Sanna Manders (Sadie Johnson Vercauteren's sister-in-law), Beverly McLaughlin (Marlene Dietrich's relative), Jerry Oestmann, Jean Obermeier (Karen Kamtz's friend), Rae Osenbaugh (Merri Johnson's daughter-in-law's mother), Tammy Pinnow (wife of Melissa Buman's cousin), Loyal Rippe, Hank Schaart (friend of Trinity members), Rev. Robert Schermbeck, Richard Schultz (Linda's brother), LaVerta Schultze, Deb Sisco (Erin Fisk's mother), Clint Thomas (Tim Becker's uncle), Emily Zech (Pat Collins' daughter), and all others in special need.
- ✠ **Our missionary families:** Rev. Ed and Deaconess Cherie Auger. Pray that the Lord will watch over, bless, and provide all that is needed for this missionary family as they make the transition to serving in the Dominican Republic. Pray also that He will bless them with wisdom and all that they need for their new roles. Licensed Deacon Tulia Meza. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless Tulia with wisdom and all that he needs as he works with children, youth and families to prepare them for baptism and confirmation.
- ✠ **Others in foreign missions:** Papua New Guinea: Martin & Marie Dicke as they prepare to go to Papua New Guinea; Grand Cayman, Jamaica, Puerto Rico: Rev. Charles, Deborah, Olivia & Sophia St-Onge; Dominican Republic: Rev. Joel, Clarion, Slav, Sergei, Andrei Fritsche and Bill, Nicole, Kiersten, & Karissa Lohmeyer; Africa Radio Ministries: Rev. John & Kathy Duitsman: Mongolia: Rev. David, Rachel, Julia, Timothy, Daniel & Esther Baker; Southeast Asia: Rev. Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, & Cassie Ferry; Kenya: Shara Cunningham and Julie McManus, Rev. Shauen, Krista, Josiah, Elijah and Isaiah Trump; Germany: Rick, Marla, Courtney & Jonah Steenbock, and Rev. Dr. Christopher, Elizabeth & Thomas Ahlman; Taiwan & the Philippines: Sean Harlow; Nicaragua: the people, pastors and deaconesses of the Lutheran Church—Nicaragua Synod: Rev. Junior Martinez and the members of the mission congregation at La Paz, Honduras; the mission congregation at Comayaguela, Honduras; the emerging mission at Choluteca, Honduras; Peru: Rev. Josh, Amanda, Katherine and Zechariah Gale.
- ✠ **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Kate Blaylock (Linda Jacobsen's mother), Jill Bloss (friend the Ackermans), Lee Bogle (Randy Bogle's brother), Gary Boham (Pat Maddox's brother-in-law), Ruth Bohling, Greg Brandt (Brother-in-law of Pam Tetrick), Neena Cipolla (Janet and Chuck Hawley's granddaughter), Aaron Clark (son of former members), Myrna Corbin, Ethel Currier (Heather Lowrance's Grandma), Myrna Fredrick (friend of Jane Stutheit), Susan George (Vicki Ackerman's sister), Donna Gottula (friend of Trinity members), Gale Haun (Kamtz family friend), Maryann Kalkwarf

(friend of Lori Parrish), Linda Kasprzak (Laurie Clark's sister), Paul Koehler (cousin of Becky Lueders, Eric Bohling, Sandy Wilson, and Dale Bohling), Ida Kuhlmann, Sonia Madridejo (relative of Jane Stutheit), Patty Mason (Linda Schultz's sister), Cindy Meyers, (Pat Collins' niece), Bev Moyer, Linda Oestrich (Vicki Ackerman's aunt), Elaine Riley (Ken's sister), Nora Marie (infant relative of the Riley family), Scott Riley, Dick Schlichtmann (Vicki Ackerman's dad), Sally Schneider (Becky Lueders' cousin), Rosanna Tanderup (Rich's sister-in-law), Pam Tetrick, Robyn Tetrick, Fredrick and Carolyn Tietjan (Vicki Ackerman's uncle and aunt), Ann Virtucio (Jane Stutheit's sister), Joy Virtucio (Jane Stutheit's sister), Justin Williams (friend of Hawleys and Hasslebrings).

