

JUNE NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity

If you have anything for the bulletin or our monthly newsletter, please send it to the church email address; kevinrbeard@gmail.com

BOTH CHURCHES

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Jun 7th	Hos 5:15 - 6:6	Psa 119:65-72	Rom 4:13-25	Matt 9:9-13
Jun 14th	Exo 19:2-8	Psa 100	Rom 5:6-15	Matt 9:35-10:8 (9-20)
Jun 21st	Jer 20:7-13	Psa 91:1-10 (11-16)	Rom 6:12-23	Matt 10:5a, 21-33
Jun 28th	Jer 28:5-9	Psa 119:153-160	Rom 7:1-13	Matt 10:34-42

IT IS IMPORTANT that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

MEMBERSHIP – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, military, fire departments, and EMT’s around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT



Russia hit a Christian church in Ukraine with a rocket. Then last night they attacked us with over 600 drones and 50 rockets. They hit our city, Bila Tserkva. It was a night of terror, but this morning we woke up, we gathered for worship, and praised our God with a song giving thanks for a new morning. I’m encouraged seeing Christians across Ukraine gather and worship after such a night. I was also encouraged seeing the spirit of the Ukrainian people. Russia attacks Ukrainian civilians everyday and most of the world doesn’t seem to give it much thought anymore, but Ukraine perseveres, people go

out, they gather with friends, they go to worship, they go to work, students go to school, Ukraine remains free.

If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link. <https://SONetwork.org/give/>

BOTH CHURCHES

OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts

Hymn of Praise (Gloria In Excelsis)

On the night of Jesus' birth, the angels let loose their earth-shattering song of praise: "Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

On that specific occasion, their praise gave utterance to the good news that the Son of God had come in the flesh. Heaven had come down to earth! And ever since, the Church has continued to rejoice in this miracle of our salvation.

The opening words of the Gloria in Excelsis are followed by a hymn of praise to the Triune God. One can imagine the faithful singing these words in heaven: "We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory."

Our focus is on the incarnate Son of God, the only-begotten Son, the Lamb of God, and only Son of the Father.

There it is, the heart and substance of the Christian faith. In heaven we will be gathered around the throne and the Lamb, confessing that he alone is holy, he alone is the Lord.

In more recent times, the Lutheran Church in North America has made a significant contribution to the church's liturgy through the alternate Hymn of Praise, "This is the Feast."

Drawing directly from the description of heaven in the Revelation to St. John, our voices are joined to that heavenly throng as we sing with them:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:12)

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

TLC – June 3rd and 17th at 2 pm

LOC – June 10th at 7 pm. **Not the 24th** - Convention

LUTHERANISM 101 at LOC – Mon, **Jun 8th Not the 22nd!**
from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. See the schedule on bulletin board.

COMMUNION SERVICES

BOTH CHURCHES – Sun, **June 7th and 21st**

Mon, **June 1st** - Arbor House at 1 pm – NOT at Briarwood

SPRINGBROOK BIBLE CAMP - Night at Camp

Sunday, **June 7th**; 5:30 to 8 pm. Have a great supper meal, tour the site, and take part in commissioning the 2026 Camp.

OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

GATHERING:

Prelude Music
Greeting
Announcements
Invocation
Confession and Absolution
Introit
Opening Hymn
Greeting
Kyrie Eleison
Gloria In Excelsis
Salutation
Prayer of the Day

GOD'S WORD:

First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Hallelujah
The Creed
Sermon

RESPONSE:

Hymn of the Day:
Prayers of the Church
Offering and Prayer

COMMUNION:

Preface to Communion
Propers
Sanctus
Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Agnus Dei
Distribution
Nunc Dimittis
Thanksgiving

SENDING:

Benediction
Sending Hymn

BOTH CHURCHES

SIDNEY WOMEN'S CLINIC FUNDRAISER - They provide free pregnancy support and testing, education, and limited ultrasound. All this to help young women to keep and cherish their babies. Bottles are at the back of the church and the deadline is Father's Day, **June 21st**



SEMINARY SUPPORT - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. **SOLA 500** is a fundraising campaign to support their work of training up future pastors. You can support them at www.alts.edu/sola_500



AALC NATIONAL GENERAL CONVENTION – Pray for our voting delegates from both LOC and TLC during the Convention held **June 23rd – 26th** in St. Paul, MN. No Bible Study or Office hours!

RECIPE: CHICKEN BALLS WITH SWEET & SOUR SAUCE (From Peggy Bearce)

<p>Ingredients:</p> <p>Chicken: Chicken breasts, cut up and seasoned to taste</p> <p>Batter: 2 cups flour 2 cups cornstarch 1 tablespoon baking powder 1 tablespoon baking soda 1 tablespoon sugar</p> <p>Sauce: 2 (8 oz) cans crushed pineapple 3 cups sugar 1 (14 oz) can diced tomatoes, not drained 1 cup white vinegar 1 large white onion, finely chopped 1 green bell pepper, finely chopped 2 tablespoons soy sauce 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger 2 tablespoons cornstarch</p>	<p>Directions:</p> <p>Cut up and season chicken breasts to your desired taste.</p> <p>Dip chicken pieces in batter and fry in oil until cooked through and golden.</p> <p>Cook sauce ingredients together in a saucepan until hot and slightly thickened.</p> <p>Dip fry chicken balls in the sweet and sour sauce and enjoy!</p>
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TRINITY LUTHERAN

Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!

