

September 17, 2017 8:00 am

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2163 MAYHEW LAKE RD. NE SAUK RAPIDS. MN 56379

Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association and the Good Shepherd Community.



Those Serving Today

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Pastor Paul Cloeter	
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke	
Musician		10:30am	Ruth Immerfall	
Screen Team	8:00am		Mona & Neal Hanson	
		10:30am	Jeff Zimmer	
Lector	8:00am		Rich Austin	
		10:30am		
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke	
Acolyte	8:00am		Emily Kleman, Haley Evenson	
		10:30am	Noah Ripka, Zachary Duchene	
Altar Guild			Susie Riehm, Donna Esselman, Jo Duea	
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone – 3	Sue Kulzer	
	10:30am	Zone – 4	Sandy Austin	
Greeters	8:00am	Zone – 3	Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp	
	10:30am	Zone – 4	Nancy Cloeter	
Ushers	8:00am	Zone – 3	Wayne Smolnik, Loren Tvrdik, Fred Joesting, John Heintze, Jon Roesch, Mark Thompson	
	10:30am	Zone – 4	John Hiltel, Marvin Neubert, Karen Petron-Broda, Wayne & Sue Kulzer, Janet Renn, Chris Kutzorik	
Lay Minister	8:00am		Bob Koroll, Chuck Haake	
		10:30am	Delano Schultz	

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting 3 (LSB pg 184)

September 17, 2017

8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER The Readings for today focus on living together under the kingship of God. Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they had sold him into slavery. Paul urges us not to quarrel over opinions about earthly matters, but to honor the Lord in all we do. Jesus tells a parable about God's overwhelming forgiveness and how such forgiveness leads us to forgive others. We can live under the kingship of God only because He has forgiven our sins. In Jesus, God has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west. We practice such forgiveness with one another, living together as the family of Christ.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: and forget not all His benefits,

P: who forgives all your iniquity,

C: who heals all your diseases,

P: who redeems your life from the pit,

C: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P: who satisfies you with good

C: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. Joseph's brothers cast him into a pit, sold him into slavery, and then lied to their father about what had happened.
- C: We, too, are guilty of sinning against our own families. We have harmed our brothers and sisters. We have lied to our parents. We have covered up our sins, hoping to get away with evil.
- P: We turn to our heavenly Father, who is merciful and gracious, and repent of our sins.

Silence for reflection

- P: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. He showed compassion to us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our forgiveness and rose again to bring us new life. Because of Jesus, God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. Amen.

INTROIT

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

C: I have fled to you for refuge!

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P: Enter not into judgment with your servant,

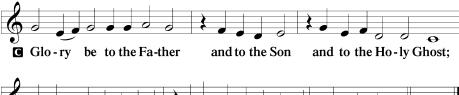
C: for no one living is righteous before you.

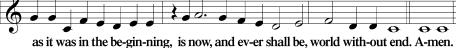
ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

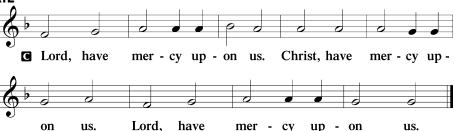
C: I have fled to you for refuge!









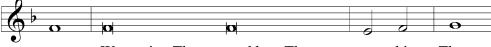




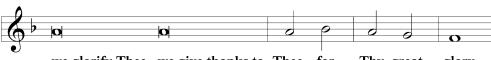
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship men. Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther



the only begotten Son, Christ; O Lord, Je - sus



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray... O God, our righteousness, restore the broken relationships in Your Church, especially between family members. Provide reconciliation and peace where Satan has sown division and discord, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Romans 14:1-12

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. You, then, why do you judge

your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' "So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand





HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went

off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the onlybegotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" LSB 843

SERMON: "FOR(hundred ninety)GIVE" (Matthew 18:21-35)

OFFERING (Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)

