

# *JULY NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity*

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

## BOTH CHURCHES

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
July 5th	Zec 9:9-12	Psa 145:1-14	Rom 7:14-25a	Matt 11:25-30
July 12th	Isa 55:10-13	Psa 65:(1-8) 9-13	Rom 8:12-17	Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
July 19th	Isa 44:6-8	Psa 119:57-64	Rom 8:18-27	Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
July 26th	Deu 7:6-9	Psa 125	Rom 8:28-39	Matt 13:44-52

**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



← Pastor Scott Yount and daughter.

This makes the news and it is sad. The true tragedy is the children, civilians and emergency workers who died from Russian rockets and drones last night. →  
“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”



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](http://www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts)

### Word of God and Sermon

Frequently we conclude the reading of Holy Scripture with the phrase, "This is the Word of the Lord!" More than just a "word" from God, this is his revelation in which he makes known to us his will, most specifically, his merciful will that desires our salvation.

Ultimately, this word points us to the Word, the incarnate Son of God. He is God's final and full revelation to us, the mirror of the Father's heart.

That is the point that the writer to the Hebrews makes in the opening verses of his epistle: "In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets, but now in these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son" (Heb. 1:1-2a).

Only through him — God's only Son — are we able to know the Father's favor and grace.

In the sermon, the Word of God is brought to bear on the lives of the hearers. This is the equivalent of sitting at the feet of Jesus. But it's more than mere instruction.

Through the sermon, God speaks to us with his two-edged sword of condemnation and promise, Law and Gospel. The subject of the sermon is both God and us.

Through the sermon we come to a better understanding of ourselves, especially our need for God's forgiveness. But we also come face to face with God's mercy and love.

Week after week, God's faithful hear the voice of their Good Shepherd, preparing them, in a sense, for that final day when Jesus calls them to their eternal reward.

## BIBLE STUDY

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

**TLC** – July 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

**LOC** – July 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm

**LUTHERANISM 101 at LOC** – Mon, July 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. See the schedule on bulletin board.

## COMMUNION SERVICES

**BOTH CHURCHES** – Sun, July 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

**ASSISTED LIVING** – Mon, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Arbor House at 1 pm; Briarwood at 2 pm

## 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

**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](http://www.alts.edu/sola_500)



## **REV. DR. DUANE R. LINDBERG Professor of Biblical Studies Fund**

Include in your giving, estate, or final will. This will fund a Professor of Biblical Studies or any other Professorship. Additional uses are funding for the AALC Seminary as deemed necessary. [www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/rev-dr-duane-r-lindberg-professor-of-biblical-studies-fund/](http://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/rev-dr-duane-r-lindberg-professor-of-biblical-studies-fund/)

**RECIPE:** (From Peggy Bearce)

## **BBQ MEATBALLS**

<p><b>Ingredients:</b></p> <p><b>Meatballs:</b>  1 12 oz can evaporated milk  2 cups oatmeal  1 cup chopped onion  2 tablespoons salt  3 lbs ground beef  2 eggs  1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  1/2 teaspoon chili powder</p> <p><b>Sauce:</b>  2 cups ketchup  2 tablespoons liquid smoke  1/2 cup chopped onion  1 cup brown sugar  1/2 teaspoon garlic powder</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b></p> <p>Mix together meatball ingredients and form into balls.</p> <p>Mix together sauce ingredients and pour over meatballs. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 to 1.5 hours.</p>
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# TRINITY LUTHERAN

**Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!**

**TRINITY's Facebook Page:**  
[www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex)



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Corey Getzlaff ..... 7/02  
Chris Link ..... 7/08  
Joyce Fjelstad ..... 7/10

Rhyatt Kaste ..... 7/13  
Dustin Rykhus ..... 7/17  
Cassidie Getzlaff ..... 7/19

## TLC ANNIVERSARIES

None that we're aware of...

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](http://locw.org)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](http://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.

Individual Confession and Forgiveness should be scheduled with the pastor.

## BIRTHDAYS

Isla Olson ..... 7/01  
Marilee Beard ..... 7/04  
Alyssa Lake ..... 7/04  
Texas Alton ..... 7/11  
Ted Bearce ..... 7/11  
Kenlee Ginther ..... 7/14  
Cisco Gonzalez ..... 7/19

Amber Park ..... 7/20  
Elyn Peterson ..... 7/22  
Brendon Ginther ..... 7/23  
Amy Giordano ..... 7/25  
Justin Heller ..... 7/25  
Janice Deesten ..... 7/26  
Shelli Patch ..... 7/26

## ANNIVERSARIES

None that we're aware of...

**WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. No Women of Life scheduled for July!!!**

**LOC COUNCIL MEETING** – Tues, **July 14<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES** – Thur, **July 16<sup>th</sup>** and **30<sup>th</sup>** from 6 to 8:30 pm.

**LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST** – Sat, **July 11<sup>th</sup>**! Please come and invite a friend or two!

**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!

## GREEN SERVICE GROUP (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

Brian and Misty Beard  
Clint Chamberlin  
Bob and Dianne Cummings  
Wendy Johnson  
Josh and Erin Olson  
Lois Redka

Rick and Linda Tofte  
Garry Tveter  
Al and Amanda Lake Family  
Carl and Rebecca Karvonen Family  
Steven and Carley Torola Family  
Cisco Gonzalez & Colleen



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



*One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of Your*

*awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. (Psalm 145:4-7)*

Meditation was once regarded as the special task of spiritually minded people, perhaps monks and nuns or spiritual leaders in various world religions. Now meditation has become a popular practice, even among those who have no interest in religion. Meditation programs are available for us on smartphones, providing music, sounds of nature, or self-help suggestions to contemplate. Many of us meditate even without helpful programs, but we spend a lot of time, including sleepless nights, meditating on all the wrong things. We dwell on our fears and worries, on health concerns, or finances and family problems. We do not require the help of a special meditation program for that kind of thinking.