TRINITY's Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex



BIRTHDAYS

Brian Delaney..... 6/02
Julian Cross 6/04
Rodney Cross 6/05
Hannah Monson..... 6/11

Melissa Rider..... 6/12
Don Link 6/19
Will Aasen..... 6/24
Asha Kirkland..... 6/29

TLC ANNIVERSARIES

Rodney & Leah Cross 6/04
Joel & Kari Grieger 6/04
Keith & Marlene Olson 6/18

Don & Ellen Croy..... 6/22
Will & Becky Aasen..... 6/24
George & Joanna Pederson 6/29

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let the pastor know.



LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!

Light Of Christ Website: locw.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston



PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS – Mon, Wed, Fri from 10 am to noon. (Schedule permitting)

Come and go as you wish. Come for coffee, bring your joys, your troubles, or just to visit

BIRTHDAYS

Leland Torola 6/06
William Karvonen 6/11
Quinn Haugen 6/14
Gio Gonzalez 6/16
Bonnie Wendel..... 6/19

Gary Wendel 6/19
Marilyn Bell..... 6/22
Jackson Patch..... 6/22
Amanda Lake..... 6/26
Colleen Alber..... 6/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Marilee Beard..... 6/09
Nick & Jessica Quale..... 6/09

Kevin & Melissa Sederquest 6/11
Matt & Amy Haugen 6/26
Bob & Dianne Cummings 6/28

WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. Wed, June 3rd at 2 pm. Mtg & Bible Study. All women are invited.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES – Thur, **June 4th** and the **18th** from 6 to 7:30 pm. We start back up with our classes because we learned so much the first time that we're doing the class again!

LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST – Sat, **June 13th!** Please come and invite a friend or two!
(Nobody has signed up to make this meal yet)

PILL BOTTLE DONATION UPDATE - The empty plastic pill bottles we collect are used in shipments of medical supplies to disaster and less developed parts of the world. Thank you all who have made this LOC church ministry possible!

LOC SOUP MINISTRY!



You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. The soup is located in the kitchen freezers. THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!

BLUE SERVICE GROUP (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Kevin and Marilee Beard
Marilyn Bell
Dwight and Luane Ebel
Gary Hansen
Wendy Hansen
Matt and Amy Haugen
Holter Family

Mayo Miller
Dwight and Shelli Patch
Kim Oyloe
Tex Alton
Steve and Lisa Peterson
Jerry and Sharon Gardner
Roger and Jody Bearce



**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**
DEVOTION from
LHM.ORG



The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Gen 1:2)

She wasn't even trying to offer a recommendation.

She was just describing it, witnessing to what the book had done for her: "I was so happy it ended the way it did," she explained. "I just closed the book when I finished it, and cried."

Usually, when I hear somebody raving about a new book, I'm skeptical. I don't assume it would do the same for me. But in this case, when she described it, I knew right away I wanted to read it, not just because of her enthusiastic testimony, but because I knew the author. I hadn't read this book, but I had read another book by the same author, so I knew what she had described would be true, not just for her, but true also for me.

The first verse of the Bible announces God as the Author who made everything out of nothing. The second verse describes the initial condition of God's creation. And it uses an odd pair of words to do so: "formless and void," or as other translations have it, "waste" and "empty." Elsewhere in the Bible, these words describe a wasted land (see Deuteronomy 32:10), or an abandoned city (see Isaiah 24:10), or a kingdom in ruins (see Isaiah 34:11). It's a strange way to describe the unformed earth, waiting for God's next creative move.

Why put it in these terms?

It may have been for the benefit of the first hearers of Genesis, for people who were living in a wasteland. And some days their lives felt formless and void (see Numbers 20:3-5). Genesis was written to assure them that the God who is with them in the wilderness is the same God who once made an unformed beginning into a joy-filled end. They are dealing with the same Author.

If you are like me, some of your days feel formless and empty. I don't feel that way all the time, but in the moments I do, I need a witness who knows our Author. Genesis is one such witness. The opening chapter recalls how, out of a formless void, God made everything "very good."

Jesus, of course, is the greater Witness, God's most friendly recommendation. But He does more than rave about God's book. He is the Word who writes the book, the Author become human to rescue us from our formless and empty storylines.

God can do this because He's not like us. He doesn't sit alone and wait for inspiration. God writes out of generous abundance. He creates from the already full joy of the eternal story of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (see John 17:24).

For God, the story has no beginning and no end. But He made a beginning so we could share in His joy, so that we could help write new chapters and episodes and spin-offs. That's part of what it means to be made in God's image. We are made to relate and create, to collaborate as God's co-authors, God's witnesses—a friendly recommendation to a world that needs Him, so that their ending would be in Him, and His joy would be ours, and what has always been true for Him will also become true for us.

WE PRAY: Dear Jesus, out of sin and death and cross, You brought resurrection, forgiveness, and life. Thank You for writing me out of the formless void and into Your Father's "very good." Amen. *This Daily Devotion was written by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.*

Go!

Find the 30 **bold** words from Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

G S S E B H V M S D J R E G J
C N M A E A O D E T C E R I D
C A I A W U P L B D L S E S
N R V H N B I T P J Q E V U S
G E F T C H O X I W V V P O S
N T A Q S A Q B C Z X E N C E
R I I R D N E N S W I N Q O E
N H O L Y Q O T I E Z N D M L
M W R E H T A F D H R E G M I
A U T H O R I T Y E T V D A L
N A T I O N S E I B G L E N A
A L W A Y S A E U R O A K D G
N E V I G R Y O M H I B A E A
A T P D T S D D E O O P M D L
J B J H F P E B U X S R S L L

Now the **eleven disciples** went to **Galilee**, to the **mountain** to which **Jesus** had **directed** them. And when they **saw** him they **worshiped** him, but **some doubted**. And Jesus came and said to them, "**All authority in heaven and on earth** has been **given** to me. 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**."

Today's Gospel Lesson

Holy Trinity Sunday
May 31, 2026