OFFERTORY



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



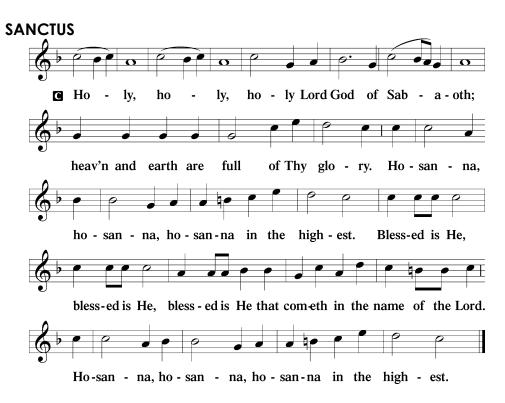
P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER

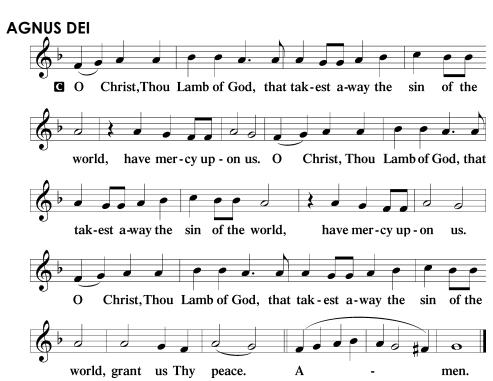
ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF CONSECRATION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



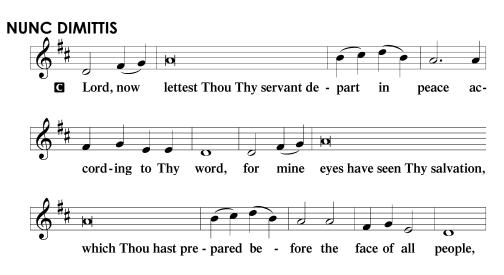


About Holy Communion—The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's table.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord's Supper, please pick up a copy of "What is the Lord's Supper?" at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. If your health requires gluten-free wafers, they are available upon request. Speak to the pastor prior to the service. Our pastor is happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Jesus, Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 vs. 1-4, & 7





THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



P: Let us pray...We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor \blacksquare and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" LSB 774

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a "time out," please feel free to leave the service. If you leave the service, you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the Sunday school hour, (9:15am – 10:15am) and during the 10:30am worship service the **nursery** is staffed for children o-3 years old. The nursery is in the preschool on the north end of the building. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service. **Activity bags** for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE OFFER THESE AND OTHER SERVICES: Large Print Editions of our bulletins are available from our ushers by request. If you need further information, ask any usher or church member. Also be sure to stop by

the Information Desk in the lobby. Your needs are important to us!

Bible Study for Adults on Sundays: we start at 9:15am in the fellowship hall.

Calendar for the Week

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost TODAY Gabriel Box Collection

8:00am Worship Z3(HC) 9:15am Adult Bible Classes, New Member Class & SS 10:30am Worship Z4 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

MONDAY

TUESDAY 7:00pm Friends in Harmony

WEDNESDAY 7:00am Men's Bible Study@GS 6:00pm Confirmation Classes 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY 9:00am Sewing and Crafts 4-6:30pm Farmer's Market 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal (W)

FRIDAY 9:00am Parish Workers 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:00pm Narcotics Anon.

SATURDAY 9:00am Altar Guild 3:00pm Meemken/Zebroski Wedding 6:45pm Traditional Worship Practice

In Our Worship Services Next Week The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Worship Z5
9:15am Adult Bible Classes & SS
9:15am Rite of Confirmation
10:30am Worship Z1 (HC)
12:00pm Anyuak Worship
4:00pm Creative Crafts

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:3-5, 19-27 Matthew 20:1-16

1 Chronicles 29:11

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours."

Church Office Hours:

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm Open during the noon hour. Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
9/10/17	8:00am	133	General Fund Offerings	\$7,413.61
9/10/17	10:30am	155	Building Debt Offerings	\$657.00
	Total	288	Total	\$8,070.61
Missions this Week		\$719.00	Weekly Need:	\$11,938.00
Received to-date		\$17,853.66	Challenge Fund Giving to Date:	\$17,800.00
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00	This number does not reflect the matching funds.	

