

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I hope that you are all doing well. As you know, these past few months have been quite different from anything that any of us have ever experienced in our lives. I've used this time to play with my kids, read, get projects done around the house, and pray. It's been nice, but I miss my church family. That's what this note is about.

The council has been working to find a safe way to get us back to worshiping in person again. A task force was formed that consists of a few council members, and a few members that happened to be interested in helping us figure out this situation. They brainstormed ideas and put together an action plan. Last week, the council and the task force had a "practice run" of how this worship with modifications would be. I can personally say that it was different, but nice. We all wore masks. Instead of hymnals and Bibles everything was projected onto the wall for us to read. We did not sing, but we did pray together out loud and there was some beautiful music played by Mr. Syens. The seating was spaced out and we were given pre-packaged communion while we stayed in our seats. Overall, I thought it was very contemplative, almost meditative, and quite relaxed.

Please keep in mind that it is not in the council's interest to tell you how you should conduct your lives. As your elected representatives in the church, it is our responsibility to make sure that all of our members, staff, and Pastors feel safe and comfortable within the church building. If you don't feel safe or comfortable coming back yet, that's okay. We will still be offering online worship and drive through communion as alternatives. In case you are wondering, Pastor Amy feels comfortable and she is excited at the prospect of getting back to worshiping in person.

The council wanted to send a survey out to everyone to see how you feel about going back to worship, with modifications. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and send it back to us. This way we can get an idea of how many people are interested so we can plan accordingly. Thank you and I hope that we will see one another again soon!

Sincerely,

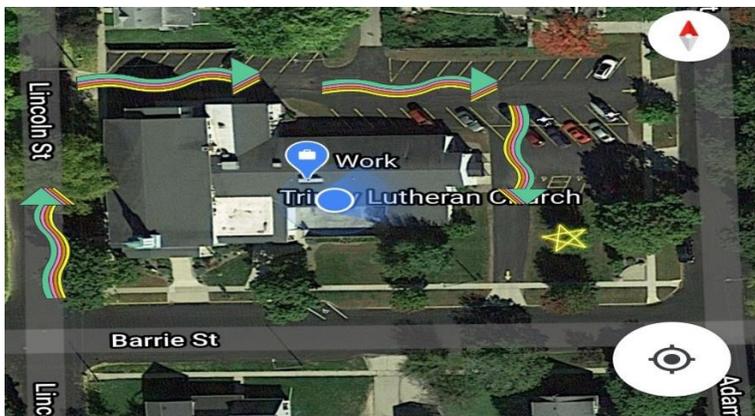
Eric Lonsdale, Interim Council President

Drive Through Communion: Sunday, 6/28, 9 – 10 am at Trinity!

Communion is a sacred gift to us from God. Jesus commanded that we “do this to remember” him and still serves as the host of this meal. Come. Receive this gift, be strengthened by the love and sacrifice of Jesus, be renewed. To prepare yourself for receiving communion, please worship online with us at 8 am.

Pastor Amy and Pastor Dan will be stationed in the parking lot ready to distribute blessed elements of juice and wafer, the body and blood of Jesus. All you need to do is roll down your window!

1. Even with mask and glove precautions, there is some element of risk to this. If you feel unwell or are hesitant in any way, please stay home. Jesus loves you!
2. Enter the church parking lot of Lincoln Street and wrap around the building (arrows). Parking lot attendants will direct you to stations where Pastor Amy and Pastor Dan will pass communion to you through your window.



Please note: the church will be closed and bathrooms unavailable.
Gluten Free Wafers available on request

Yes! You can bring your offering to communion.

Yes! You can bring your quarters for Guatemala to communion.

Yes! You can bring your pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House to communion.

Dear Trinity,

I want to say Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome and appreciated. I am unfortunately leaving Trinity as of July 2nd. I have received an opportunity I could not pass up. I will be forever grateful for my time here.

Thank you again,

Beatrice Kingsfield

We won't get to say a big goodbye to Beatrice in our present circumstances. I congratulate Bea on the new job opportunity and thank her for all the work she has done transforming this position for Trinity. I hope you will too. You can send her a card at: 1259 Woodland Dr Milton WI 53563.

Prayer Force

Do you or someone you know need some extra prayers!!!

Please send those prayers requests to the prayer force at prayerforcetlc@gmail.com

**All prayers will be prayed for faithfully and confidentially
(unless requested otherwise).**

Do you have a loved one on the prayer list? How are they doing? Let us know and please tell us if/when they are ready to come off the prayer list.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR.....Judy Almquist, Marsha Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Nick Bee, Linda Doerr, Kim Hannan, Renee Jensen, Ron Kemmerling, Bob Kyle, Phyllis Lang, Steffani Liebel, Rick Liebel, Dan Morrow, Pam Nicholas, Debbie Pierce, Tom Pomraning, Violet Prust, Paul Reed, Tim Sawyer, Denny Stark, Shelley Scheurm, Ruth Smithback, Karen Weber, Donna Weeks, Aryzone Zick, Donald Zuehlke and those we name silently in our hearts.

LWR School Kits

Ruth Circle will be collecting school kits, supplies and or a monetary donation towards needed supplies again this year for LWR. We ask that if you feel comfortable shopping for the supplies that you would make a complete kit and bring to the church on drive thru communion Sunday or another day to be announced. Ruth Circle deeply appreciates your help in providing these much needed school kits. It has been a difficult year in every sense for our communities locally nationally and globally.