- ✠ **Preaching stations or subsidized congregations:** Zion, Crookston (Rev. Greg Hinners); Lamb of God, Hickman (Rev. Luke Russert, vacancy pastor); Sandhills Ministry [Bingham Lutheran, Bingham; Faith, Hyannis; Shepherd of the Hills, Hyannis] (Rev. Andy Safarik)
- ✠ **The Friendly Face Program:** Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless this effort by volunteers from Trinity to build caring relationships with the families who bring their children to Kids of HIS Kingdom daycare, and use it to nurture a growing faith-connection with Jesus, their loving Savior.
- ✠ **Those in the armed forces:** Dillon Becker (Tim's nephew), Bob Bogle (Randy & Kay's son), Jake Bruss (fiance of KoHK daycare worker Sophia Fox's cousin), Alex Chase (son of Becky Lueders' friend, Tammy Chase), Guy Cipolla, Brody Clark (Kim Kieler's son), Aaron Fisk, Luke Gifford (son of Rev. Dan & Katy Gifford), Trey Hightower (friend of Trinity members), Rev. Matt Mortenson, Chris Pelchat, Scott Rathke (Becky Lueders' cousin), Chris Riley (Ken's nephew), Matt Riley (Ken's nephew), Rev. Pat Riley (Ken's brother), and Andy Roepke.
- ✠ **Ethnic congregations/ministries:** Cristo Cordero de Dios, Grand Island [Hispanic congregation] (Rev. Salvador Ferrero); Ministry to Muslims, Omaha (Emad and Shireen Tawadrous, missionaries); African immigrant ministry (Rev. Eddie Mekasha); Peace International Friendship Center, Omaha (Rev. Jim Haack, director); Sudanese Ev. Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Peter Gatkuoth); Jesus Es el Senor (Jesus is Lord), Omaha (Rev. Obdulio Felix); Lord of Lords Sudanese Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Leroy Gerner, vacancy pastor); Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach, Winnebago (Rev. Ricky Jacob).
- ✠ **Seminary students we support or who have connections with our congregation:** Rev. Tim Prince as he finishes an advanced degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Zachary Courie at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana as he prepares to be a pastor. Rev. Mashon Asaki from Nigeria as he works on his doctorate at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. Pray that the Lord would bless the learning process for these men so that they will be well prepared to serve Him as pastors and in other ways. Pray also that the Lord will bless their families with all that they need—physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- ✠ **Trinity Lutheran Preschool & Kids of HIS Kingdom Childhood Development Center** that the Lord will continue to bless these missions of our congregation and bring more students to hear about the saving love of Jesus.
- ✠ **Our college students** – Madison Anderson, Sydni Barker, Tyler Barker, Blair Benton, Quintin Boden, Laura Butler, Drew Clarke, Danielle Gauchat, Wyatt Gauchat, Tyler Hasselbring, Rachel Hinrichs, Kelsey Jacobsen, MacKenzie Larson, Mallory Parrish, Lauren Pelchat, Heidi Rathjen, Micah Rathjen, Scott Riley, Christine Ruskamp, Cassie Severs, Robyn Tetrick, Tori Tetrick, and Nadine Yoesel—that God would bless their studies and other activities. Pray also that they take time during the school year to feed their faith by listening to God's Word in personal devotions and in attending worship services so that by the Holy Spirit's work

they will continue to trustfully follow Jesus and be comforted by the Good News of His ongoing love, care and forgiveness for them.

✚ **New congregations (within 5 years):** Cross of Christ, Aurora (served by Rev. Timothy Wells), and Life Church Lutheran, Lincoln (served by vacancy pastor Rev. Bill Steinbauer)

✚ **New ministry starts (not yet congregations):** Columbus Lutheran Hispanic Ministry [joint ministry of Peace, Immanuel, 1C] (Sergio Puente, missionary); River of Life, Grand Island [satellite of Trinity, GI] (Rev. Jack Gillam/Rev. Adam Snoberger); The Edge, Holdrege [ministry of Mt. Calvary, Holdrege] (Rev. Kenton Birtell); 211South, Lincoln [satellite of Christ, Lincoln] (Rev. Jeff Scheich/Rev. Carl Grulke); LifeStory, LaVista [satellite of Beautiful Savior] (Rev. Ryan Brons)