Sharing the Caring Christ with All People Matthew 18:21-35: Where's your cross? Some point to the cross they are wearing as a necklace or on their ears. Some may pull out of their purse the "Cross in my pocket" that they have been carrying around for years. Today, some may even point to a tattoo or belly-button cross. Strangely enough, many people will draw your attention to a burden they are bearing as their "cross." Today is the Feast of the Holy Cross. which is a symbol of victory over sin, death and the power of the devil. The Cross of Christ Crucified is upon you in remembrance of your Baptism on your forehead and hearts marking you as one who belongs to Him. It is in your life as you face the burdens of this world; not as the burdened, but as the overcomers of the world, triumphant in Christ. People will want to be their best around you because your best is Christ living in you. There is no room for foul language, tasteless jokes, gossip, or tolerating sinful behavior around you because Christ lives in you and everyone knows it. Celebrate the Cross in your life. Bear it passionately, on your forehead, in your heart, and through your life, because the Cross of Christ makes a difference in you as one belonging to Jesus and to all those around you who will want to be at their best. This celebration will become contagious and will be of great joy until our Lord returns.

Dear Members of Trinity, Rev. Paul Cloeter is retiring at the end of September after many years of faithful service to our Lord and His Church. Please help us recognize Pastor Paul's accomplishments in ministry and wish Nancy and Pastor God's blessings in this new chapter of their lives. There will be a catered dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 8th, at 12:15pm. The menu is 2 piece Broasted Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw and a dinner roll. A program will take place in the Sanctuary at 1:30pm with a cake reception for Pastor Paul and Nancy to follow. There is still room for 100 for the dinner, so if you would like to attend the catered dinner please call the church office to make your reservation (320-252-3670). There will be a free will offering to help offset the cost of the dinner.



Baptized into God's family of grace during our 10:30am service today is Brooklyn Annabelle Zwick, infant daughter of Scott and Kelly Zwick. Sponsors are Shannon Boehnke and Adam Zwick. We pray God's blessing upon Brooklyn and her family as they grow in faith.

<u>Today we welcome the students of Prince of Peace!</u> Thank you for sharing your music with us!

<u>Today's Radio Broadcast</u> is sponsored by Ruth Gottschalk and family in memory of Elmer and Stephen Gottschalk. We thank them for their generosity. We have openings in January. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.

<u>Altar Flowers Today</u> are given in loving memory of Buzz and Mary Lou Kosloske by Jim and Judy Gratke. We praise our Lord for loving family!

I invite you to come to the next new member class! Some of the questions discussed in this course are: How can we know there is a God? Can you know for sure that you will go to Heaven? Can you lose your salvation? Whose sins are forgiven

and whose sins are not forgiven?

If you are considering membership here at Trinity and you have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church this is the "Adult Confirmation Class" required for membership. If you are transferring here from another Lutheran church, I encourage you to take the class because Bible study is always an opportunity to learn and it helps me to get to know you so that I may assist you in becoming an active member. For those that finish this eight-week class and want to pursue membership here at Trinity there is threeweek Spiritual Gift discovery process and then a new member reception on Sunday, **December 10th, 2017** that will give you the opportunity to publicly declare your devotion to the fellowship here at Trinity. If you complete the class and you are not sure about membership, there is **no obligation** to join. In John 1:45-46 Philip told Nathaniel about Jesus and then said, "Come and see!" I encourage Trinity members to do the same by inviting someone to the class and offer to attend with them. We see Jesus in every class! The first class is TODAY, September 17th at 9:15 a.m. in the Large Classroom. If you have children between the ages of 3 years to High School, they can be in their Sunday school class at the same time. Also, if you have need for the Nursery for younger children it too will be available. There is no cost or pre-registration necessary, just come on Sunday September 17th. The coffee pot will be on and I hope to see you in class! Craig Cooper, DCO

<u>Sunday Morning Fellowship</u> In September our hosts are Virgil and Sue Bragelman. Members who have last names beginning with the letter "R" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

<u>Pastor Hinz Installation</u> Pastor Hinz will begin his journey as Senior Pastor at Trinity on October 22, 2017. He has also requested that his **INSTALLATION** be held on the same day. Plans and preparations are being made to have this service take place on Sunday afternoon, October 22, and more details will follow. Please plan on attending. Also, a "Meet & Greet" the Hinz family is also being planned prior to October 22. Please watch for details. Blessings, Leadership Team

Opening for Janitor for the CDC beginning in November. If you are interested, call the church office, 252-3670, or speak with Jeff Cziok.

