



August 9 & 10, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, August 9:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, August 10: CHURCH PICNIC

9:00 AM Social Hour

10:00 AM Divine Service

Lunch will follow Divine Service.

Monday, August 11:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study-Menasha Public Lib.

Tuesday, August 12:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 13:

Thursday, August 14:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, August 15:

Saturday, August 16:

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, August 17:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:00 AM Education Hour

**SUMMER MID-WEEK SERVICES
HAVE ENDED.**

**School office hours for the summer are by
appointment only. Church office hours
remain 8 AM to 3 PM.**

✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Dave Edwards, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Even- sen, Karon Flater, Sara Flater, Robert Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Mary Howden, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Phyllis Moran, Karen Perry, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Rev. Ronald Meier, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth, Martin Wiese, Dorothy Wirth, and Jim Zeinert.

Celebrating Birthdays: Michael Bekx, Evalise Bouchard, Amanda Brown, Gail Burrows, David Edwards, Karen Edwards, Robert Flater, Brady Fonder, Mason Gehrt, DuWayne Griepentrog, Sandy Guiley, Sheila Hanby, Mason Hubner, Madeline Koshuta, Mitchell Schramper, and Blake Van Handel.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Robert & Betty Allen, Nick & Lilli Kroes, Patty & Eric Tischer and Jim & Debra Wittmann.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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This Weekend's Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been donated by
Ladies Aid to the glory of God.

This Weekend's Banners

"Don't Worry, Consider" &
"Scripture Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone"

✠ Stewardship ✠

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 12:24 – *"Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them."* God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It's just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds...to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come – Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

Holy Communion

Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak to one of the pastors before approaching the altar.

Daily Devotions Direct Link!

There is a link on our website that will give you direct access to Pastor Billings' Daily Devotion videos: <https://www.trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions>.

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY: "Ruth" with Pastors Billings &
10:30 AM Alliet—SFH

SUNDAY: "*What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School*" with Pastor GeRue
10:30 AM Conference Room

MONDAY: **Women's Bible Study**
6:30 PM "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply" by
Deb Burma, Contact: Connie
Henkel, Menasha Public Library

TUESDAY: **Ladies Bible Study**
6:30 AM 200 W Packard, Appleton
Contact: Dottie Kraus/**All are
welcome!**

THURSDAY: **Men's Bible Study**
6:00 AM "1st and 2nd Timothy"
Contact: Steve Reinke, Conference
Room

For more information, please get in touch with the
contact person listed above, or the church office.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion,
please talk with one of the pastors before the ser-
vice.

Prayer Chain

Barbara Kester is head of the Prayer Chain. If you
desire prayers for yourself or someone else, please
call Barbara Kester at (920) 722-3228.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Mon-
Fri. from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, and in the narthex
before and after worship services.

Assembling Personal Care & School Kits

Please join us Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 pm in
the Large Fellowship Hall as we assemble Per-
sonal Care and School Kits for Lutheran World
Relief. Everyone is welcome to come for fellow-
ship and fun. These kits are used in response to
wars, emergencies and disasters. As Jesus said,
"*Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least
of these my brothers, you did it to me.*" Matt. 25:40

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 9:

Elder on Duty: Robert Allen
Usher Team: Tom Harrmann
Communion Assistant: Vern Jahsman
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: Betty Allen
Acolyte: Sydney Gast

Church Picnic—Sunday, August 10!

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Lee Weinig
Communion Asst: Scott Gutzmann
Altar Guild: Brad & Karen Perry
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry
Greeter: Liz Kamprath

The church picnic is at Smith Park on August 10th. Social hour begins at 9:00 AM with the church service at 10:00 AM. Lunch will follow the church service.

Suggestions on **what to bring:**

A-J: Main Dish **K-R:** Salad **S-Z:** Dessert
Or, you can bring your favorite dish.

Help is needed on Saturday at 10:00 AM to load and transport items to the park. Sunday we need help with set-up starting at 7:00 AM and clean up after the luncheon.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DRIVE

School Kits—still needed:

- 107 small hand held pencil sharpeners
- 152 black or blue ballpoint pens

Please place your donated items on the back counter in the Small Fellowship Hall.

Assembling kits will be August 19 @ 6:30 PM.
All are welcome!