Circuit News

Pastor Tim Llewellyn and his wife, Keri, from Faith Lutheran in Humboldt and Zion Lutheran in Pawnee City, along with Pastor Jason Wolter from St. John Lutheran in Tecumseh and Immanuel Lutheran in Sterling organized a lock-in for high school youth from our circuit congregations. Sixteen youth attended the lock-in held from Friday, February 24 at 9:00 p.m. until Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran hosted the event. The group enjoyed pizza, pop and other snacks. They had the use of the HTRS gym for activities. Those gathered watched movies, played videos and had a Bible Study at midnight. Breakfast was served at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Thank you members of Trinity for your prayerful support and involvement in activities like this with our brothers and sisters in Christ from neighboring congregations in our Circuit!

Women's Lenten Service

This annual non-denominational service will take place at Auburn Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m. Women of faith will gather to hear the word of God and to enjoy refreshments together immediately following the service. All ages are welcome! A flyer is posted by the kitchen window with details.



Graduation 2017

This year we are happy to celebrate the high school graduation of Zachary Becker and Krista Riley.

Krista plans to be a medical lab tech with the RHOP Scholarship (Rural Health Opportunities Program). She will study at Peru State College beginning in the Fall 2017, and then later transfer to the University Medical Center. Over the summer she will continue to work at El Portal here in Auburn.

Zachary will be attending Peru State College and has not yet declared a major field of study.

We pray that the Lord will bless Zachary & Krista in their plans for the future. Sunday, May 14 we will observe Graduation Sunday during worship. Watch for more details as we near that day.



Confirmation Sunday April 30, 2017

All members of the congregation are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, April 30 to celebrate the confirmation of Chloe Curry.

We share the joy of Chloe and her family as they mark this milestone in her life of following Christ in faith!

We pray that the Holy Spirit will bless Chloe with growing, persevering faith in Jesus as her Savior all the days of her life.

John 3:16 (ESV) *[Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Revelation 2:10 (ESV) *Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.*



KoHK CORNER

**Come & See Our Growing Daycare
Mission in Action!**

Please come and tour Kids of HIS Kingdom (1320 20th Street) Mondays – Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, or 2:00 – 3:30 PM. Just as a picture is worth a thousand words, you can best feel the energy of our growing daycare by experiencing it! We are always adding new faces to our daycare family of children. Come and see HIS Kingdom in the faces of the little children who believe in Jesus! We have added new faces to our daycare family of children. Come and see HIS Kingdom in the faces of the little children who believe in Jesus!

KoHK Welcomes VOLUNTEERS!

Please contact Heather Schultz (402-274-1424) to see if there is something you can help with involving various tasks at our daycare mission. Examples:

- ✝ preparing snacks
- ✝ Cleaning
- ✝ Occasional repairing/sewing of toys
- ✝ Assisting staff with various childcare and activities

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Luke 18:15–17

Trinity Lutheran Preschool



We have been busy with some of our older students starting to put letters together and read a few of the Bob books. We've also worked on the letters F, U, V, W, Y and Z along with the numbers 1-10, the color green and the shape of a rectangle. Our great months of learning continued with study of the Ten Commandments with Pastor.

Registration News:

TLC Preschool is now taking applications for the 2017-2018 fall term. Classes will be held Monday - Thursday mornings from 8:15-11:45 a.m.

Because of the potential large number of students next year, we are looking at the possibility of having two sessions. We are awaiting Board approval on that.

Applications from returning students were due back at the end of March and will help to further evaluate the need for the second session.

Enrollment is now also open to students on the waiting list. A non-refundable registration and materials fee of \$25 ensures a child a spot, with monthly tuition of \$90 (members of Trinity receive a \$5/month tuition discount). Tuition assistance is available. (Tuition is subject to change.)

Kim Kieler, Director/Teacher

2017 LWML Falls City Zone Spring Workshop



Saturday, April 1st, 2017 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Weeping Water.

All women of the congregation are invited – you need not be an LWML member! If you would like to participate and need a ride, please call Pastor or Angie Becker.