\$50,000 Matching Challenge Opportunity A member of Trinity Lutheran Church has offered to match all gifts up to a total of \$50,000 to reduce the principal on our building mortgage. Reaching the goal of \$100,000 will help Trinity reduce the principal and our monthly mortgage payments. All gifts in support of this challenge would be "above and beyond" your regular giving. This opportunity will begin September 1st culminating on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be challenging you to participate. Envelopes will be available in which to place your check, then please put it in the offering plate.

<u>Gabriel's Box</u> is a grief support project for parents who have lost a baby. A **door offering** will be taken after each service today to raise funds for the project. There will also be a small craft sale between services with proceeds also going toward Gabriel's Box. Creative Crafts with a Mission would really appreciate your support in this meaningful ministry.

<u>Trinity has recently received an email from LCEF</u> stating that as of Sept 30th we will be dropping to the second tier of the Shared Blessings Program. That equals about \$200 a

month decrease in the rebate amount we will receive. Would you please consider becoming an investor so that we may maintain our numbers?

Money is still available for the Young Investor program. For more information on investments, or to become an investor, please contact Lori Wendt at loriannwendt@gmail.com.

Beginning Experience (BE) is providing a weekend program for divorced, widowed or separated adults on October 6 - 8, 2017 at Luther Crest, Alexandria MN. BE is a program designed to facilitate the grief resolution process for adults thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others, and God. Those who attend the weekend should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair. To receive an application or for more information, call 1-888-565-0178 or visit http://www.beginningexperiencemn.com.

"Are You My Secret Angel?" A secret angel is anyone from our congregation who volunteers to secretly support one of Trinity's confirmation students as they work through their confirmation classes. The most important duty of a secret angel is to remember the student in their prayers. Only with the "Lord's Will" will the children hear His words and learn His lessons. To allow the students to know their angel is near, secret angels drop off anonymous forms of encouragement in the church office called 'angel mail' at least ONCE a month for the student. Secret angel mail is kept simple: cards, letters, words of wisdom, favorite verses, poems or snacks/treats are just a few ideas. The student has the same secret angel throughout 7th and 8th grade. The 'secret identity' of their angel is always a mystery and is not revealed to them until their confirmation day! Trinity's congregation is blessed to have 15 new 7th grade children enrolled in confirmation class this year! Would you prayerfully consider mentoring one of them? Please contact Kristen Fuchs for more information including the list of class names: kifuchs14@gmail.com or call me at: 320-282-4432. Remember 'Shhhhhhh!!' Your identity is a secret until the student's confirmation day!

Minnesota Teen Challenge Choir MN Adult & Teen Challenge will bless us with worship & song at the 10:30 a.m. service and a time of sharing and testimonies during Bible class on Sunday, Oct. 1st. The testimonies and heartfelt singing of our visitors is a moving experience every year. We are pleased to invite you to bring a dish to share, as indicated, according to the first letter of your last name: A-J Salad, K-Z Hot dish, dessert will be provided. We will also receive a door offering at both services that day, and checks should be made payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church, and note in the memo, "MNTC". Their contagious enthusiasm, faith, trust, & humbleness are a blessing & honor to experience. Please stay to break bread with our brothers in Christ and support them in their journey by spending time with them after the service.

Free STEADI Assessment Every 20 minutes an older adult dies from a fall in the United States. Many more are injured. Lead by the National Council on Aging, the 10th annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day will be observed on Sept. 22, 2017—the first day of fall. This event raises awareness about how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults and invites you to help take a stand to prevent falls. Take your free STEADI Assessment Friday, Sept. 22 at CentraCare Health Plaza, 1900 CentraCare Circle, St. Cloud — Woodlands entrance from 9-11 a.m. or 1:30-3:30 p.m. Only takes 5 minutes! Public welcome. Assessments review an individual's fall risk. Demonstrations of a Fall Prevention Kit and Medical Alert Service resources will also be provided to teach practical ways to keep you safe at home or on the go.

<u>Volunteers needed to serve coffee and refreshments</u> on October 22nd and 29th. David and Amy Petersen are hosts next month, and need help on these two Sundays. Please speak with them if you would like to help out.