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 16:

Elder on Duty: Robert Allen
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard
Communion Assistant: Steve Reinke
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: Barbara Kester
Acolyte: Payton Lenth

Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 17:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann
Communion Assistant: Lee Weinig
Altar Guild: Brad & Karen Perry
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry
Greeter: Connie Henkel
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in need of **Canned Fruit, Canned Ravioli, Salad Dressing, Cold Cereal, Jello/Pudding, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Hamburger Helper and Dish Soap.** If you have questions please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090. Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

Help Trinity Food Pantry Pick the Peace Garden

This Summer, Trinity Food Pantry will once again have the opportunity to pick fresh vegetables from the Peace Lutheran Garden (1228 S Park Ave, Neenah). We are looking for volunteers to help with picking, Monday & Thursday evenings for no more than one hour on Food Pantry weeks. If you are able to help, please sign up (on the spinner in the narthex) for a date and we will contact you with details. Thank You!



“Why Worry?”

Luke 12:22-34; Genesis 15:1-6

In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Did you hear the words of Jesus today - do not be anxious, do not worry - as good news, or as Jesus commanding you to do something? I think most of the time, it is the latter. That when Jesus says, do not be anxious or do not worry, we hear that as Jesus scolding us, wagging His divine finger at us who have fallen short in the “do not worry” department, and commanding us to change.

And I know you want to do this - not worry; you want to do what Jesus says and be a good Christian, and so hearing these words of Jesus you (once again) tell yourself to stop worrying and trust more. But it doesn't work. For what happens when you tell yourself not to worry is that you start to worry more, because you start worrying about the fact that you're worrying, and your burden becomes heavier and heavier.

But here's the good news: that's not why Jesus said these words today. Jesus has come not to add to your burden, but to carry it for you, make your burden light, and give you rest (Matt 11:28). So do not hear these words today as a command for you to fix yourself, but instead as Jesus comforting you. Jesus' reassurance that you have a Father who is taking care of you. Who knows what you need. Who created all things and is caring for all things - even the things that we so often don't even notice, like the ravens, the lilies, and the grass. And if them, then you too, who are greater and worth more than all these things. For you're not here today and gone tomorrow like them - you're His child, dearly loved.

And you were like that at one time - without worry - do you remember? It is when you were young. Young children don't worry a whole lot. They know that Dad has things under control. They know Mom's got it covered. Food, clothing, shelter, protection - they're worrying about those things so I don't have to. So children are free and care free. And even when parents don't come through or even hurt their children, those children often still look to their parents and rely on their parents for what they need. There's a connection there. A confidence there. A trust there.

It's when we grow up and get a little older that things begin to change. We move on from childhood and become adults, and increased responsibilities and obligations and the sin so prevalent in the world causes us to be anxious and worry. The care free days vanish like smoke. And it's not a change for the better, is it? When our untroubled childhood is exchanged for hypertension, ulcers, and sleepless nights.

And so today Jesus is inviting you back. To be children again. Children of a heavenly Father who has it covered for you - no matter what “it” is. For the biggest “its” of all - sin, death, devil, hell, grave, and eternal life, He has already taken care of for you. Covered by Jesus blood in your baptism, you're a child adopted into the family of God and under the constant care of a Father who won't let you down and would never hurt you. A Father who won't spoil you by being a sugar daddy, who will discipline you when necessary, and love you enough to tell you the truth. Or in other words, a Father who can count on.

And a Savior you can count on. His “do not be anxious” was never so true as it was as He hung on the cross for you. And if there, not here also? For not for lilies, ravens, or grass did He die, but for you. He came as your brother, to take care of the big deal of sin, death, devil, hell, and grave for you. He battled them all so that you wouldn't have to. That you not worry about these, but live in the freedom from them that Jesus has won for you. That while these things are realities in the world and in our lives, they not be worries. They were overcome by Jesus for you. His resurrection proof of His victory and His promise of eternal life.

So that's why Jesus says don't worry. Don't worry because you don't have to worry. Your heavenly Father has it covered.

So what are you worried about, dear child of God? Your future, your children's future, our nation's future, the world's future? Is it something your Father cannot provide? Is it something He cannot see you through? Is it something greater than He? Then don't be anxious about it. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. You have His Word. You have His promise.

So worry . . . ?

In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.