Registration, with coffee and rolls, begins at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 9 a.m. The theme will be “Joy Through Christ” based on John 15:11. There will be two Bible studies – “Joy and the Journey” and “All Things in Christ” - for the feeding of your faith. An ingathering will be received. Please bring either personal care items for the food pantry in Weeping Water or children’s clothing for an orphanage in Haiti. A lunch will be provided by the host church. The Spring Workshop will be finished by approximately 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Ingathering Information

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS for the pantry in Weeping Water

Example of Personal Care: any size (not necessary to put in plastic bags)

Soap

Shampoo

Sturdy combs

Tooth brushes

Tooth paste

Deodorant

Towels

Wash cloths

Nail clippers



And

CLOTHING for the children ages 3-13 in HAITI

Ideas for items for Haiti

New socks & underwear

Flip flops

Pillow case dresses

Shorts

T-shirts

Light weight jackets

Clothing can be used – but in **GOOD** condition.



Please bring an item or items with you or a monetary donation. Thank you!!



Lenten Feast



This year our usual “Corned Beef Feast” expanded to include a tilapia dinner! Our Trinity family worked hard to put together an amazing feast for everyone who came and enjoyed their selection of meal, as well as warm fellowship. Thank you to all who contributed time, food, cooking skills and service of any sort! Proceeds of \$976 will provide equipment that will be the source of fun and growth for our daycare little ones!



Pat Collins and Les Dirksen cut the corned beef.



Aaron Fisk and Erin worked on baking the fish.



Charlotte Stelling readies the desserts!



Dennis Wittmann waits to serve hungry guests!

HAPPY DINERS!!!





Reformation Events in Our Area

Reformation at Concordia University

April 2, 2017

Concordia A Cappella Choir Concert
St. John Lutheran Church
Seward, Nebraska
7:00 PM

April 3, 2017

Cameron Anderson – Guest Lecturer
Christians in the Visual Arts – Exe. Director
“Prone to Ponder:
Reading Albrecht Durer’s *Melancholia I*”
Weller Chapel 7:00 PM

April 6, 2017

Dr. Daniel Siedell – Lecture
Presidential Scholar & Art Historian in
Residence at The King’s College
“Who’s Afraid of Modern Art?”
TLEC Auditorium 3:40 PM

April 11, 2017

Concordia Symphonic Band Concert
St. John Lutheran Church
Seward, Nebraska
7:00 PM

500th Reformation Anniversary Celebration Schedule For Sunday, October 29, 2017

Concordia University Walz Arena

2:30 P.M Walz Arena Lobby
Art Students

Reformation Art Gallery by Concordia

2:30 P.M. Walz Arena Entrance

Sidewalk Chalk Art Exhibit

3:30 P.M. Walz Arena

500th Reformation Worship Service, Dr.

Timothy Saleska

5:00 P.M Walz Field House

German Fest Dinner and entertainment

(Meal tickets available on-line beginning September 2017 or at the door the day of the event.)

Please note: This information is a follow-up from the February – March Labors of Love newsletter. I told you that we would give some information about the meaning of the different parts of Luther's Seal. The information below is from a certificate originally produced by Lutheran Brotherhood (one of the organizations that became Thrivent) that we have given to confirmands over the years.



Martin Luther's Seal

While a professor of Wittenberg, Luther devised this seal which he declared was meant to be “expressive of his theology.” This explanation is the gist of a letter written to his friend, Herr Spengler, town clerk of Nuremberg.

The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross, black, within the heart, to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saves us. ‘For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.’

◆◆◆ Now, although the cross is black, mortified, and intended to cause pain, yet it does not change the colour of the heart, does not destroy nature—i.e., does not kill, but keeps alive. ‘For the just shall live by faith,’ –by faith in the Saviour.

◆◆◆ But this heart is fixed upon the centre of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy consolation and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the ideal colour of all angels and blessed spirits.

◆◆◆ This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky—coloured ground, to denote that such joy of faith in the spirit is but an earnest and beginning of heavenly joy to come, as anticipated and held by hope, though not yet revealed.

◆◆◆ And around this groundbase is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and treasures, since gold is the best and most precious metal. Christ, our dear Lord, He will give grace unto eternal life.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

Romans 3:28 (ESV) *For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*

Galatians 2:20–21 (ESV) *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.*