School Kits items:

16/24 Count Crayons

4-70 country spiral notebooks

1 ruler with centimeters

1 pencil sharpener

1 blunt scissors

5 unsharpened pencils with erasers

5 black or blue pens

1 2 1/2 inch eraser

Again thank you for your help. If you have questions contact Stephanie Beran (sfberan@charter.net).



Daily Faith Practices

Sunday, June 26 - July 2 (A) – Romans 6:12-23

Focus: *Sanctification*

word of life

“But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:22-23 NRSV)

Read Romans 6:12-23

This week’s lectionary text begins with the concluding word, “therefore”. Clearly, the author of Romans, the Apostle Paul, is presenting a closing argument or thesis. But what is the argument? To understand Romans 6:12-23, it is critical to go back and read the preceding verses. In doing so, we find an explanation of baptism as the means for the Christian to be united with Christ—both in his death and his resurrection. The old self and sin has died; a new self, alive in Christ, has come into being. Thus, and in conclusion, Paul writes, “Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.” (Romans 6:12 NRSV)

1. *How does sin still exercise dominion in our mortal bodies?*
2. *Is it possible for Christians to no longer sin? Explain your answer.*

Because of God’s grace extended through Christ, lives are changed. “For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.” (Romans 6:14 NRSV) Paul is so definitive in his writing. He leaves no doubt about his own personal conviction concerning sin. And yet, a human only needs to live a single day to realize sin is still in the world and manifested in the lives of Christians. As much as we welcome the passionate plea from Paul to NOT let sin have dominion over our lives and to NOT present our bodies for instruments of wickedness, the question has to be asked: Is Paul simply being optimistic about a human’s ability and will to overcome the powers of sin?

3. *What evidence is there to support that sin has dominion over the Christian?*
4. *What evidence is there to support that Christians are no longer controlled by sin?*

A key to this passage can be found in the doxological refrain, “But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.” (Romans 6:17 NRSV)

Not only are Christians set free *from* something—the power of sin and the power of death. Christians are also set free by the grace of God *for* something. We dare present ourselves before God as instruments of righteousness. It is God who empowers us to live a right and holy life. This process of living daily in response to God’s grace is sometimes referred to as *sanctification*.

Paul writes, “But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:22-23 NRSV) Eternal life vs. death! Sin vs. righteousness! Paul presents clear choices.

5. *Whom do you serve? (sin or God)*
6. *What enslaves you? (sin or righteousness)*
7. *Are these questions as simple as they sound? Explain your answer.*

Word among us

“Amen!” “Go to the sanctuary!” “The bulletins can be found in the narthex!”

The church is often accused of using a foreign language! Some preachers spice their sermons with theological words such as ecclesiology, soteriology, Christology and others.

One such word often reserved for the church is *sanctification*. But what does that word really mean? The Greek root word is associated with *holy, set aside for God's purpose*. Thus, we connect holy with the bible, baptism and communion. We reference the Holy Bible, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion. And yet the word *sanctification* is usually reserved to describe what happens to people as they (and we) are transformed into God's holy followers.

1. *When have you heard that word sanctification?*
2. *What does the word sanctification mean to you?*

Sanctification follows justification. In other words, first we experience God's grace in the crucified and risen Jesus Christ. Our baptism unites us to Christ. As we live in God's grace and claim our baptism in daily living, we turn to God to empower us to live a changed life as a new creation in Christ. We pray for God to be manifested in our lives—hourly and daily. It is God's own Spirit at work sanctifying us, making us holy, and creating new hearts.

3. *Give an example (if any) when someone described you as “holy”. How did that feel?*
4. *How does it make you feel to know God is in the process of making you holy?*
5. *How and why might you resist God at work in your life?*

We are to love God with our whole being. Imagine what God might do with our lives if we fully presented ourselves to God. Imagine our lives without the distraction of the power of sin pulling at us. Imagine!

6. *Once we are freed from the power of sin and the fear of death, what does God envision our lives to be?*
7. *How might we claim that vision?*

faith practice in daily life

Live among God's faithful people

In baptism we die to sin and rise to new life. This is staggering good news. It easily can take a lifetime for us to grasp the varied ways God is at work to bring this new life into being. We are not to let sin have dominion, but instead we are to present ourselves to God and become instruments of righteousness. We have the incredible opportunity to become enslaved to God and to be blessed by grace in Christ. God has given us the free and priceless gift of eternal life.

8. *What excites you about these gifts from God?*
9. *How might you partner with God in the process of sanctification?*

Prayer

O mighty God, here we are. Create in us a masterpiece which gives you glory. Amen

last word

Open your arms wide and pray for God's holy presence.

MASK MAKERS OF FORT ATKINSON AREA APPRECIATION



These are not your everyday heroes.
Most of them don't wear capes, but they all make masks!
They have collectively made over 9,500 protective face masks
so far and they are still at it!
(The majority of them are volunteering their time, talent & fabric
and the masks are free to the public!)

Your donation / partnership will celebrate and pamper these
helping hands and refresh their tired eyes!

60 gift bags are
being assembled
with a goal of each
being worth \$60!

HOW TO DONATE ANY AMOUNT:

Cash, check to: MaryBeth Kliez
or Venmo N635 Wishing Well Lane
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
by July 15th

(indicate for "Mask Makers")

Each set includes:

- gift bag & candy
- self-care Mary Kay products
- hand-written note of our gratitude
for their work & continued efforts

Any questions? Contact MaryBeth:
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