The psalmist meditates on all the right things. He spends time thinking about the glorious splendor of God's majesty and on the wondrous works of the Lord. Meditation leads him to remember all that God has done to help and save His people. The psalmist thinks about the glory and splendor of the Creator and the wonders of the world He made. But the psalmist is not meditating merely to benefit his own personal spiritual growth. He has a greater purpose. A more important goal arises out of his contemplation of God's majesty: "I will declare Your greatness!"

Meditation on God's majesty and on the Lord's saving work leads the psalmist to take action. His meditation complete, he declares to others all that God has done. The people of God meditate on their Lord's saving work and then declare the good news of that salvation to others. Generation after generation, the Gospel is proclaimed in the world. That is the end result of our meditation. Such contemplation will certainly help us to grow in grace and faith, but dwelling on the Word of God does not merely encourage personal and private spiritual health.

Meditation leads to proclamation. We remember the awesome deeds and greatness of the Lord and then we share with others what God has done for them and for us all. During meditation we remember His wondrous saving work in the suffering and death of Jesus our Lord. We contemplate our Savior's glorious resurrection and the abundant goodness of God's grace and forgiveness. We grow in faith as we meditate on these precious gifts of God and then we proclaim that good news to the world. We remember the splendor of God's love and majesty and then, generation to generation, parents to children, friend to friend, and neighbor to neighbor, we declare the works of the Lord!

**WE PRAY:** Lord, lead me to grow in faith as I meditate on Your majesty so that I will then declare Your saving works to others. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler.

**Reflection Questions:**

1. Do you have an ancestor (or more) who has done a pretty notable thing?
2. What examples can you give of an earlier generation commending or sharing God's works with your generation?
3. Why is meditating on the things that God has done a good practice for our lives *now* ?

## Rest for Your Souls

Find the 38 bold words from Matthew 11:25-30 (ESV)

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

At that time **Jesus** declared, "I thank you, **Father**, **Lord** of **heaven** and **earth**, that you have **hidden** these things from the **wise** and **understanding** and **revealed** them to **little children**; yes, **Father**, for such was your **gracious will**. All things have been **handed over** to me by my **Father**, and no one **knows** the **Son** except the **Father**, and no one knows the **Father** except the **Son** and anyone to whom the **Son chooses** to reveal him. **Come** to me, all who **labor** and are **heavy laden**, and I will **give** you **rest**. **Take** my **yoke** upon you, and **learn** from me, for I am **gentle** and **lowly in heart**, and you will **find rest** for your **souls**. For my **yoke is easy**, and my **burden is light**."

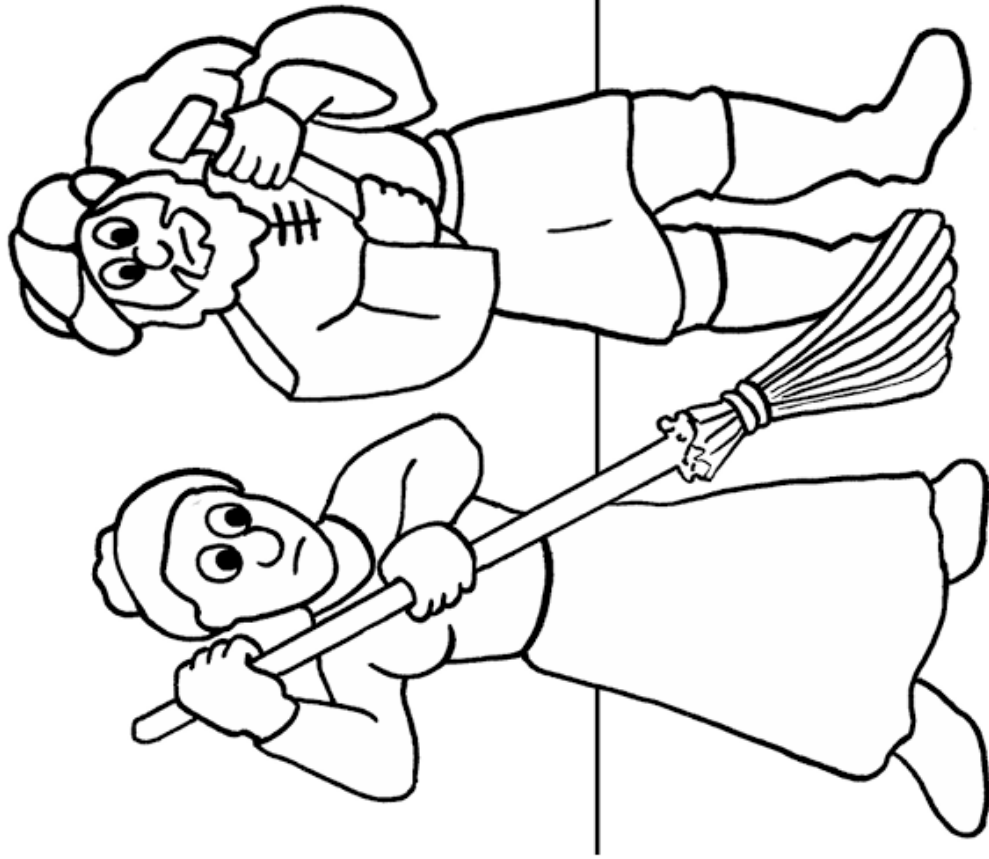
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## Today's Gospel Lesson

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026



Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."